

THE BUILDER

The Newsletter of the First Baptist Church of Dunn, Inc.
March 01, 2009



First Baptist Church of Dunn
Relay For Life Team Meeting

Come join us as we plan for
Relay For Life!

We'll be choosing a theme
based on our favorite movie,
planning Fun-Raisers to
Celebrate "hope" and fight
cancer!

March 4, 2009

5:30 pm

Sandwiches, Chips & Dessert

March 8, 2009

5:00 pm

Hot Dog Supper
and

Cake & Pie Auction

(Donations of homemade
cakes and pies are needed.
Call the church office if you are
willing to provide some for us.)



*Our Pastor's
Anniversary*

Please join us in thankfulness and
celebration of
Len Keever's six years
of service to
the members of
First Baptist Church!

Sunday, April 5th @12:00 PM
Covered Dish Meal

CBF-NC

General Assembly will be held at Snyder Memorial
Baptist Church in Fayetteville N.C. March 20th-21st.
The keynote speaker is Dr. Fred Craddock. Work-
shops and worship begin at 11:00 a.m. on Friday
and conclude with worship on Saturday morning. If
you can attend, please call the church office to
make reservations.



*Don't miss the 90th Birthday Party
on March 15th from 2:00-4:00 in the
church parlor. We will be honoring
Margaret Starling, Graham Henry &
Paul White, Sr.*



Spring
Forward!

Set clocks ahead
March 7th!

The Youth Corner

By Matt Wilson

◆ Youth Camp 2009

Youth Camp this year will be at Fort Caswell from August 3rd-8th. The cost for the trip is \$240. This includes your transportation, lodging, meals, t-shirt, and materials for the week. **A deposit of \$150 is due by March 29th.** Prior to our arrival each participant will have options for what mission experience they would like to be involved in for the week; anything from sport camps, beach ministries, yard work, and ramp building, etc. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me prior to March 29th.

- ◆ **Third Day:** We still have a few tickets if anyone is interested in going to the Third Day Concert on April 1st.
- ◆ **Paint Ball:** We are planning this trip with the Presbyterian church. Tentatively the date is set for March 29th. More details will be out shortly.

From Your Pastor...

How old would you have to be to forget your own birthday? Four hundred years ago, in the winter of 1609, a small group of Christians, under deep Spiritual conviction and in fear of persecution from the English government, moved to Amsterdam where they founded the first Baptist community. This winter marks the beginning of the fifth Baptist century.

Those early Baptists formed around six basic beliefs: the Centrality of Christ; the Authority of Scripture; the Priesthood of the Believer; Soul Competency (or Soul Freedom); Religious Liberty; and the Autonomy of the Local Church. These were not items on a buffet line from which to choose the most palatable one or two. These were the founding tenets of our Baptist expression of faith. Baptists embrace them all. These are the foundational ideas upon which our identity and our exercise of our faith in Jesus Christ rest.

Our heritage is rich and storied. We have much of which to be proud in our historical Baptist roots. Yet many today don't know our history; many don't know these basic beliefs. There is a danger when we don't know who we are or from where we came. In years past, people joined churches because of their brand-name; Methodists who moved to town looked for a Methodist church, Presbyterians looked for their kind, Baptists looked for a church like the one from where they'd come. Today, however, people often choose their church based on personalities and programs not doctrine or name. They like the music, the youth activities, or even (so I am told) the preaching. And, while this is great news for those of us (a Baptist trait by the way) who champion inclusion and acceptance, if we are not careful we may not only forget our birthday, but our identifying qualities as well.

During the next seven months these articles will be dedicated to refreshing our memory about what it is that makes our expression of Christianity unique and special. I will be writing on how Christ is the central figure of our faith, on the authoritative place the Bible has for us, about how each believer is a minister for her/himself and for the neighbor. I will write about how each person's soul is free to make his/her own decision regarding faith, how freedom from governmental establishment is one of the finest contributions Baptists have made to society, and how each church is autonomous in governance and free from ecclesiastical authority.

It is my hope that for those who are well versed in our Baptist heritage these articles will serve as a refresher course. For those who are new to Baptist life, I hope these paragraphs will help you to understand the church into which God has called you. More, it is my prayer that in looking more deeply at our Baptist family tree, we will be renewed in our efforts to serve God with these great characteristics in mind. Where we would in no way profess that ours is the only way to serve Jesus, we do believe that our way is worthy of preservation and attention. I hope we will all come to be proud of our Baptist name and the special place God has given us in serving Jesus in the Christian faith.



The new church directory is almost ready for distribution. In an effort to publish the most current information, we are asking that everyone come by or call the church office to verify their directory listing. The deadline is March 15th.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Sam Godwin	15	Martha Mason
	Jessica Jones	18	Virginia Finch
	Pat Miriello	19	Wayland Jones
	Rhonda Sinclair	20	Eric Bittmann
3	Wayne Coats		Lynn Ritch
6	Mary Sue Barbour	21	Glenn Clifton
	Ashlyn Thompson	23	Latham Waters
7	Hannah Emory	24	Jean Godwin
	Ben Thompson	25	Paige Glover
	Magdalene West		Susan Snow
10	Ashlyn Wilson	28	Paula Parker
11	Betty Bass		Joe Thomas
	Paul Bates	29	Mike Blackmon
12	Rhett Sullivan		Kelley Peregoy
	Peggy Walton		Trey Wells
	Janet Warren		

MARCH EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY

REGULAR ACTIVITIES
 9:45 *Sunday School*
 11:00 *Morning Worship*
 5:00 *Handbells*
 6:30 *Bible Study*
 6:30 *Youth, GA's, RA's & Mission Friends*

