

# THE BUILDER

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

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## *From Your Pastor...*

Growing up I had two old maid great aunts who had four passions in life, gardening, canning, cooking and sewing. Every spring they'd plant their garden. In late summer and during the fall they'd can vegetables and dry fruit. Then in winter, when the garden was barren except for a few turnips and collards, they feasted. Their pantry was always full, their table always laden with a banquet of dishes. One might question their labors as they worked in the hot sun but hardly anyone could question their priorities when in February they enjoyed their pantry treasures.

In Matthew 6:19-21, Jesus taught, *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves cannot break in and steal. For where your heart is, there your treasure will be also."* The lesson of my two great aunts informs me as I ponder these verses again. How we spend our time now will determine how we feast later. What is most important to us today will determine whether we feast or famine when a barren time comes.

Our laying up treasures in heaven is not only for our life to come but they are also for this life now. The lesson my aunts provide is that when we diligently work to attend to the garden of our devotion to God, when the dry time comes, when winter falls, when days are short and the nights are long, we will have plenty in our spiritual cupboard to feed us.

I have seen this a lot in my life as a pastor. People aren't always diligent in keeping their spiritual garden from weeds. They plant in the spring and lose interest in the summer. There is hardly a thing to can when fall arrives. Then, when winter comes, a crisis arises and there is a deep need to know God's presence, the cupboard is bare. There is no fruit of the spirit stored away, no holy vegetables waiting to nourish their hungry hurting hearts.

I know hunters who hunt each fall to put away meat for the winter. They seek out a good place to put a deer stand. They wait for their prey to arrive. Carefully they take aim. Then, after they take pictures and relish in the thrill of the hunt, they dissect their trophy storing it away for the time when they are hungry and in need of a good hot venison roast or a pot of soup or stew. Jesus said, *"Ask, and it will be given to you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened,"* (Matthew 7:7-8). Every hunter knows that there is a season to hunt and store away. Every Christian should know, *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."* (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

As we enter this second month of 2012 and the cold wind cuts to the bone, the nights seem long and the morning uninviting, I wonder, how is the pantry of your heart? Did you store away a treasure for a day like this? Can you feast on the fruit grown in you last summer and put away last fall? If not . . . not to worry, God has given you another chance. Please come to church and feast with us; we have plenty to share. Get in the discipline now so that when thieves try to distract you next July, your habit will already be secure.



Children on  
MISSION

***This is a hands-on program for 1st - 5th graders. They learn about missions work through projects and reading about missionaries. We would like to involve our 3 year olds-kindergarteners as well.***

***If your children do not attend this program on Sundays at 6:30, please bring them and let them try it out. Also, if you have a younger child and would like to get them involved, call or email the office for more information. Additionally, if you would like to assist the teachers, let us know.***

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### Personnel

Pastor  
Music Minister  
Youth & Children's Minister  
Administrative Asst.  
Organist  
Custodian

Dr. Len Keever, Jr.  
Rev. Jesse Waugh  
Jan Jernigan  
Angela Jones  
Mary Sue Godwin  
Maria Wadzinski

# YOUTH NEWS



**Valentine's Spaghetti Lunch Fund-raiser:** We need everyone's help on Feb. 12th for the lunch. Make plans to help raise money for some of our projects and activities this year.

**Youth & Children's Sunday:** We will once again lead in worship on March 18th. You will be receiving more information later but please note the date.



**February 26th is the first Sunday in Lent. Please make plans to join us at 6:00 for a light meal followed by a devotion.**

**Families will eat together then the children and youth will head off to their classes. We will have this special time together each Sunday during the Lenten season.**

### WMU News

*Monthly Meeting February 6th.  
Come at 10:00 for refreshments and socializing.  
The meeting will begin at 10:30 and  
the special program will be Marilyn Poe  
giving her Israel presentation.*

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*Contact Gaylia Draughon, Paula Dunham,  
or Lynn Jernigan for more information.*

### Our Volunteers

Feb. 5	Nursery: Julie Mason & Karen Watson Taylor Dunham
	Radio: Harvey Eldridge
Feb. 12	Nursery: Ricky & Vickie Weaver Taylor Emory
	Radio: Bob Jones
Feb. 19	Nursery: Angela Jones & Denise Jarrell Ansley Fennell
	Radio: Bo Jones
Feb. 26	Nursery: Chuck & Phyllis Turnage Trent Fennell
	Radio: Boyd Dixon

Nursery Coordinator for February—Angela Jones  
Children's Church for February—Dana Cochran

# JOY Group NEWS

**"You can't help getting older,  
but you don't have to get old."**



Please help spread some cheer to one of our very special church members, Phillip Fusco.

