

THE BUILDER

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

July 2010

From Your Pastor...

On Wednesday, Pastor Val, like many of the men in the church, took a day off from work to help with the pouring of the floor for their new fellowship hall/hurricane shelter. At one point during the morning, he took a break from drawing water from their baptismal pool and carrying it to the men making concrete. We stood in the hot sun side-by-side watching the work together. I asked him, "Are you pleased with the progress?" And he answered, "Yes! Your coming here is the answer to many prayers."

So often we think of ourselves as the subject of prayer. We pray for us, for things we want, and for people we want to see made well or somehow assisted by divine intervention. Usually we are doing all the asking and then waiting to see how God will respond. I'm asked often about why, when Jesus says, "Ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it," (John 14:14), so much of what we ask doesn't seem to be answered as we pray. In most of our prayers, even when we are interceding for someone else, we are the subject and God is the one we expect to move. We pray and then we watch. As I reflect on Pastor Val's words, I can see that there is another layer to prayer, one we may seldom explore: there are times when we are not the subject but the object; we are not the ones asking but the ones through whom God's answers come. I wonder how deeper our understanding of prayer may be if we prayed in Jesus' name to be the answer to someone else's need?

In Belize, we were the answer to Gethsemane Baptist Church's prayer. They asked in Jesus' name and Jesus answered through the mystery of our obedience. I say mystery because we weren't then, and really aren't now, aware of how much God was working through our surrender to go there. We knew we'd been praying for a chance to do something where we would experience God, but I don't think we really understood how much our going wasn't really about us at all. Our going there was about God answering them. Our mission trip was not about us, it was about what God is doing in the world.

How often do we pray in Jesus' name to be the answer to someone else's prayer? How often does our prayer center on being the object God uses to accomplish God's work in the world? Perhaps one of the reasons prayer seems incomplete to many of us is that we are doing all the asking and not doing much of the responding. Maybe our prayer life would become more exciting to us if we realized that when we pray we are also opening ourselves to the mystery of obedience. Christianity is not all about us. Church is not just for me.

When was the last time you were the answer to someone else's prayer? When was the last time you followed God's leading only to discover the Holy Spirit sent you there?



Vacation Bible School

August 2nd-6th

5:30 - 8:30

(Birth to Rising 8th Graders)



Hey kids!!
Now that school's out we have something great planned for you.

Who?: Ages 3 through 5th grade

What?: We will have a short music time, learn a little about missions and go outside and play together.

When?: Wednesdays at 6:30

Where? Upstairs in the Education Bldg.

(Leaders: Cathy Kever, Jesse Waugh,
Rob Jones and David Anderson)

You will not want to miss Galactic Blast VBS, a cosmic adventure focusing on praising our wonderful, incredible, amazing, , magnificent and awesome God! This cosmic combination of faith and fun will bring our "cadets" into a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ! Activities include the Bible Storyteller, Discovery Time, Music and Recreation. You will laugh, learn and have fun with Galileo, the galactic gorilla.....join us to find out why Galileo is green! We'll begin each evening with a light meal at 5:30 and Opening Assembly at 6:00. Don't miss out...you'll have a BLAST!



JOY Group NEWS

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



July Meeting

Tuesday, July 13-JOY Group Luncheon
Western Sizzlin' at 11:30

Program: Beverly Williams, Harnett County
Emergency Management Coordinator and
Scott Phillips, Asst. Chief Dunn Emergency Services
This will be an interesting program for all, but especially for seniors who live alone. They will be discussing services available during emergencies (oxygen, special medicines, etc.).

Come & bring a friend. This could save a life.

Upcoming Activities

Ava Gardner Museum and Meadow Restaurant

Thursday, July 22-Depart @ 11:00

Lunch @ Meadow-Cost approx. \$6.50.

Followed by a tour and full length movie
with snacks at the museum.

Cost for tour, movie & snack is \$10.

Sign up and pay by July 18th.

Reserve your space today.

Call Faye Bleacher at 892-3903 for more information.

OK Women of Faith Ladies! It's time to start planning our WOF 2010 trip to Greensboro! Write the dates on your calendars and be ready for a fabulous weekend. We will leave the church Friday morning November 12th and return late Saturday afternoon. We will pin down the times closer to November. The cost of the WOF ticket is \$89 and the total will be due August 31st. We are still taking a \$45 deposit for tickets and you can make payments over the summer right to the church office. Please write WOF in the check memo. We will stay in the Sheraton Four Seasons. The room rate is \$136 and the more people in each room, the cheaper it will be, so grab a roommate and let's have some FUN! Lunch is included both days and we will go out to eat Friday night to a nice restaurant. Whether or not we would like to have Saturday dinner together will be discussed closer to November as well.

This year the cast is the best yet! Patsy Clairmont and Marilyn Meberg are returning and don't forget about ANITA RENFROE! Sandi Patty, Mandisa and Mary Beth and Steven Curtis Chapman will provide the music and of course the amazing Worship Team is Over the Top! Go to <http://www.womenoffaith.com/greensboro/> to see all of the speakers and special guests and to read their bio.

Remember!! Your ticket is not guaranteed until you put down at least a \$45 deposit! Don't take the chance of not being a part of this exciting weekend with your friends! If you know of someone who would like to go, please forward this email them and let me know of their address!

Let Ashlyn or Dawn know if you have any questions! We are super excited and can't wait to see you there!

