

# THE BUILDER

The Newsletter of the First Baptist Church of Dunn, Inc.  
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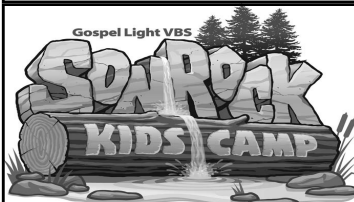


## Sunday School Promotion Day

June 14th

Members will report to their regular classes and then proceed to their new class at 10:30.

## Save the Date: June 22-26



Kick off @ 5:30 each day with dinner in the fellowship hall.

## 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 would like to recognize them. Please don't assume we know. Call the church office @ 892-6161 or e-mail Matt at [dunnbaptistyouth@embarqmail.com](mailto:dunnbaptistyouth@embarqmail.com).

## 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)

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.



**Attention High School Seniors! A NEW Sunday school class will start on promotion Sunday for you and other college age students. This class will take place during the summer of 2009 and be taught by our pastor, Len Kever. Please plan to attend on June 14<sup>th</sup>, throughout the summer and at other special times during the year!**

## The Youth Corner

- ◆ Youth: Your help is needed!  
The week before Bible school is a busy week for everyone. If you would like to help set up for Bible school, it would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, come to the church June 15th-18th at 9:00am. We will work every morning getting ready for Bible school. Bring money for lunch and we will go out and grab a bite to eat. If you have any questions, call Matt.
- ◆ Youth Camp Meeting - 6/14 @ 5:30.  
This meeting is for all campers and their parents are encouraged to also attend.



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.



The Sanctuary Choir invites you to a wedding shower honoring Sommer Waugh And Joseph Reeder Sunday, June 7th 2:00 to 4:00 in the church parlor.

The couple is registered at Belk, Jordan's, Kohls and Target.

## *From Your Pastor...*

*"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you were had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy," 1 Peter 2:9-10.*

The doctrine of the Priesthood of the Believer is one of the strongest identifying qualities of Baptists. We believe that every member of the church is a priest for themselves and for others. We believe that we can approach God on our own to confess our sins, seek God's presence, express our joy, and intercede on behalf of others. As ambassadors of Christ, each member of Christ's body has a priestly duty to perform; everyone is equal in their ability to approach God through Christ.

As the Protestant churches were forming several characteristics emerged. There were questions of ecclesiastical authority, leadership and organization, the role of the pastor and the expectations of the membership. For many Protestants, and certainly for Baptists, the doctrine emerged that there were no walls of separation between clergy and laity with respect to the ability to approach God on a personal basis. Galatians 3:28 greatly informed them that, "In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female."

Our Baptist forbearers came to believe and affirm that a hierarchy that established the clergy as separate and privileged over and above a laity that was farther distanced from God by vocation went against the example of Jesus and the teachings of the New Testament. They believed that when someone accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior they needed no mediator between themselves and God except the Holy Spirit; which is available to every believer through God's grace and mercy. In the 4th chapter of Ephesians, Paul lists that there are different offices in the church and while Baptist's do affirm that believers are called and equipped for particular duties they do not believe that this negates or diminishes all Christians from their responsibility to work to develop their own spiritual gifts or to be a minister to others. Every believer functions as a priest in discerning God's call upon their life, in praying for self and for others, and in sharing in the work of the church. Jesus calls us all to be involved in his kingdom.

Baptists have long preserved and nurtured this distinction among Protestant Christians. We are not the only denomination who holds to this equality where each member is given equal say in the life and polity of the church but we are very much a standard barrier in preserving this unique portion of our heritage. This is why we do business as we do, publish prayer lists for our members, and form prayer groups to intercede for others. The Priesthood of each believer is one way we all express and experience the freedom to which Jesus has called us. Everyone has a ministry to perform. Everyone has God's love to share. Everyone has a story to tell. Everyone has a responsibility to share it. Everyone has a vote to cast. No member's voice is more important than another. These are only a few of the things the rich heritage of the doctrine of the Priesthood of each believer provides to us all.

