

# THE BUILDER

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

July 01, 2009



Our youth and youth parents will be providing the hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks, and desserts. We are asking each family to bring along one side dish to go with our meal. While we are at the park in a way to raise money for our Youth's Summer Camp, each youth will be auctioning off some type of service. Each youth will come up with a task that they are willing to do. We will then auction these services off to you, in order to help us raise money for our summer camp. Come join us for food, fellowship and fun as our youth try to raise the remaining funds for their summer camp/mission projects.

## Schedule of Events

4:15pm	Kickball Game
5:00pm	Homerun Derby (\$5 entry)
6:00pm	Hamburgers and Hotdogs!
7:00pm	Youth Service Auction
7:30pm	Softball Game

**July 12th**  
**@ 4:00**  
**Tart Park**

**What to bring:**  
**Lawn Chair**  
**Side Dish**

## From Your Pastor...

In the early years of Baptist life, our founding parents were at odds with a British government that sought to enforce a nationalized religion and prescribed directions for the practice of faith. With the Book of Common Prayer (1549), the government established what to pray and dictated liturgy. Our Baptist forbearers were among those who strongly believed that a body of believers must be free to worship and pray as led by God. They believed that faith is a matter of individual consciousness under the direction of the Holy Spirit not a matter decided by legislative consensus. For the first Baptists, affirming the Separation of Church and State was a declaration of allegiance to God and God alone. No manmade body could exercise authority in matters of faith over Baptist believers (we will see this again in the belief of each church's autonomy).

In Rhode Island this was introduced to the American colonies primarily through the influence of Roger Williams. Williams, a man who had experience firsthand the ill-effects of a coerced religion enforced by an oppressive government, founded Providence with the belief that religious expression freely exercised without magisterial influence was more genuine and faithful than one established by law. The influence of early Baptists and the desire for freedom of religion made a deep impact on the colonies. Baptist preacher John Leland of Virginia is to have said, "I must fight for the right of the Jew to be a Jew and the Moor (Muslim) to be a Moor if I am to claim for myself the right to be Baptist." Freedom of religion addressed in the American Bill of Rights helped solidify Baptist's loyalty to the new government. It was the influence of men such as Leland that the Bill of Rights states: "*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.*" For Baptists, governmental interference in establishing, regulating, or attempting to prohibit any free expression of religion goes against our identity.

It is not by design that we look at the Separation of Church and State in July. Yet, as we celebrate the birth of our country on the 4<sup>th</sup> what better time to entertain the innate tension between Christianity and Patriotism. The two are not synonymous. Being a Christian and being an American are not the same. Baptists have long sought a place to worship God without interference or distraction. Our desire is to have a place where our relationship to God and God alone is paramount. When we worship we place our undivided attention and hope upon our heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. We place allegiance and pledge complete trust in a power higher than government or policy. Our hope is in God and not politics. There are many areas in which Patriotism and Christianity agree, and there are those things where Patriotism requires compromise of Christian principles; in these things Christ must always be our authority.

There are those who would relegate the Church to spiritual matters only, telling us to concentrate on saving souls leaving governance and the care of the physical world to government: this is not a Baptist understanding of the Separation of Church and State. Where we adhere that government has no authority to establish rules and laws concerning our practice of faith, we also do not surrender our Christ called vocation to work to make the world a better place both spiritually and physically beyond the church. Regarding culture, we seek to create systems that care for and respect all persons as being created in God's image. We work without compromise to Christ to create a respectful society, if necessary holding government responsible to care for those without political clout or financial means. These are not political ideals; they are in accordance with Christ's teachings. Christ is our Lord and we are our brother's keeper. We must be free to express both. We must be free from governmental interference to practice faith and to live as Christ-directed Christians. As Baptists, our commitment to God is rivaled by no other authority. Only a free people may freely express their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord of life and love. Jesus Christ is our supreme authority in every matter of life.

WMU Report 2008-2009

The WMU met 9 times this past year and accomplished so many good things in the name of First Baptist Church. The following officers worked very hard to make all the meetings informative, productive and enjoyable: Peggy Jones and Patrice Thompson-Co-Presidents, Krystal Jordan-Missions Focus Coordinator, Hilda Wilson-Treasurer, Marilyn Poe-Prayer Coordinator and Edna Cannady-Refreshments.

During the course of 9 meetings, the women heard and participated in the following: (1) Miss Hannah Emory sharing her Senior trip to China, (2) Mrs. Audrey West sharing her Missions in Thailand, along with her beautiful Silver Jewelry, (3) Got in shape with Andrew Pope from X-Cell Fitness, (4) Heard beautiful words of inspiration spoken and sung by Mrs. Cindy Wood of Erwin, (5) Visited the Holy Lands with Mrs. Mary Austell from Henderson, (6) Collected paper products, laundry and kitchen detergents, tooth brushes and toothpaste, canned vegetables, and sheets for the Harmony Home, (7) Prepared 42 Samaritan's Purse boxes, (8) Baked cookies and made drawer sachets for shut-ins and those in nursing homes, (9) Shared cookies with the Divinity School during mid-term exams, (10) Collected recipes to begin working on a church-wide cookbook (The ladies will hear more about this later.), (11) Visited the Matthew 25 House in Burgaw and took a donation, (12) Purchased Christmas cards for Harnett Co. prisoners, (13) Purchased shelves for the church's food bank, (14) Prepared zip-lock bags for the homeless and hungry, (15) Collected teddy bears for Womack hospital and eyeglasses for Dr. Roger & Lisa Davis for their mission trip this summer, (16) Signed and mailed Valentine and Easter cards to all our homebound and nursing home members, (17) Made a donation to MMIA in honor of Mason Poe and (18) Donated the remainder of our personal offerings to this summer's Vacation Bible School.