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Our Vitals

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| 2010 Weekly Budget: | \$ 7,681.75 |
| Rcvd. 05/23/10 | \$ 4,241.95 |
| Rcvd. 05/30/10 | \$ 7,488.79 |
| Rcvd. 06/06/10 | \$ 9,281.16 |
| Rcvd. 06/13/10 | \$ 6,127.50 |
| Rcvd. 06/20/10 | \$ 4,476.50 |
| 2010 YTD Variance | (\$ 20,197.95) |

WMU News

The cookbook will be arriving soon.

It contains over 400 recipes from our church family.

Everyone will want at least one of these.

The cost is \$18 and you can order one by placing a check in the offering plate or the church office marked cookbook.

Also, if you have a Food Lion MVP card, it can be registered for the church to receive money from their 'Community Rewards' program to help stock the food pantry. Simply provide your 12 digit card number, address & phone number.

Contact Patrice Thompson or Peggy Jones

Celebrating 125 Years of Ministry

Do you have family or friends, not already on our mailing list, who would like to receive an invitation to our celebration? Is so, please contact the church office at (910) 892-6161 or dunnbaptist@embarqmail.com or Joanne Juby at (910) 892-7554 or jrjbc1@alo.com to give us the names and addresses so that they will be added to the invitation list.

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Personnel

Pastor
Music Min./Assoc. Pastor
Youth & Children's Minister
Administrative Asst.
Organist
Custodian
Summer Ministry Intern

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

Summer Schedule

Sunday Morning Schedule

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Schedule

*Youth and Children's Activities will be special activities such as; cookouts, pizza & movie nights, swimming, bowling, free play, etc. Dates TBA

*Committees and organizations may want to move their meeting to Sunday evenings.

*No evening worship services.

Wednesday Night Schedule

Nursery 6:30 – 7:15
Children on Mission/Music 6:30 – 7:15
Youth Bible Study 6:30 – 7:15
Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 6:30 – 7:15
Adult Choir (Except July) 7:30 – 8:30

Special Summer Events

Youth Caswell Trip June 28-July 2
July 4th Worship July 4
Church Picnic July 18
Promotion Sunday August 1
Vacation Bible School August 2-6
Senior Adult Led/Appr. August 15
Youth Led Service August 29

ANNUAL CHURCH COOKOUT

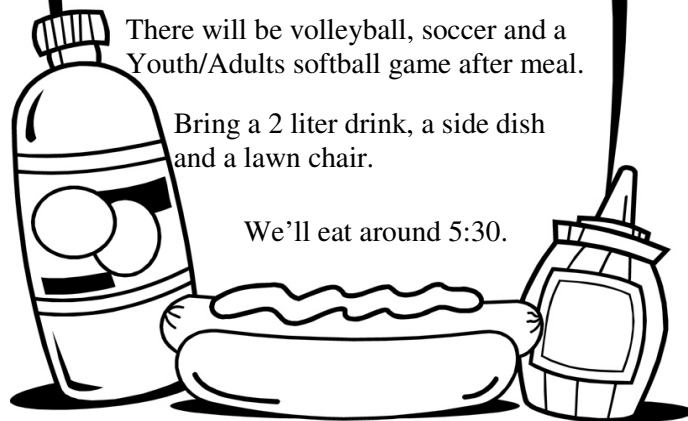
July 18th @ Tart Park

Come at 4:00 and join in the games and fun.

There will be volleyball, soccer and a Youth/Adults softball game after meal.

Bring a 2 liter drink, a side dish and a lawn chair.

We'll eat around 5:30.



Our Volunteers

July 4 Nursery: Debbie Norris/Jo Ann Wells
Radio: Bob Jones
July 11 Nursery: Janice Thomas/Reaves Houston
Radio: Bo Jones
July 18 Nursery: Joy Weeks/Pat Miriello
Radio: Boyd Dixon
July 25 Nursery: Terrill & Carla Brown
Radio: Larry Snipes
Nursery Coordinator for July-Joy Weeks
Children's Church for July-Angela Jones

JULY EVENT AND BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| **REGULAR ACT.** 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship | | | **REGULAR ACT.** 6:30 Youth 6:30 Children on Mission 6:30 Bible Study | 1 Bea Boyette | 2 | 3 Ben Jordan Ella Kelly Ollie Grey Warren |
| 4 **REGULAR ACT.** | 5 **OFFICE CLOSED** | 6 | 7 **REGULAR ACT.** (New Bible Study Time) 5:45 VBS Meeting | 8 | 9 Ashley Barbour Doris Carr | 10 Dawn Glover |
| 11 **REGULAR ACT.** Faye Bleacher | 12 10:00 Worship/Senior Cit. | 13 11:30 JOY Group Lunch Jan Jernigan | 14 **REGULAR ACT.** (New Bible Study Time) | 15 Tony Barbour Madison Dunn Fannie Sue Jackson Michael Norris | 16 Edwin Bass Christopher Dixon Bobby West | 17 Don Davis |
| 18 **REGULAR ACT.** 4:00 Church-wide Cookout at Tart Park | 19 10:00 Worship/Senior Cit. | 20 Randy Horne | 21 **REGULAR ACT.** (New Bible Study Time) Wanda Godwin Jeffrey Johnson Patrick White | 22 11:00 JOY Group to Ava Gardner Museum | 23 Caroline Dunham Christopher Dunham Taylor Dunham Lucas Marshall | 24 William Elmore Karen Watson |
| 25 **REGULAR ACT.** Rita Coats | 26 10:00 Worship/Senior Cit. | 27 Jessica West | 28 **REGULAR ACT.** (New Bible Study Time) | 29 Bo Jones Drew Landon | 30 Janie Pope | 31 Ed Lassiter Parker Watson Jo Ann Wells |