

Falls Fellowship



Did Jesus ever play fantasy football?

Who will claim you from the waiver wire?

Well, it's that time of year again ... not just football season, but fantasy football season! If you've never had a fantasy football team, the basic premise is that you get together with several people and draft players from different teams to fill out different roster spots on your teams. You might get the quarterback from the Carolina Panthers, a running back from the NY Jets, and so on. Sometimes people make questionable picks for their team. For example, Trisha likes to pick people who are smiling in their photo (I promise you that does not help!). Each week you compete against someone else in your league, and you score points based on how well your players do. Whichever one of you scores the most points wins.

Now, as far as I know, Jesus never played fantasy football, but He put together a team in a similar manner by choosing people from a lot

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A New Year

We "begin again" in September, that is, we start a new church year in September.

That used to be a big celebration. I remember on the first Sunday in a new church year Sunday School children would be promoted to the next class or even to the next department. Sometimes a ceremony would be held in the sanctuary as part of the service in "big church," as children often referred to the sanctuary. For a new church year, a new Sunday School class, a new Sunday School department, mothers would have their children in their Sunday best and beam with pride as they saw their children move through the ritual of promotion.

We don't follow that annual event anymore. But here are a couple of thoughts about resurrecting the intention of those observances.

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H+OMECOMING

Our 123rd Anniversary Homecoming will be on September 10, 2023. We will have special presentations and special music. Our traditional covered dish luncheon will follow Worship, so bring your favorite dish to share.

Please invite family and friends to be part of this special day in the life of our church! We hope to have a full house!

Family Movie Night

On September 22 at 6:30 PM we will revive our Family Movie Night with a showing of *The Big Fix*. Drinks, popcorn, and nachos will be served.

The Big Fix is a 1978 American political comedy thriller film directed by Jeremy Kagan and based on the novel by Roger L. Simon, who dramatized his own novel for the screen. It stars Richard Dreyfuss as private detective Moses Wine and co-stars Susan Anspach, Bonnie Bedelia, John Lithgow, and F. Murray Abraham.

Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule so we'll know how many to prepare for.

Hope to see you then!

September Birthdays

- 6 Edith Johnson
- 7 Craig Jackson
- 9 Cathy Scott
- 12 Henry Young, III
- 15 Angie Harris
- 16 Taylor Jenks
- 18 Julie Allen
- 19 Victoria Neal
- 21 Trisha Watkins
- 24 Jerry Looper
- 26 Carol Looper
- 26 Ruth Young



Treasurer's Report

Our financial statement for the month of July 1, 2023 — July 31, 2023.

Tithes - \$11,542

Budgeted/expected tithes - \$12,083.33

Love offering - \$910

Actual expenditures - \$10,276

Budgeted expenditures - \$12,046.51

— Craig P. Jackson, Treasurer

Maui Wildfire Relief

Baptists on Mission is coordinating relief efforts for residents of Maui in the aftermath of the terrible fires which ravaged the island.

The best way to assist in the relief effort is to donate. Checks should be made to Falls Baptist Church with "Hawaii Relief" in the memo and/or for line. We will send the funds to Baptist on Mission where 100 percent of your gift will go the relief work in Hawaii, coordinated by Baptist Men of NC.

Mission Project

Hygiene Kits for State Fair workers is our latest mission project.

We are collecting trial size items for hygiene kits: toothpaste, toothbrush (regular size), shampoo, hair conditioner, deodorant, soap, disposable razors, wash cloths, combs (no brush), new ball point pens, pocket-size note pads.

Deadline for donations is Sunday, October 1st as they need to be delivered to the RBA by October 5th.

Also, there are more needs and opportunities to help. There is an information sheet you can take with you in the vestibule.



Food Donations

We continue to collect food for Tri-Area Ministry each month. Our participation makes an important difference to helping families in need in our area.

Some items needed: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Meat (tuna, chicken), Chef Boyardee, Cereal, Grits, Rice, Dried Beans, Oatmeal, Mac 'n Cheese, Pasta / Noodles, Crackers, Canned Soup.