All of the above was done with a beginning budget of \$100 from the general fund budget and personal offerings of \$467.41 that was collected at each meeting. Much more was done from the generous donations of our ladies.

Peggy and Patrice would like to thank all of those who participated in such wonderful, kind and loving ways to help make this such a meaningful year of extended missions in our church. They invite **ALL** ladies of the church to participate and join us beginning again in September on the 1st Monday of each month at 10:30am. Come be a part. The Lord will bless you in so many ways.



World hunger, clean drinking water, what can we do? Beginning in June, those who want to do something can bring an extra \$1.00 per person per week for a special weekly offering for clean water and food for others. One third will be sent to help dig clean wells in underdeveloped countries, one third will be sent to purchase livestock for third-world farmers, and one-third will go to purchase food to feed the children at the Village of Hope in the Ukraine. Each week our dollars will add up. Each week someone will have drinking water or food because we gave \$1.00 each. Please help make a difference in Jesus name.



Cross Training July 6th-10th at First Baptist Church.

This is a sports camp for rising 1st through 5th graders. The cost is \$25 and space is limited.

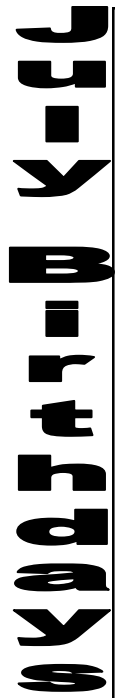
Pick up a brochure outside of Matt's Office for more details.

**Thanks**



*Many thanks go out to our VBS volunteers!*

We couldn't have done it without you. The Bible school offering is going to help the church's mission of digging wells and purchasing livestock for underprivileged countries, as well as feeding the children at the Village of Hope in the Ukraine.



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|----|-------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1  | Bea Boyette       | 17 | Don Davis       |
| 3  | Ben Jordan        | 20 | Randy Horne     |
|    | Ella Kelly        | 21 | Wanda Godwin    |
|    | Ollie Grey Warren |    | Jeffrey Johnson |
| 7  | Mike Brinkman     |    | Patrick White   |
| 9  | Ashley Barbour    | 23 | Lucas Marshall  |
|    | Doris Carr        | 25 | Rita Coats      |
| 10 | Dawn Glover       | 27 | Jessica Fuller  |
|    | Rebecca Pope      |    | Mae Godwin      |
|    | Joshua Stephenson | 28 | Katie Williams  |
| 11 | Faye Bleacher     | 29 | Bo Jones        |
| 13 | Jan Jernigan      |    | Drew Landen     |
| 15 | Tony Barbour      | 30 | Elizabeth Green |
|    | Madison Dunn      |    | Janie Pope      |
|    | Michael Norris    | 31 | Ed Lassiter     |
| 16 | Edwin Bass        |    | Parker Watson   |
|    | Boyd Dixon        |    | Jo Ann Wells    |
|    | Bobby West        |    |                 |

# SPREAD THE JOY

## JOY Group News

The JOY Group met Tuesday, June 9th, at Western Sizzlin Steak House with sixteen present. We anticipated an interesting program by Dr. Anna Fakadeij of Carolina Eye Associates, but due to a large number of patients in the office she had to cancel. Needless to say, we were disappointed but we agreed that if we're waiting to see the doctor, we would hope she'd stay and see us. The luck winner of the Western Sizzlin gift card was Kathy Mann. Great luck, Kathy! See you next meeting.

We reminded everyone of Saturday, June 13th, trip to Johnston Community College. We're looking forward to a fun filled afternoon.

Sign up has begun for the July 23rd Tour of Homes and afternoon tea. We will leave at 1:30pm and tour some of Dunn's beautiful homes and end with a tea at Simply Divine Bed and Breakfast. Proprietor, Carmen Forrester, will also give a brief presentation about his home country of Romania. The cost is \$6 per person. Call Faye Blecher at 892-3903.

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## Day Trips

Our destination on Saturday, June 13th was Johnston Community College to attend the Country Music Showcase "Hometown Heroes" Show. The bus was filled with 25 eager passengers and our faithful driver, Krystal Jordan, chauffeured us there and back in her usual perfect style. We cheered, clapped, and made a "joyful noise" when they recognized the JOY Group from First Baptist of Dunn and made another joyful noise when they recognized our newlyweds, Bob and Darleen Hamilton. The show was in memory of Chris Flynn, pianist, who was killed suddenly in an auto accident in April. The cast were deeply saddened with the loss of their friend and performing colleague. We grieved with them for they are all talented performers and his death is a great loss for them and patrons to their shows. After the show, we jumped aboard the "JAMTRACK" (that's our bus) and began the tedious task of choice making ~ will it be chicken, barbeque, fish or shrimp? Out table awaited us, the service was great and the food greater! It was a good day for all of us. The food, fun and fellowship is a real pleasure. Come join us soon and support our activities. You'll be glad you did!