MONDAY

10:00 Worship @ Senior Cit.
WEDNESDAY
REGULAR ACTIVITIES
 6:30 *Prayer Meeting*
 6:30 *Youth & Children's Act.*
 7:15 *Easter Choir Practice*

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| 1 | **REGULAR ACTIVITIES**
11:00 Lord's Supper/Food Drive |
| 2 | 10:30 WMU Monthly Meeting
7:00 Circle of Friends |
| 4 | **REGULAR AM ACTIVITIES**
5:30 Relay for Life Kick Off Supper |
| 8 | **REGULAR AM ACTIVITIES**
2:30 Easter Choir Rehearsal
5:00 Relay for Life Hot Dog Supper
And Homemade Cake/Pie Auction |
| 9 | 7:00 Deacon's Meeting |
| 10 | 11:30 JOY Group Luncheon |
| 11 | **REGULAR ACTIVITIES**
6:30 Church Conference |
| 13 | JOY Group Lunch/Tour @ Duplin Winery |
| 15 | **REGULAR ACTIVITIES**
2:00-4:00 90th Birthday Party |
| 16 | 10:30 Elizabeth Green Prayer Group |
| 18 | **REGULAR ACTIVITIES** |
| 20-21 | CBF NC Annual Meeting |
| 22 | **REGULAR ACTIVITIES** |
| 25 | **REGULAR ACTIVITIES** |
| 29 | **REGULAR ACTIVITIES**
12:00 Youth Paintball Outing
5:30 Children's Council Mtg. |



- ◆ March 2nd @ 10:30 Business Session
Come at 9:30 to help organize food drive items.
Program: Mrs. Cindy Wood Testimony & Singing
 - ◆ Bring recipes if you haven't done so.
- ◆ Mark your calendars for the March 4th trip to the Matthew 25 House in Burgaw and lunch at Southern Exposure in Faison
- ◆ April 6th we'll have a "special" trip to the Holy Land

SPREAD THE JOY

JOY Group News

The JOY luncheon was held Tuesday, February 9th, at Western Sizzlin with a grand total of 21 attending. Questionnaires regarding day trips were distributed and discussed in order to plan activities of interest to everyone.

The *Medal of Honor* should go to Lunette Hudson and her daughter, Jo. We have been fortunate enough to enjoy having them join us for lunch several times. Jo brings her mother all the way from Clinton to join the JOY "lunch bunch". Lunette's 92 years is no obstacle for her and Jo. Keep coming ladies, we love to see your smiling faces.

Paul White, one of the pillars of our church, was having his last JOY lunch with us while still a Dunn resident. He will be moving to New Bern in March to be near his son, Paul Jr. Paul told us about his new home and he is looking forward to meeting many new friends. Of course, we hope he will be coming back to visit often and we'll surely miss him between visits. Good luck (not good-bye) to Paul!

Eneare Collins was the lucky winner of this month's Sizzlin gift card. I'm expecting any day to hear she has won the lottery. Good luck follows her everywhere.

Laverne Stamper was program chairperson and, as usual, she outdid herself. She presented a delightful Valentine program and had prepared gift bags for our homebound. These were filled with gift wrapped items and were to be delivered by volunteers from the JOY Group. Many thanks to Laverne for her thoughtfulness.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the March 10th JOY luncheon. The guest speaker will be Mr. Keith Finch. He will be presenting information about our Harnett County Airport and its importance to our area and I'm sure he will have many interesting excerpts from his lifetime of flying. Come and enjoy an exciting program by one of our distinguished Baptist men. Jo Ann Wells is the program chairperson so let's support her efforts. Ya'll come now ~ we'll set you a place at the table.

Day Trip

Mark your calendar for Friday, March 13th (yes, that's Friday the 13th, but who is superstitious?) The bus is reserved for us and ready to roll. A sign up list is being started so call your 'fearless leader', Faye, @ 892-3903 to add your name. Let's fill the bus on our first trip of 2009.

Destination: Duplin Winery, Rose Hill, NC
 Date: Friday, March 13th
 Departure Time: 10:00am
 Activities: Tour winemaking facilities, lunch at Duplin Winery Café (\$6-\$12), gift shop browsing, wine tasting available (non-alcoholic wines available).
 Side Trip: A peek inside the exclusive River Landing community.

Call Faye @ 892-3903 and add your name to the list!



Thanks to Shirley Ostrander

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HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

Our Volunteers

March 1st	Nursery	Julie Mason/Karen Watson
	Radio Lesson	Boyd Dixon
March 8th	Nursery	Joy Weeks/Pat Miriello
	Radio Lesson	Larry Snipes
March 15th	Nursery	Ricky & Vickie Weaver
	Radio Lesson	Kathy Mann
March 22nd	Nursery	Jeremy & Christie Waters
	Radio Lesson	Harvey Eldridge
March 29th	Nursery	Tense Eldridge/Angela Jones
	Radio Lesson	Bob Jones

Children's Church for March-Victoria Wilson

Our Vitals

2009 Weekly Budget:	\$ 7,625.29
Rcvd. 01/25/09	\$ 5,888.75
Rcvd. 02/01/09	\$ 8,158.50
Rcvd. 02/08/09	\$ 7,522.65
Rcvd. 02/15/09	\$ 5,403.75
2009 YTD Variance	(\$ 8,775.48)

Musical Notes from Jesse

Choir members please remember to mark your calendars for our two Sunday afternoon rehearsals.

Both of these will be important.

Sunday, March 8th – 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 22nd – 2:30 – 4:00 pm

It is also important that you attend as many Wednesday night rehearsals as possible.

Our time is limited each week so please be on time (7:15 pm) so that we start rehearsals on time.