

## Meeting Schedule

<b>Sundays</b>	
Worship	9:30am
Fellowship Groups	11:00am
<b>Wednesdays</b>	
Adult Bible Study	7:00pm
<b>Thursdays</b>	
Ladies' Bible Class	9:30am

### Children's Worship Sundays

Attended Nursery	Nursery
<i>(For Infants to Active Walkers)</i>	
Toddler Worship	Room 8-9
Children's Church	Room 10-11
<i>(Ages 4 through Grade 3)</i>	

### Sunday Fellowship Groups

**"Really Not so Boring  
American Religious History"**  
Fellowship Hall

**"Not So Boring Historical Theology"**  
Room 7B

### Adult Wednesday Class

*The Book of Proverbs*  
Fellowship Hall

### Thursday Morning Ladies Class

*Redeemed: Embracing a Transformed Life*  
Room 7B

## LIFE GROUPS

### Sunday Life Groups

- **Schray (330-688-4361)**  
12:30pm—Bob & Barb's Home  
(Will resume in the Spring)
- **Feldman (330-688-6808)**  
6:00pm—Fellowship Hall

### Monday Life Group

- **Drummond (330-342-4085)**  
7:00pm—Jeff & Jane's Home

### Tuesday Life Group

- **Black (850-532-5693)**  
6:30pm—David & Julie's Home
- **McKinney (330-644-3396)**  
6:30pm—Ron & Lou Ann's Home

### Wednesday Life Group

- **Richard (330-922-0232)**  
3:00pm—Jane Richard's Home

### Thursday Life Groups

- **Dawson (330-861-3276)**  
6:30pm—Church Building
- **Jividen (330-923-2896)**  
6:00pm—Dave & Keely's Home

## Upcoming Events

<b>April</b>	
10-11	Ladies Retreat
<b>May</b>	
5-9	Pepperdine Lectures

### Contribution

March 1	\$ 5,849
March 8	\$ 5,798
March 15	\$ 5,826
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Weekly Average YTD	\$ 4,703
Weekly Need	\$ 5,895
YTD Cont. Variance	\$(13,107)

### Attendance

March 1	129
March 8	130
March 15	137
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Average 2015	136

### Server Schedule

March 29, 2015

**Table:** Shannon Carpenter

**Prayer:** Doug Gates

**Scripture:** Mike Hogan

**Audio/Video:** D'Sidocky/Knoblock

**Ushers:** Lloyd Morrison

### Communion Servers:

- (1) John Burton
- (2) Jeff Drummond
- (3) Jay Faust
- (4) Jim Feldman

**Greeters:** Drummond Life Group

**Children's Church:** Donnell

**Nursery:** Kari Wheeler

**Toddlers:** Kathy Kreis

**Communion:** Maria Hogan

**Worship Team A:** Vicky Poston  
Denise Oshiro  
Kelly Hobbs  
Erick Poston  
Sean Dawson

## Family Matters

### Prayer & Praise

**Jeanine Muller**—had outpatient hernia surgery on Thursday. Please keep her in your prayers so that her body recovers quickly. To send a card, the address is: 77 N. Alling Rd. Tallmadge 44278.

**Karla Hennigan**—keep Karla in prayer as she prepares to have surgery on Wed., April 1 to remove cancer from her abdomen. If you would like to send her a card, the address is: 520 Meredith Lane #407 CF 44223.

**Mike Lewis**—was in the hospital for 3 days this past week due to problems with his defibrillator. Doctors reset some settings and sent him home to recuperate. To send a card, the address is: 929 Locust, Tallmadge 44278.

**Sue Stanley**—Sue is now home recuperating. She returned home on Monday. If you would like to send a card, the address is: 304 S. Munroe Rd. Tallmadge 44278.

**The Watson Family**—our sympathy is extended to the Watson family at the sudden passing of Clay Watson this past week. Please pray for Mary Sue, Brandon and Meredith.

**Expectant Mothers:** Nicole (Lewis) Jackson (Mar. 31), Sarah Cooley (beginning of May), Jessica (Grasham) Warfield (mid-May) & Aimee (Harlan) Ward (end of July).

**Those seeking employment:** Kara Vargo.



To everyone who donated ACME receipts. The Falls Cancer Club collected over \$500 which is going towards helping 69 patients with their medical bills. Thank You—You do make a difference!!!



### Acappella Chorus Housing Needed!!!!

Johnathon Hogan and Olivia Feldman are both members of the Rochester Chorus and they will hopefully be stopping off here during their spring tour. If you could PLEASE help house a few students over night on Sat., May 9th. Talk to Maria Hogan -Thank You!!!!

## Announcements



Congratulations to the Raynor family with the birth of:  
**Owen Theodore Raynor**

Owen was born on Monday, March 16th weighing 9 lbs. and 21 3/4" long. Baby is doing well & momma will be doing well after some sleep!