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## NEXT DAY TRIP

July 23rd @ 1:30pm-Tour of Homes and Tea  
\$6 per person due at sign up

Homes on Tour: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cannady  
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thompson  
Mr. Robbie Tart  
Mrs. Edith Elmore (Robbie's aunt)  
Divine Street Bed and Breakfast  
(Tour & Tea)

**Call Faye Blecher at 892-3903 to sign up !**

## **The Youth Corner**

### Youth Sports Camp

July 6th-10<sup>th</sup> during the morning we will be hosting a sports camp for the children in our church. In the evenings, we will take time for us to enjoy playing sports with one another. There is a flyer in the youth room and remember we are focusing more on each other, rather than showcasing our skills. All youth who plan on coming need to sign up. If we do not have enough to play, we will be forced to cancel some if not all evening activities. Please sign up ASAP! See me if you would like to order a Cross Training t-shirt.



### **Sanctuary Choir Reminder!!**

Sanctuary Choir members are reminded that we will not be rehearsing during the month of July. We will resume our regular rehearsals the first Wednesday night in August (August 5). It is very important that you remember that the choir is still leading in worship each week. Therefore, you need to be in the choir room by 10:30 on Sunday mornings and ready to sing by 10:40. This will give us enough time go over the anthem and prepare for the worship service. Please make every effort to be on time. Also, please remember to sign out if you are going to be away on a Sunday during the summer. This will help me plan each week. Thanks and have a great summer.

### Prayer Concerns

In the June Business Meeting, upon the recommendation of the Deacons, it was decided to omit the prayer concerns from the monthly newsletter. This decision was made to protect our sick from those who may misuse this list. Please know that the weekly prayer list will continue in the church bulletin. If you would like a prayer list sent to you individually, please contact the church office.

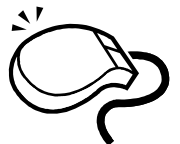
### **Our Vitals**

2009 Weekly Budget:	\$ 7,625.29
Rcvd. 05/24/09	\$ 6,201.60
Rcvd. 05/31/09	\$ 9,112.70
Rcvd. 06/07/09	\$10,800.80
Rcvd. 06/14/09	\$ 4,705.80
Rcvd. 06/21/09	\$ 5,518.35
2009 YTD Variance	(\$ 17,045.73)

### **TITHING OPTION**

*Going on vacation?  
Got a busy schedule?*

**You can now set up your tithes to the church on your bill pay option. Simply enter First Baptist Church, 309 W. Broad St., Dunn NC and put your envelope number as your account number. You can even add special instructions on the memo line.**



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**JULY EVENT CALENDAR**

SUNDAY  
REGULAR ACTIVITIES  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Morning Worship  
MONDAY  
10:00 Worship @ Senior Cit.

WEDNESDAY  
REGULAR ACTIVITIES  
6:30 Fellowship Time  
7:00 Prayer Meeting  
6:30 Youth & Children's Act.

**NOTE CHANGES IN REGULAR ACTIVITIES  
SEE ABOVE SCHEDULES**

- 1    **\*\*REGULAR ACTIVITIES\*\***
- 5    **\*\*REGULAR ACTIVITIES\*\***
- 6    **\*\*OFFICE CLOSED\*\***  
8:30-12:00 Cross Training Sports Camp
- 7    8:30-12:00 Cross Training Sports Camp
- 8    8:30-12:00 Cross Training Sports Camp  
**\*\*NO PM ACTIVITIES\*\***
- 9    8:30-12:00 Cross Training Sports Camp
- 10   8:30-12:00 Cross Training Sports Camp
- 12   **\*\*REGULAR ACTIVITIES\*\***  
4:00 Church-Wide Picnic @ Tart Park
- 14   11:30 JOY Group Luncheon
- 15   **\*\*REGULAR ACTIVITIES\*\***
- 19   **\*\*REGULAR ACTIVITIES\*\***
- 22   **\*\*REGULAR ACTIVITIES\*\***
- 23   1:30 JOY Group Tour of Homes & Tea
- 26   **\*\*REGULAR ACTIVITIES\*\***

**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

**Our Volunteers**

July 5	Nursery	Carl & Ginger Barbour
	Radio	Harvey Eldridge
July 12	Nursery	Gary & Lesley Wood
	Radio	Larry Snipes
July 19	Nursery	Elizabeth/Hannah Emory
	Radio	Kathy Mann
July 26	Nursery	Debbie Norris/JoAnn Wells
	Radio	Harvey Eldridge

Nursery Coordinator for July-Elizabeth Emory  
Children's Church for July-Victoria Wilson