*In joyful appreciation of our marriage  
on Saturday, the twentieth of June  
two thousand and nine*

*we,*

*Sommer Elizabeth*

*And*

*Joseph Shelton*

*together with our parents*

*Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Waugh*

*and*

*Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Reeder*

*invite you to share with us*

*in this celebration of love*

*at two o'clock in the afternoon*

*First Baptist Church of Dunn*

*Reception following ceremony*

*The Howard House*

*402 South Layton Avenue*

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2	Bobbie Ledford	19	Howard Bass
3	Haruz Duncan		Kerry Metz
	Dusty Hinson	20	Buddy Lockamy
	Sommer Waugh	21	David Pate
	Lois Williams	22	Robert Carr
4	Billy Henry		Bill Fennell
5	J. Nowell Smith		Joy Weeks
6	Griffin Barefoot	23	Brenda Skinner
9	Joyce Watkins	24	Phil Fusco
10	Cynthia Bittmann	25	Laney Kittrell
	Jackie Byrd		Maegan Lee
	Stan Jarrell		Murry Phillips
	Ben Waters		Pete Skinner
11	Tyler Fennell	26	Elizabeth Turnage
12	Colby Byrd	27	Gracie Byrd
15	Steve Herring		Linda Fuller
16	Randy Sills		Lucille Guthrie
17	Sallie Landen		Morgan Monds
	Gene Moore		Lynn Zich

# SPREAD THE JOY

## JOY Group News

The JOY Group met Tuesday, May 12th, with 15 present. We scheduled no program so we could visit and take suggestions for summer activities. Birthday wishes went to Myrtle Duncan, Darleen Beasley Hamilton and Hilda Wilson after which we drew the lucky number for the gift certificate.

Macie Knox was the lucky winner. Thanks to Myrtle and Haruz for introducing their daughter, Deana, to us. We hope she can join us again. Everyone was glad to see Hilda Wilson back. Even though, bruised and battered, she still made it and we're hoping that her complete recovery comes quickly. Our next activity is on Saturday, June 13th. We leave at 12:30 for Johnston Community College Music Show. All seats on the bus are filled and tickets are already reserved. Look forward to it! We'll have a great big ole time!

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## Day Trips

On April 30th, we traveled to Campbell University. You have to see it to believe it! Description seems impossible! The John W. Pope, Jr. Convocation Center makes the statement that Buies Creek Academy, Campbell College, now Campbell University, not only demands excellence in academics but excellence in facilities. No details were spared. The multi-use Gore arena with its orange seats can accommodate up to 5,000 people. There are state of the art practice areas, concession areas, staff rooms, media rooms, weight rooms, and exercise rooms. You name it...it's all there. And it is first class. We were proud to see that through hard work and perseverance many of our Dunn friends and neighbors helped make this building possible. Plaques indicated entire rooms were dedicated by their families from our Dunn community. Their Christian generosity will live on for many years to come. Make a point to see it. You'll be glad you did. The beautiful new chapel is nearing completion and with its bell tower and landscaping plans it will be one of the premiere spots on the entire campus. We shall definitely return to see the finished project. The campus tour was great and we certainly want to include the exotic animal museum in the School of Business on our next visit. Marshbanks Cafeteria exceeded expectations! Food was everywhere and believe me, we did our best. We thoroughly enjoyed our Campbell University tour. After leaving Campbell, Keith Finch gave us a grand tour of the Harnett Regional Airport facilities which included a guided tour of the SBI facilities. It was really informative and thanks to Keith, we saw and heard details that few in the county are lucky enough to know about. Thanks Keith for your time and effort!