The Raynor's address is:  
5860 Brewster Dr., Hudson 44236

## Retirement

NEXT EXIT ↗

After 16 years of faithful service, Tom Sears is stepping down as our church custodian. If you would like to donate to a gift, please see Paulette Gates or Maria Hogan

30th Annual Ladies' Retreat

## Our Journey

*Celebrating 30 years*

April 10-11, 2015



Pick up your brochure today!!!



### Needed for VBS

If anyone has any costume jewelry that they would like to get rid of—especially anything with beads—please see Memphis Bailey or Maria Hogan.



## Ministry Updates



**Time: 4 - 5:30 PM**

**Tonight: Invisible Night**

**March 29th: Invisible Night**

Have a Great Spring Break!

**April 5th: Invisible Night**

Happy Easter! He Is Risen!

## J'Walkers

Student Ministry



**TONIGHT: Teen Talk 5:50-7:00**

Student lead

**Saturday, March 28—Movie Night**  
in the J'Walkers room.

**March 29: NO Teen Talk**

*Someone needs your  
encouragement today...  
let's show the love of Christ  
to our shut-ins.*

Oral Tawney  
2636 Stewart Road  
Rittman, OH 44270

### CITF PANTRY

-Body Wash/Soap  
-Pancake Mix  
-Peanut Butter  
-Shampoo  
-Tuna  
Keep an eye on those grocery store deals!



**Feeding the Community**



**MISSIONS**

Pray for Our Missionaries

\***Belgium** Luk & Holly Brazle

Indonesia Winston Bolt

Mozambique Chad & Amy

Westerholm

New York City Jared Looney

Tanzania Caleb & Kristina Meeks

\*Check out Luk & Holly's new  
Newsletter located on the  
Missions bulletin board.

## Members and Guests

A warm welcome to all!

We are pleased that you chose to worship at Church in the Falls this morning. We hope that this time spent with our God and with friends in Christ will prove spiritually uplifting to you. If we can serve you spiritually or any other way, please let us know.

### Elders/Shepherds

**Doug Gates** 330-923-2533

cfvet@ymail.com

**Dick Kearns** 330-633-1063

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### Ministers

**David Black** 330-754-1150

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**Jared Cooley** 330-690-1048

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**Michael Donnell** 330-929-4717

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### Support Staff

**Maria Hogan**, office 330-929-4717

maria@churchinthefalls.org

**Tom Sears**, custodian 330-929-4717



## Phil-Up w/God: Stand FAST

Name a Person you will invite to “What IF”:

\_\_\_\_\_

### REVIEW:

To \_\_\_\_\_ Free of Your CEILINGS  
\_\_\_\_\_ -UP with Your GOD

(Philippians 1:9-11)

#1 BALANCE:

a. PURSUE \_\_\_\_\_ sides

#2 ATTITUDE:

a. \_\_\_\_\_ -ON Service freely

b. \_\_\_\_\_ -UP Trust in SELF

#3 STAND FAST:

a. \_\_\_\_\_ -ON to God’s Stand-ard

b. \_\_\_\_\_ - UP to \_\_\_\_\_ Stand-ard

Phil 3:15-16 – strike a balance between right & routine

1. MATURE VIEW (15): Pressing on to what you believe God expects - eventually.

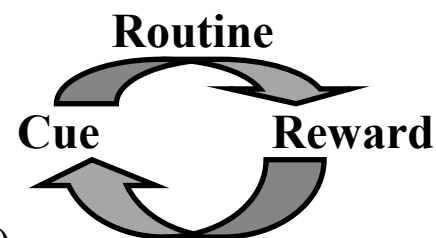
Hebrews 3:1 A “Mature View” is one fixed on \_\_\_\_\_.

God will make \_\_\_\_\_...eventually! 2 Corinthians 3:17-4:2

2. HANGING-ON-TO (16): Holding on (by your behavior - not just words) to what you believe is right today.

1 John 1:4-10

Charles Duhigg: The Power of \_\_\_\_\_ .



Proverbs 4:20-24 (Good Habits)

2 Peter 2:19; 2 Timothy 2:26 (Bad Habits)

Psalms 1:1-6; 119:11; Deut 11:18-21; 32:47; (Study Habits)

Romans 12:2; Phil 4:8-9 (Mind Habits)

Mark 7:20-23; (Heart Habits)

Heb 10:25; Jn 13:34-35; Rom 12:10; Phil 4:2-3 (Together Habits)

1 Thessalonians 5:17; Phil 4:6 (Prayer Habits)

## Welcome!

Welcome to the Church in the Falls. We believe it is God’s will that we meet together to express our love for Him and for others. For this reason, we thank God for the grace of your presence among us this morning, and we are excited that we all get to experience God’s special presence among His people today.

