



# THE BUILDER

The Newsletter of the First Baptist Church of Dunn, N.C.  
December 01, 2009

**ALL ABOARD: CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
Don't miss the fun! Three year olds through 5th graders are invited to join us on Dec. 5th from 5:00 till 8:00. We will enjoy pizza, a Christmas movie and a gift exchange. Everyone is asked to bring a \$5 gift (appropriate for a boy or a girl) to use for the gift exchange.



The tree is located on the landing near the ramp door. There are angels for both children and seniors who need our help and prayers this Christmas. Please bring your gifts to the evening service on Dec. 13th when we will present them.

## From Your Pastor...

Someone recently accused me of having a nostalgic memory of my childhood; it is true---especially at Christmas. It seems only yesterday I was rubbing the sleep from my eyes, entering the living room, seeing a red Texaco tanker truck and a "Have Gun Will Travel" holster complete with two shiny guns just like Paladin wore in the television show (for you trivia buffs, it even had a Derringer hidden behind the belt buckle). What a day! I could pretend to be my beloved prime-time cowboy hero *AND* act out my favorite commercial. All day long I was more than likely running around shooting pretend bad guys and singing, "You can trust your car to the man who wears the star, the great big Texaco star!" Who would want to forget an idyllic day like that?

There is something else I will always cherish about my Christmas memories, the mental snapshots of faith, family, and church that to this day bring comfort to every December. I hope I never forget the thrill of putting up two Christmas trees; one at our house and another at my grandparents. I hope I never forget the smell of my Mom's ginger-crinkles (a wonderful cookie no one can bake like Mom), or the aroma of my Grandmother's ham delicately laced with just the right amount of cloves and brown sugar. I want to remember the year Santa brought me a shoe shine kit and I took it over to Mimi and Ronnie's to polish his bed-room shoes; he died less than a month later. I loved seeing my cousins. It was such a thrill to put on bathrobes in the church fellowship hall and act out the manger scene somewhere between carols and cookies, games and opening presents. But there is one memory that in many ways is strongest of all; one that forms and shapes my understanding of the real meaning of Christmas.

On Christmas Eve, just after we'd opened one present, just to satisfy our curiosity (Mom picked it out and it was always new pajama's already washed and ready for the morning pictures), Dad would sit down, take the Bible off the shelf that Mr. Thomas gave our family, the one that had big print, and begin to read: "In those days Caesar Augustus . . ." (Luke 2). Christmas was not Christmas until my Dad read us the story of Jesus' birth. There we were, sitting around like a Norman Rockwell painting, and for that moment it was not visions of sugarplums dancing in our heads, but visions of sheep and shepherds, straw and donkeys, bearded men and a bright eyed mother celebrating the birth of God's little boy. Christ was then, and continues to this day to be the reason for the season, the center of Christmas' meaning.

For me Christ will always be in Christmas. The birth of the Son of God will always be the foundational message behind the celebration. It may be more politically correct to wish you a happy holiday season, but as long as I am remembering Jesus' birth . . . I'm going to instead wish you a very Merry Christmas!

# JOY Group NEWS

**“ Come grow old with me,  
the best is yet to be!”**

## Recent Activities

Elizabeth’s Pecan Products  
Turkey, NC  
Lunch at Duplin Winery Bistro

## JOY Group Luncheon

Program: Shriner’s Crippled Children’s Hospital  
Billy Barfield, Speaker

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## Upcoming Activities

Tuesday, Dec. 8th @ 11:30am  
JOY Christmas Party  
Western Sizzlin

All JOY members are encouraged to attend  
and join in the fun and festivities.

Saturday, December 5th @ 3:15  
Singing Christmas Tree  
Snyder Memorial in Fayetteville  
Performance at 4:30

ADMISSION IS CANNED GOODS  
Dinner @ Hudson Bay Seafood

**CONTACT FAYE BLEACHER @ 892-3903  
FOR INFORMATION ON ANY OF  
THESE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

## Our Vitals

2009 Weekly Budget:	\$ 7,625.29
Rcvd. 10/25/09	\$ 4,573.00
Rcvd. 11/01/09	\$ 8,973.10
Rcvd. 11/08/09	\$ 8,132.85
Rcvd. 11/15/09	\$ 8,630.35
2009 YTD Variance	(\$27,069.50)

## WMU News

Next meeting Monday,  
Dec. 7th @ 10:30 am



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Program: “Giving Freely” with a surprise guest  
Bring: Cookies to swap  
Reminder: Invite your secret sister to the meeting

All ladies are invited to attend. If you are unsure  
what WMU is all about, don’t worry, we’ll tell you.

