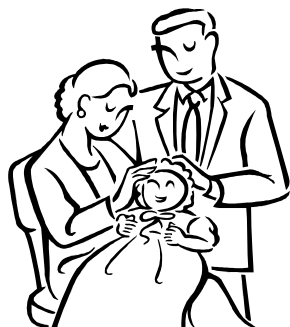


THE BUILDER

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



Baby/Child
Dedication
on Mother's Day
May 14th @
11:00 am.
If you would like
to participate, let
Len know or call
the church office.

Save the Date: June 22-26



**Organizational Meeting
May 3rd @ 4:00 pm**

GRADUATE SUNDAY

It's the time of the year when our college seniors only have a few days left, and our high school seniors are counting down the days until graduation. If you have a graduate in your family, please be sure we are aware of their accomplishment. June 7th will be graduate Sunday and we want recognize them. Please don't assume we know. Call the church office @ 892-6161 or e-mail Matt at dunnbaptistyouth@embarqmail.com.

Soul Feast

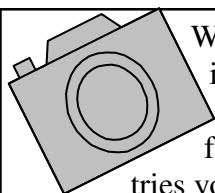
An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life

Are you interested in gaining greater intimacy and freedom in your relationship with God? Marjorie Thompson says "the key is giving the spirit of God time and space to rearrange our interior furniture---setting our disordered priorities [aside] and putting love of God and neighbor on center stage" (p.xi).

On Thursday Night, April 30th at 7:00 p.m., we will begin a 9-week study of Soul Feast, An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life. The study is open to any one interested in gaining a closer relationship with Jesus. This book can be purchased from most any book store.

Special Called Meeting

On May 31st, during the Sunday School hour (10:00 until 10:45), all classes (6th Grade through Adult) will meet in the Sanctuary to provide the Long Range Planning Committee information regarding four areas of our church's life together. We want to know what you love best about worship, learning how to be a better Christian (discipleship), our mission and ministry (profession of faith/witness), and our fellowship together (community). We also want to know what dreams you have to improve these areas. Please be thinking about how you might answer, "If you were telling a neighbor about what you love most about the church's worship, discipleship, witness, and fellowship, what would you say?" Also, "What do you think might improve these areas?" The Committee is seeking ideas, there will be no debate regarding each person's response. The information will be compiled during the summer and shared with the church the four Sunday nights in August. Please make prayerful plans to be there to help us discern where God is leading First Baptist Church. Responses may be written or expressed verbally. Remember, "Where there is no vision, the people perish!" (Proverbs 29:18)



We are now going to be posting pictures from the ministries you and your adolescents are involved with on our website. When we go on a weeklong trip the church will be able to keep tabs on us. We are asking every person under the age of 18 to have a photo release form filled out and signed by their parents before we will post a picture of your child on our website. Forms are available in the church office.

Relay for Life is May 1-2 at Triton High School. It starts Friday at 6pm and ends at noon on Saturday. We need **YOU** to make this a success! Let us know how you can help. The main attractions will be "Tornado Rides", the "Wizard", and selling all kinds of goodies. Come pave the "Road to a Cure" in Emerald City.

The Youth Corner

Paint Ball

Our date has been planned once again! May 17th, we will be playing paintball with the Presbyterian Church. We will leave FBC immediately following church and head over to the Presbyterian Church for pizza, then to play paintball. The cost is \$30 which covers your lunch and everything you need to play paintball safely. You also need to bring a change of clothes to church so you can change before we leave First Baptist. Baggy clothes are recommended. You will want to wear long pants and long sleeves. Layers will provide extra cushioning. If you have any other questions, let me know.




From Your Pastor...

Early in our Baptist history our forbearers made a momentous decision; they decided that Scripture alone would be a Baptist's last word in matters of faith. In 1609 the religious world was struggling to identify authority. The Catholics identified Rome as the earthly center of their beliefs while the Church of England looked toward Canterbury and the Crown. Lutherans in Germany, though not yet 100 years old, had established their rules for their faith based on the teachings of Martin Luther. John Calvin had settled in Geneva and although he had passed away in 1564 his teachings continued to gain momentum. As Christians had the opportunity to read the Bible, more and more of them struggled with the place of earthly authority over and against Scripture. Biblical literacy was prompting questions of tradition and interpretation.

Until the time the Bible was available both in number and in the language of the people, creeds and hymns, liturgy and worship were how people came to know about God. The readings of the Bible were chosen by the Church. Prayers and hymns were written by the clergy for the laity. The Church of England along with the government established a prayer book that dictated what a person was supposed to pray. Spontaneity and personal relationship with God was reserved for the religious professional, and even that was severely limited and often criticized. The idea that someone would pick up a Bible and read and discern it for him/herself was foreign to most of the Christian world at that time. The Church told people what to believe and how to believe it. The religious freedom we often take for granted was practically non-existent in the early 1600's. Religious rules and order were not only dictated by the Church but were often enforced by the government.