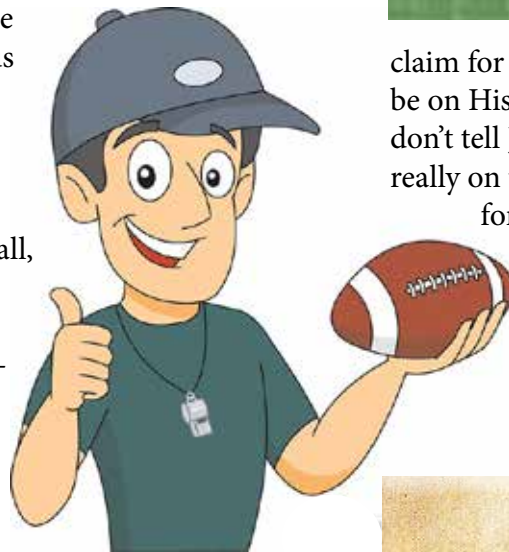
TRI-AREA MINISTRY
FOOD PANTRY

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of different occupations - fishermen, tax collectors, etc. — and made some picks for His team that people questioned too. As a sinner, you may feel you are one of these 'questionable picks', but Jesus knows what He's doing. Sometimes the people Jesus picked died, naturally or not, and others had to take their place. In fantasy football, when you need to replace a player due to injury or performance, you get new players from the 'waiver wire,' which is just all the players who aren't currently on any of the teams in your league. You have to put in a claim for the player you want, but other people in your league can put in claims for them too, so you may not always get the player you want.

That's what I really want to talk about here — in the 'league of life,' we are all on the waiver wire and Satan has put in a claim for each of us! The only way to stop him from being on his team is to get Jesus to put in a



claim for us as well. Letting Him know you want to be on His team is the first step (Romans 10:9). If you don't tell Jesus you want to be on His team, you're not really on the list of available people at all. Then, living for Jesus is how we get Him to put that claim in for us (Romans 14:8). Unlike fantasy football, we are all going to get claimed from the wire by someone — who do you want to claim you?

— Alan Watkins

Event Calendar

- September 1 — New Church Year Begins
- September 10 — Homecoming 11 AM
- September 11 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM
- September 20 — Commission and Committee Night 6 PM
- September 22 — Family Movie Night 6:30 PM
- September 23 — Women's Mission & Fellowship Coffee & Chrismons 9 AM
- October 1 — Commissioning Service and Communion 11 AM
- October 2 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM
- October 7 — Men's Fellowship Breakfast 9 AM
- October 15 — Quarterly Business Meeting 11 AM

Deacons

Frank Powell, Chairman	919-604-1285
Victoria Neal, Vice Chairman	919-880-1888
Bill Upton	910-358-7303
Tommy Brown	843-446-6540
Johnny Ray	919-740-7099

New Year cont' ...

Specifically, I want to resurrect some of the excitement of starting a new church year through two activities. First, I want our Commission Chairs to gather their committees in the fellowship hall on Wednesday September 20. Come at 6:00 and join us for supper (remember to place your name on the sign up sheet in the vestibule of the sanctuary). We will have some general remarks and then I want the commission chairs to gather their committees and talk about their work for the next year. Dream about new and different things each commission can do. Dream big! Be expansive in expressing hope for Falls Baptist Church. Moreover, each committee can work on their proposed budget for 2024. The Finance Committee will meet on October 10 and will need this information for budget planning.

Second, on Sunday, October 1, we will have a commissioning service for all volunteer workers in the church. That means all commissions/committees, deacons, teachers — all volunteers. We will also observe the Lord's Supper at that service, passing the cup and the bread and in that holy observance we will lift the bread and the cup and ourselves to the Lord.

We will soon begin the 124th year of our church. We will celebrate 123 years on September 10 and then its "off to the races" for the 124th year. A remembrance and a new beginning: the context in which we live our lives — remembering the past and planning for the

future. Homecoming is celebrating the past. We can celebrate the past, but we cannot recreate it. Our only choice is to move on with hope for the future.

— Tom Jenkins

Newsletter articles needed

We have had a newsletter each month for the past four years.

But, we need news and articles from all of our committees to let everyone know what you are doing and when you are doing it.

In addition, our mobile app is in use by 100 people in 10 countries at this writing — Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, China, Japan, Nigeria and Puerto Rico in addition to the United States! It is available for Apple and Android devices and was recently updated, so you need to update your phone to use it. Search for Falls Baptist in your App Store or you can use the link on our website.



Communication is very important, so send your news and articles to Frank at fbpowell@mac.com. Thanks!



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