The Advent Season is always a special time for the members of First Baptist Church. The sounds of music always fill our sanctuary celebrating the birth of the baby Jesus. This year you will want to be a part of every service to experience the joy in celebrating Jesus’ birth together. We will be led in worship by the children’s choir, the hand bell choir, the sanctuary choir and numerous soloists and instrumentalists. The events are listed below:

## December Calendar of Worship Events

- ◆ Dec. 6th 11:00am Ralph & Tammy Stocks  
Hungarian Missionaries
- ◆ Dec. 6th 6:30pm Hanging of the Greens  
Join us in decorating our place of worship for the Christmas season. Special music by Children’s Choir.
- ◆ Dec. 13th 11:00am Handbell Choir
- ◆ Dec. 13th 6:30pm A Christmas Celebration  
This service will include special music by soloists and instrumentalists, as well as, the reading of the Christmas story. The service will be followed by a time of fellowship in the fellowship hall where we will enjoy Moravian sugar cake, wassail and other goodies.
- ◆ Dec. 20th 11:00am Children’s Choir and Kate Avery will be presenting special music.
- ◆ Dec. 20th 7:00pm “I Hear the Prophet Callin”  
The Sanctuary Choir with an instrumental ensemble will present this special program of The Christmas Story from Prophecy to Fulfillment.

## The Youth Corner

### *Finding Christ In Christmas*

*(Friday, December 11th)*

*The youth will meet at the church at 5:30 for a scavenger hunt in the Dunn area.*

*Each group will be assigned an adult chaperone and given a list of things to find, return or photograph that relates to Christmas.*

*Following the scavenger hunt, everyone will return to the church for a meal and get-together provided by youth parents and volunteers.*

*Afterwards, the youth will participate in providing Christmas for a needy family by shopping for the angel tree at Wal-mart.*

*Bring \$10 to help with gifts.*

*Sign Up by December 6th!*



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## LET'S GO CAROLING

*Everyone is invited to meet in the fellowship hall on Dec. 23rd at 6:00. We will travel to some of our homebound members houses and neighborhoods to spread a little Christmas cheer. This will be followed by soup and sandwiches when we return to the church.*

Order your poinsettias now!  
They will be placed in the sanctuary during "Hanging of the Greens".  
Be sure you get your order in by December 2nd in order for the honorarium or memorial to be printed in the bulletin.

### Personnel

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

### Our Volunteers

Dec. 6	Nursery: Lucille & Whitney Guthrie
	Radio: Bob Jones
Dec. 13	Nursery: Bill & Kathy Fennell
	Radio: Bo Jones
Dec. 20	Nursery: Pat & Denise Marshall
	Radio: Boyd Dixon
Dec. 27	Nursery: Carl & Ginger Barbour
	Radio: Larry Snipes

Nursery Coordinator for December-Denise Marshall  
Children's Church for December-Carla Brown

# DECEMBER EVENT AND BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
**REGULAR AM ACT.** 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship			5:45 Baptist Dining 6:30 Youth 6:30 Children's Choir 7:00 Bible Study 7:45 Sanctuary Choir			
		1 Billy Barfield Brad Hardison Sarah Frances Pope	2 **REGULAR ACT.** Grayson Brinkman McKensie Brinkman Lloyd Pope	3 Joe Poe	4 Cathy Keever	5 3:15 JOY Group to Snyder Singing Christmas Tree
6 **REGULAR AM ACT.** 4:00 Handbells 6:30 Hanging of the Greens Carl Barbour Len Keever	7 10:30 Worship/Senior Cit. 10:30 WMU 7:00 Circle of Friends Chuck Turnage Mike Wise	8 11:30 JOY Group Christmas Party Jaquelyn Byrd Cashie Parrish Jackie Proctor	9 **REGULAR ACT.** Wayne Beasley Nancy Godwin Herb Ruark Phyllis Turnage	10 12 5:00 Children's Christmas Party (3's-5th Grade) Lisa Cox Joe Miriello	11 5:30 Youth Scavenger Hunt and Party	
13 **REGULAR AM ACT.** 6:30 Christmas Celebration Bertie Stewart	14 10:30 Worship/Senior Cit. 7:00 Deacon's Meeting Paul White	15 Meredith Barbour Doris Peregoy Elizabeth Wells Algene Yeatman	16 **REGULAR ACT.** Church Conference	17	18 Johnny Elmore Timothy Godwin	19
20 **REGULAR AM ACT.** 7:00 Adult Cantata Rachel Johnson	21 10:30 Worship/Senior Cit. 10:30 Elizabeth Green Cir. Paige Houston	22 Paul Neighbors	23 6:00 Church wide Caroling followed by Soup & Sandwiches Ken Hardison	Poe Ledford	25 **Office Closed** Lauren Bass	26
27 **REGULAR AM ACT.** **No PM Activities**	28 **Office Closed** Patrice Thompson	29 Ashley Hinson	30 **No Evening Activities** Lynn Tyndall	31 Elizabeth Godwin		