As Baptists, we believe that our heritage is rooted in the fact that there is a word from the Lord and mysteriously it is conveyed to us in Scripture. The writer of Hebrews says it best, **"For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart"** (4:14). We have no statement or creed, the Bible alone is our written guide to bring us into proper relationship with God. We believe that through the presence of the Holy Spirit individually and collectively as a body of believers, God's word will lead us to a sufficient knowledge of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. The Bible is simply and mysteriously God's communication to us concerning all God wants us to know about God and all God wants us to know about ourselves.

Today, most people own more than one Bible and most own more than one translation of God's word to us. Unfortunately many have allowed themselves to fall into a Biblical illiteracy that threatens great harm to the Church. The Apostle Paul wrote, **"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work"** (2 Tim. 3:16f). May we take seriously the special place God's word has in our life. There is no book like the Bible. The treasure of Scripture is one of God's greatest gifts. Let us not take it lightly or treat it trivially. The Bible is what God is saying to us now. Reading the Bible is serious business!



Just for KIDS

A legacy of faith

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy was influenced by his grandmother and mother.

Complete 2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV) below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowel.

VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

" h 1 v 2 b 2 n r 2 m 3 nd 2 d 4 f
 y 4 5 r s 3 nc 2 r 2 f 1 3 th, wh 3 ch
 f 3 rst l 3 v 2 d 3 n y 4 5 r gr 1 ndm 4 th 2 r
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2 5 n 3 c 2 1 nd, 3 1 m p 2 rs 5 1 d 2 d,
 n 4 w l 3 v 2 s 3 n y 4 5 1 ls 4."

2 TIMOTHY 1:5 (NIV)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1	Sallie Lee		Peggy Alphin
	Chase Marshall		Ron McLamb
			Fay Tew
2	Ella Gray Ennis	18	Bill Hall
	Donald Glover	21	Lou Ann Jones
	Ellis Pope		May Waugh
3	Dana Cochran	22	Megan Harant
4	Darleen Beasley		Hilda Wilson
	Joanne Juby	23	Joe Jordan
	Ruby Pate	24	Cindy Bindeman
5	Ansley Fennell		Myrtle Duncan
6	Teresa McDaniel		Colon Jackson
7	Leanna Parker		Miranda Moore
9	Blakely Herring	25	Jared Kever
	Eston Herring		Kimberly Morris
	Sheley Johnson		David Stamper
11	June Dunn	27	Brooks Best
12	Daisy Bass		Hylton Lawrence
	Cole Cochran	28	Eloise Boyette
	Lucille Smith		Cherry Collins
15	Neal Davis		Chris Sinclair
	William Fitzgerald		Jeremy Waters
16	Phil Juby	31	Celia Jones

Answer: "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

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MAY EVENT CALENDAR

<u>SUNDAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>	
<i>REGULAR ACTIVITIES</i>		<i>10:00 Worship @ Senior Cit.</i>	
<i>9:45 Sunday School</i>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
<i>11:00 Morning Worship</i>		<i>REGULAR ACTIVITIES</i>	
<i>5:00 Handbells</i>		<i>5:45 Baptist Dining</i>	
<i>6:30 Bible Study</i>		<i>7:00 Prayer Meeting</i>	
<i>6:30 Youth, GA's, RA's & Mission Friends</i>		<i>6:30 Youth & Children's Act.</i>	
		<i>7:15 Sanctuary Choir Practice</i>	
1 & 2	RELAY FOR LIFE @ Triton High School		
3	**REGULAR ACTIVITIES**		
	3:15	Children's Council Meeting	
	4:00	VBS Organizational Meeting	
4	9:15	WMU Trip to Matthew 25 House	
	7:00	Circle of Friends	
6	**REGULAR ACTIVITIES**		
10	**REGULAR AM ACTIVITIES**		
	No PM Services		
11	7:00	Deacons Meeting	
12	11:30	Joy Group Luncheon	
13	**REGULAR ACTIVITIES**		
	7:00	Church Conference	
17	**REGULAR ACTIVITIES**		
	12:00	Youth Paintball	
	5:00	Long Range Planning Committee Meeting	
18	10:30	Elizabeth Green Prayer Group	
20	**REGULAR ACTIVITIES**		
24	**REGULAR AM ACTIVITIES**		
	No PM Activities		
25	**Church Office Closed**		
27	**REGULAR ACTIVITIES**		
31	**REGULAR ACTIVITIES**		
	10:00	Church-wide Long Range Planning	

WMU News

- ◆ The May 5th meeting will be replaced with a trip to the Matthew 25 House. Bring money for lunch at Holland's Restaurant on the river.
- ◆ Collecting stuffed bears (8-12") for the children at Womack Hospital through Little River Association. The entire church is invited to participate.
- ◆ Also collecting used eyeglasses to help supply glasses to those in need. Two optometrists from NC will travel to Virginia in July and give the glasses to people who cannot afford to buy them. They will also perform minor eye surgery for indigent people.