It is our intention to grow as disciples of Christ and to help others who are seeking the Lord to grow in their faith. In order to accomplish this, we hold as of first importance our love for God, our love for each other, and our love for our neighbor. Therefore, we emphasize the importance of participating in weekly Sunday morning worship services, weekly small group fellowship times, and regular ministry projects to our neighbors.

Please join us this morning in responding to Christ’s love and life with our love and our lives, and let’s consider what God is going to do among us today.

## Order of Worship

March 22, 2015

### Call to Worship:

FPH #435 Come into His Presence

*Welcome to the Church in the Falls!*  
*Michael Donnell, Youth & Body Life Minister*

### Family Offering

FPH #15 Step by Step

FPS #46 Open the Eyes of My Heart

FPH #794 Unto Thee, O Lord

### Prayer

FPH #251 The Lord Thy God

FPH #490 It Is Well with My Soul

### Lord’s Supper Meditation

*At this time, children ages 4 through the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be dismissed to attend our Children’s Bible Hour during the singing of “This Little Light of Mine”*

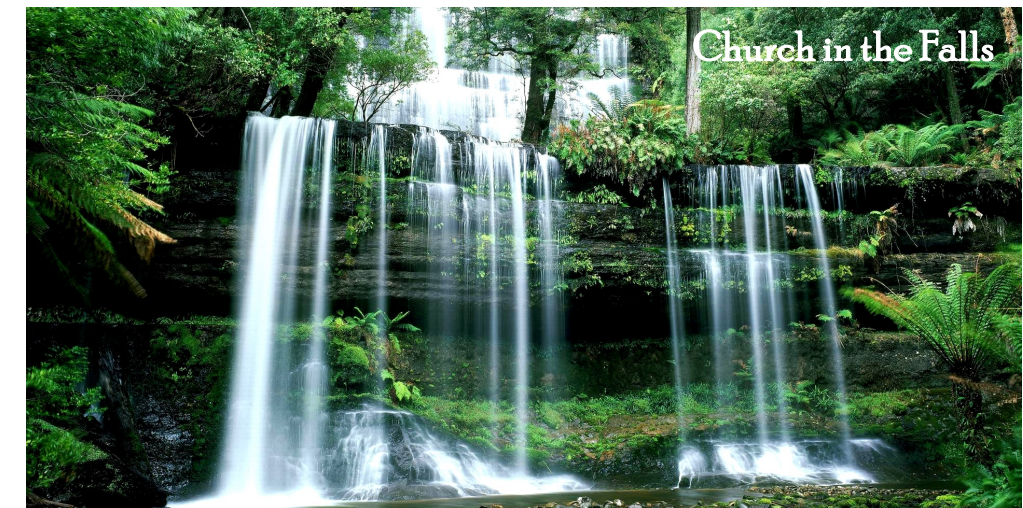
### Ministry of the Word – David Black

### Invitation Song:

FPS #52 There’s a Stirring

### Blessing

FPS = Falls Family Songbook (black binder) FPH = Songs of Faith & Praise (maroon hymnal)



March 22, 2015

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## Why Care About Church History/ Historical Theology?

I have a vested interest in that question. Partly because of my own academic pursuits towards a Masters of Divinity Degree, partly because I have discovered within our body here at Church in the Falls a desire and hunger for historical theology, but mostly because I have found the study of historical theology illuminating, liberating and humbling.

**Illuminating** in the same way that studying my own family of origins shines light on my personal story. The more I understand about my experiences growing up, my own family’s history and the cultural context of those early experiences the more I understand myself. I begin to understand something of why I react at a gut level the way I do. In addition, the more I know about the stories of others, the more I understand them and thus appreciate their journey.

Historical theology can illuminate our theological past; it can describe our theological family of origins. This is a necessary part of developing a theological self-understanding. Just as we cannot understand ourselves psychologically without some sense of our family’s history, neither can we understand our own theological inclinations, reactions and preferences without some sense of historical orientation to the faith in which we grew up. It may very well be that the way we read Scripture, what we believe and how strongly we feel about something is more rooted in our history than it is Scripture. If we don’t know our own history—our theological ancestry, we are limited in our ability to understand ourselves as well as others.

**Liberating** in the same way that acknowledging my family’s past history or patterns enables me to transcend some of the natural pitfalls that are part of my story. Living in ignorance of my own history endangers me since I am unaware of how my lenses have been colored by my own experience or why I react to something so strongly when the present circumstances really do not warrant it. Our own personal stories are often blind to how our histories have shaped us. Blinded, we are thus shackled by the darkness and come to believe that the way we see it is the only way to see it.

Historical theology can liberate us from the chains that bind us and blind us; it can discern the critical difference between embracing something because it is so familiar or comfortable and embracing something because we have authentically heard an alternative and reflectively chosen to believe what we find most truthful. Discernment involves some kind of historical consciousness since history helps us see alternatives. Without historical perspective we are bound to our own limited perceptions.

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