Thursday, May 14th, nineteen excited passengers (31 had originally signed up) rolled out at 8:00 am and headed toward New Bern. Thanks goodness our driver, Krystal, was more awake than the rest of us. Our first stop was Tryon Palace where we met Paul White, Sr., Paul, Jr. and Patsy. They joined us for the entire tour so we had a nice visit with them. Everyone was especially happy to see Paul, Sr. The palace tour was outstanding! Chambermaids in period dress toured us through the many rooms. The palace commission has done a great job of reconstructing the palace grounds and gathering period furnishings for the entire building. The carved mahogany staircase, the grand marble fireplaces and the decorations in general are a feast for the eyes. We certainly enjoyed looking and listening. After our walking tour of the palace and the beautiful grounds we traveled downtown to the Chelsea Restaurant where we were served in grand style (white tablecloths & floral centerpieces). It was nice to rest and talk about the palace sights as we enjoyed a great lunch with the White family. After lunch, Paul Jr. shared some of his historical knowledge about his adopted home town of New Bern.

As we rode through the town, it was fascinating to learn how many of the homes had been moved to different sites several times. They surely believed in preservation back then. If they built it, they kept it. Today, we are a "throw away" society. Paul's church, First Baptist, is celebrating its bicentennial so we were happy to meet his pastor as well as admire the beautiful interior of the church and enjoy some of its history. Another interesting stop was the 210 year old cemetery. New Bern is making steady progress in becoming another "Charleston". Every street, every corner, has a tale to be told. It is certainly a worthwhile destination. Wish you could have been with us! Paul Sr. invited us to visit his new home and we were really glad that we did. He has a lovely place to live and is very happy there with many new friends close by. We miss him in Dunn but are pleased to know that all is well with him. We enjoyed our day in New Bern and are looking forward to more good fun, food and fellowship.

**Try it ~ you might like it!**

## Prayer Concerns

**In the Hospital:** Brenda Skinner-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, Ima Jean Tart, Faye Tew, May Waugh.

**Other Church Members:** Johnnie Atkins, Lib Ausley, Zola Blackman, Grace Blake, Eloise Boyette, Brother Clifton, Haruz & Myrtle Duncan, Harvey Eldridge, Phillip Fusco, Maude Hodges, Lunette Hudson, Fannie Sue Jackson, Jan Jernigan, 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, Hilda Wilson.

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

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

## **Our Vitals**

2009 Weekly Budget:	\$ 7,625.29
Rcvd. 04/26/09	\$ 6,326.25
Rcvd. 05/03/09	\$11,141.57
Rcvd. 05/10/09	\$11,361.85
Rcvd. 05/17/09	\$ 6,378.50
2009 YTD Variance	(\$14,010.74)

## **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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### Personnel

Pastor	Dr. Len Kever, 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

## MAY EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY  
REGULAR ACTIVITIES  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Morning Worship  
6:30 Bible Study  
6:30 Youth, GA's, RA's & Mission Friends

MONDAY  
10:00 Worship @ Senior Cit.  
WEDNESDAY  
REGULAR ACTIVITIES  
5:45 Baptist Dining  
7:00 Prayer Meeting  
6:30 Youth & Children's Act.  
7:15 Sanctuary Choir Practice

- 3    \*\*REGULAR ACTIVITIES\*\*
- 7    \*\*REGULAR ACTIVITIES\*\*  
GRADUATE SUNDAY
- 8    7:00 Deacon's Meeting
- 9    11:30 JOY Group Luncheon
- 10   \*\*REGULAR ACTIVITIES\*\*
- 13   12:30 JOY Group Trip to JCC
- 14   \*\*REGULAR ACTIVITIES\*\*  
SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION DAY  
5:30 Youth Camp Meeting
- 17   \*\*REGULAR ACTIVITIES\*\*
- 21   \*\*REGULAR AM ACTIVITIES\*\*  
No PM Activities
- 22   5:30 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- 23   5:30 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- 24   5:30 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- 25   5:30 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- 26   5:30 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- 28   \*\*REGULAR ACTIVITIES\*\*

Our Volunteers

June 7	Nursery	Boyd & Jennifer Dixon
	Radio	Kathy Mann
June 14	Nursery	Lucille/Whitney Guthrie
	Radio	Harvey Eldridge
June 21	Nursery	Bill & Kathy Fennell
	Radio	Bob Jones
June 28	Nursery	Pat & Denise Marshall
	Radio	Bo Jones

Nursery Coordinator for June-Jennifer Dixon  
Children's Church for June-Denise Marshall