Personnel

Pastor	Dr. Len Keever, Jr.
Music Min./Assoc. Pastor	Rev. Jesse Waugh
Minister of Youth/Children	Matt Wilson
Administrative Asst.	Angela Jones
Organist	Mary Sue Godwin
Custodian	Maria Wadzinski

SPREAD THE JOY

JOY Group News

Tuesday, April 14th, JOY members met at Western Sizzlin for their usual great lunch. Hearty hellos were exchanged by the 14 present. Discussion centered around upcoming plans and sign up began for the June 13th trip to Johnston Community College in Smithfield. The gift certificate winner was Myrtle Duncan. A program on banking was compliments of First Federal Bank with manager, Sommer Kowalski presenting a program geared especially for seniors. Questions and answers followed. Come join us in May for a "Chat and Chew". No program that day—See you there!

Day Trip

On Saturday, March 28th, the rain came and the bus rolled. Krystal Jordan drove 21 "Daisys" to enjoy the play "Driving Ms. Daisy". Our theatre seats were front and center—no complaints there and certainly not with the performance. Everyone was well pleased. Our "umbrella brigade", Wiley, Jane and Ashley kept everyone dry as we boarded the bus for Hudson Bay Restaurant where a long table and piles of good seafood awaited us. We always get many smiles to the miles! If you missed another good one, we're sorry. Join us next time!

Friday, April 10th, saw the JOY Group traveling to the Fayetteville Airborne and Special Operations Museum. Combat veteran, Al Alvarez, held us spellbound with his historical knowledge, as well as, his ability to inject personal details and humor into his presentation. Al is a great example of senior worth in our society. His military discipline must be a major part of his life-style for he certainly looks much younger than his 84 years. Afterwards, we stopped by K & W Cafeteria, gathered around our reserved table, and enjoyed a hearty meal together. The Dogwood Trail tour was cut short due to cold weather hampering the opening of the azaleas along the trail. But we had fun anyway!

Up and Coming

Thursday, April 30th Campbell Univ. Convocation Ctr. and SBI Facility tour by Keith Finch and lunch at Campbell (Seats available)

Thursday, May 14th Historic and Tryon Palace (Stand by list only)

Saturday, June 13th Johnston Community College Music Showcase—Tickets \$7.20 (Seats available)

SIGN UP NOW—CALL FAYE @ 892-3903.

PRAYER CONCERNS

In the Hospital: Ima Jean Tart-BJRH.

Nursing Homes and Rehab.: Joe Casey, Gene Driver, Mae Godwin, Elizabeth Green, Myrtle Hall, Juanita Jones, Mildred Parker, Carol Riddle, Frances Stewart. Bo Strickland, Mary Louise Strickland, Faye Tew, May Waugh.

Other Church Members: Johnnie Atkins, Lib Ausley, Grace Blake, Eloise Boyette, Haruz & Myrtle Duncan, Harvey Eldridge, Phillip Fusco, Maude Hodges, Lunette Hudson, Fannie Sue Jackson, Hylton Lawrence, Maegan Lee, Gene Moore, Morgan Monds, Ruby Pate, Joe Poe, Janie Pope, Randy Riddle, Pete & Brenda Skinner, Margaret Starling, Vara Lee Thornton, Joyce Wade, Shirley Wilkins.

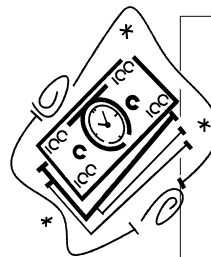
Family and Friends: Janette Bonner, Bea Boyette, Jarratt Broadwell, Cooper Bryan, Marge Cichan, Billie Cooke, Kellie Hinshaw, Nancy Hodge, Robert Hodges, Mary Holladay, Mickey Hummel, Betty Hutaff, Marc Hutaff, Sherry Jones, Ben Lansing, Wayne McLamb, Leigh Mabry, Willis Phelps, Nancy Rutledge, Mary Bell Shirley, Edwin Stewart, A. L. West, The Family of Nadine McMillian.

Our Deployed Military: Joseph Poe, Zachary Turnage, COL Greg Lusk & the 30th Brigade Combat Team.

Mother's Day Offering

Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus Christ through your gifts to the Mother's Day Offering. Your gifts bring hope, lifting the burden of hospital bills for patients in need. "Thank you with all our hearts," said the parents of a child facing surgery and many others.

North Carolina Baptist Hospital Touching Lives with Hope



Our Vitals

2009 Weekly Budget:	\$ 7,625.29
Rcvd. 03/29/09	\$ 4,916.80
Rcvd. 04/05/09	\$10,146.01
Rcvd. 04/12/09	\$ 4,653.80
Rcvd. 04/19/09	\$ 3,596.20
2009 YTD Variance	(\$19,964.54)

Our Volunteers

May 3rd	Nursery	Donald & Dawn Glover
	Radio Lesson	Harvey Eldridge
May 10th	Nursery	Ashlyn Thompson/Jessica Fuller
	Radio Lesson	Bob Jones
May 17th	Nursery	Donald & Dawn Glover
	Radio Lesson	Bo Jones
May 24th	Nursery	Robbie & Sarah Pope
	Radio Lesson	Boyd Dixon
May 31st	Nursery	Keith, Paige & Reaves Houston
	Radio Lesson	Larry Snipes

Nursery Coordinator for May—Lou Ann Jones
Children's Church for May—Angela Jones