Send him a card to let him know how much we are thinking about him and love him. He absolutely loves getting cards and letters from home.

**The Children's Institute  
P. W. 4th Floor  
1605 Shady Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217**

## February Meeting

Tuesday, February 14th  
11:30 am @ Western Sizzlin'  
Valentine Luncheon

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It's almost time to **GET ROLLING** again.

Be sure to join us as we board the bus for more exciting adventures this year!  
Look for information in bulletins and newsletters.

Contact Faye Bleacher or Lynn Jernigan.



## Our Vitals

2012 Weekly Budget:	\$ 7,852.51
Rcvd. 01/01/12	\$ 7,624.85
Rcvd. 01/08/12	\$ 6,704.85
Rcvd. 01/15/12	\$ 6,048.71
Rcvd. 01/22/12	\$ 4,638.50
2012 YTD Variance	(\$ 6,393.13)

An anonymous donation in the amount of \$8,000 has been given to the *Phillip A. Fusco, II Mission Development Endowment Fund*. This is a fund that supports the mission efforts of First Baptist Church. We also have three other trust funds; the Youth Development Fund, the Choir Fund, and the Missions Fund. If you would like more information about any of these funds, please contact the church office.

## Jesse's Notes



### Easter Choir Members Needed

Believe it or not, we have begun work on our Easter cantata for this year. This year's cantata is entitled *The Way of the Cross Leads Home* by Mary McDonald. The composer has used familiar hymn texts with some new melodies to present the Easter message that the path to everlasting life is found in Christ's journey to the cross. If you would like to join us for this special presentation, you are invited to come to choir rehearsals at 7:30 pm on Wednesday nights. As choir members, you receive a blessing in the preparation of the music. We need anyone who is willing to sing with us. You will not regret joining us each week.

### L.A.M.B.S. & Builders and Believers

Parents, don't forget that our children meet every Wednesday night at 6:30 for L.A.M.B.S. & Builders and Believers. Each week we have special activities and music for your children. We would love for you to bring them and you can go to Prayer Meeting. Remember, your children can not bring themselves to church. It is up to you to bring them.

*You are cordially invited  
to a  
Valentine Lunch!*

*Feb. 12th at noon*



*Sponsored by  
FBC Youth.*

*Donations will be  
accepted for our  
mission projects  
and camp expenses.*

### Inclement Weather Policy

In the case of inclement weather, please check for any cancellations or schedule changes on WRAL TV, WRAL.com, or WCKB 780 AM. Changes will be posted as soon as a decision has been made.

# FEBRUARY EVENT AND BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>**REGULAR ACT.**</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 5:00 Handbells 6:30 Youth Bible Study 6:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Children on Mission			<b>**REGULAR ACT.**</b> 5:45 Baptist Dining 6:30 Youth Fellowship 6:30 L.A.M.B.S. 6:30 Builders & Believers 6:30 Prayer Meeting 7:30 Sanctuary Choir			
			1 <b>**REGULAR ACT.**</b> Kevin Hinson	2 Laverne Stamper	3 Elizabeth Landen	4 Gladys Pope Denise Marshall
5 <b>**REGULAR ACT.**</b> <b>Communion/Food Drive</b> Walt Jones Jane Hawley Beth Hardison	6 10:00 Worship/Senior Cit. 10:30 WMU Meeting Lunette Hudson Jennifer White	7 Keith Houston Amberly Wilson	8 <b>**REGULAR ACT.**</b> Lauren Reece	9 Kathy Mann Campbell Phillips Taylor Phillips	10 London Hinson	11
12 <b>**REGULAR ACT.**</b> 12:00 Youth Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser	13 10:00 Worship/Senior Cit. 7:00 Deacon's Meeting Angela Fusco Nicholas Parker	14 11:30 JOY Group Lunch Sara Godwin	15 <b>**REGULAR ACT.**</b> Church Conference	16	17	18
19 <b>**REGULAR ACT.**</b> <b>WOMENS DAY</b> Frances Jones Linda Pope Ruth Hope Morris Katie Jackson Paula West	20 10:00 Worship/Senior Cit. 10:30 Mission Prayer Grp. Keith Finch	21 9:30 Newsletter Team Linda Lee Dwight Snow Mitchell Scott	22 <b>**REGULAR ACT.**</b> Ash Wednesday 6:30 Service  Tommy Godwin Dora Phillips Ella Holland	23	24 Eric Sinclair	25 Bobby Wells Peggy Jones Matthew Johnson
26 <b>**REGULAR ACT.**</b>  Meal and Devotional 6:00 Buddy Creed	27	28 Hayden Neighbors	29 <b>**REGULAR ACT.**</b>	30 Scott Eyers	31 Larry Snipes Locke Godwin	Nancy Wright