

THE BUILDER

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



On November 1st, during the morning worship service, we will be bringing food items to the altar as a demonstration of our Christian care and concern for our neighbors. Please prayerfully consider your involvement in this very important ministry.



December Calendar of Worship Events

- ◆ Dec. 6th 11:00am Ralph & Tammy Stocks
Hungarian Missionaries
- ◆ Dec. 6th 6:30pm Hanging of the Greens
- ◆ Dec. 13th 6:30pm Moravian Love Feast
- ◆ Dec. 20th 6:30pm Adult Cantata

Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for these celebrations of the season.

From Your Pastor...

Are you ready? Have you taken a deep breath? It's that time of year again; Thanksgiving and Christmas are upon us. It is the busiest time of the year at home, at work, at church. If we blink we will miss it; if we avoid it we won't be prepared for the chilling tests of January and February, for the loneliness of March's howling wind or teasing calm.

The truth is we need Thanksgiving and Christmas to renew our souls and lift our spirits for the winter months ahead; not just the winter of earth but the winter of spirit as well. We need opportunities to stop and be thankful for the blessings around us, to be reminded of God's blessings that far exceed our needs (regardless of our wants). And, we need Christmas, the celebration of the Christ Child's birth, the gaiety, colors, songs, and sweets to clue us in to the cosmic glory always around us revealed in stories of angel's songs and shepherd's visits. The ancient Celtic Christians spoke of thin places where the cosmic world of God and the limited world of humans come close, where the experience of God is most evident to those who seek God; Thanksgiving and Christmas are that to me. Unfortunately for many the stress of the holidays and the demands of growing expectations only serve to thicken the spiritual air, separating us from the potential renewal God is offering in this season of tradition and symbol, hope and promise. For many the rush of the holidays and the distraction of trying to achieve perfection take us away from the very thing the season is offering: Peace on earth, goodwill to all.

I am reminded of Mary and Martha both attending to Jesus in different ways: Martha busy in the kitchen working to prepare the meal; Mary taking a breath sitting at Jesus' feet listening to the stories, imagining how he can change her life. I can't help but wonder when the meal was finished and the plates cleaned if Martha wondered if she'd missed something important while she worried about the lamb being undercooked or the vegetables needing more salt. When all was said and done, did Martha wonder if she'd spent too much time on the wrong thing?

If we aren't careful we can journey through the season with our minds full of thoughts, our calendars full of events that don't do much to nourish us when winter arrives; we will have done little to get ready for the challenges and opportunities, the trials and surprises 2010 will present. So stop, breathe, sit a little longer with a cup of coffee, think a bit more about how Sunday's sermon spoke to you or what the daily reading reveals. Slow down and be aware of God's presence. Allow your Thanksgiving to be met with God's Advent. Don't go passively into the holidays preparing for everything else while leaving your faith to chance. Make the decision now to make Christ your priority this season. Your experience this Christmas will be what you choose for it to be.

(Cathy and I want to thank those who assisted with our expenses as we travel to Ukraine to represent CBF-NC and our church at the Village of Hope's annual board meeting. Please pray for us as we seek to discern God's will in attempting to provide for the care of the children God has called us to love in Ukraine.)

JOY Group NEWS

Recent Activities

Butler Chapel & Lundy Museum Tour
at Campbell University

Northwood Temple Dinner Theatre
Fayetteville

JOY Group Luncheon
Program: Baptist Children's Homes
Abe Elmore, Speaker

Upcoming Activities

Tuesday, Nov. 10th @ 11:30am
JOY Luncheon
Western Sizzlin

Thursday, Nov. 12th @ 9:30am
Elizabeth's Pecan Products Turkey, NC
FREE ADMISSION
Lunch @ Duplin Winery Bistro
Cost for lunch is \$6-12

Saturday, December 5th @ 3:30
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**

WMU and Circle of Friends News

Next meeting Monday, Nov 2nd @ 10:30 am
Circle of Friends @ 7:00 pm

Program: Dan & Emile Jarvis of Jefferson, NC
(Relatives of Jennifer Dixon) will present
a program on Samaritan's Purse
Bring: Samaritan's Purse Items
Money for lunch
Reminder: Invite your secret sister to the meeting

All ladies are invited to come to either the morning meeting or the evening meeting, whichever works best with your schedule. If you are unsure what WMU and Circle of Friends are about, don't worry, we'll tell you.

A Word (or two) from Jesse

Wow! What a difference six months can make in a family's life! The Waugh family has experienced so many life changing events since last May and you have been there with us through them all.

It all began with Sommer's graduation and wedding. Then my Mom's health declined rapidly requiring more attention and then her death. One month later the birth of a grandson. Then the news that you have cancer that needs to be treated. Needless to say, we have been on a roller coaster ride emotionally. We have definitely experienced the highs and lows.

It goes without saying that we could not have gotten through any of these events without the Lord's strength and our church family. Your love and support has been felt all along the way. No, the journey is not over. The treatment for the cancer is on hold until after the first of the year. Your continued prayers and support are still needed. Our lives are in God's hands and we are confident that healing is going to take place.

It is my prayer that God will continue to bless our ministry together. I know that He has plans for our church family that will be life changing for us at FBC, Dunn. We must be willing to allow Him to have control and then respond to His call to minister to those in need around us.

Our Vitals

2009 Weekly Budget:	\$ 7,625.29
Rcvd. 09/27/09	\$ 5,151.32
Rcvd. 10/04/09	\$ 11,507.00
Rcvd. 10/11/09	\$ 7,826.05
Rcvd. 10/18/09	\$ 6,102.35
2009 YTD Variance	(\$26,841.64)

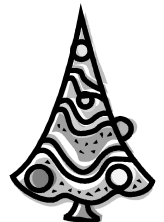
The Youth Corner

Upcoming Youth Events!
















































Youth Lock In (November 6-7). Be on the lookout for some exciting information to be sent to you about the lock in. **YOU'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE.**
ACC Football Church Day at Wake Forest University (November 14, 2009). The program is at noon so we will leave the church at 9:30am. The cost is \$25 which includes lunch and game ticket.

Missions Weekend at Red Springs (November 20-21, 2009). Our youth and adults 13 years of age and older are invited to go to the North Carolina Baptist Men's facility in Red Springs where we will spend a day on a short-term mission project (construction and clean-up) to help residents there. Cost: \$15 to \$20 per person (includes meal and lodging at Red Springs).

*Christmas Scavenger Hunt
and Dinner will be Dec. 11th.*



NOVEMBER EVENT AND BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	REGULAR ACT. 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 5:00 Handbell Practice 6:30 Evening Worship, Youth, Kids on Missions			5:45 Baptist Dining 6:30 Youth 6:30 Children's Choir 7:00 Bible Study 7:45 Sanctuary Choir				
1	**REGULAR ACT.** Food In Gathering  Thomas Bates  Juanita Jones	2 10:30 Worship/Senior Cit. 10:30 WMU 7:00 Circle of Friends	3 10:30 Worship/Senior Cit. 10:30 WMU 7:00 Circle of Friends	4 **REGULAR ACT.**  Sam Ausley  Jim Kerney  Ima Jean Tart  Laura Tyndall	5  Ramona Beasley  Zola Blackman  Jennifer Cannady	6 ← Women of Faith Conference →  Carey Barfield  Candace Brinkman  Eliza Waters	7 Youth Lock-In → ← Women of Faith Conference →  Graham Henry	
8	**REGULAR AM ACT.** 6:30 Church wide Long Range Planning  Shirley Cannady	9 10:30 Worship/Senior Cit. 7:00 Deacon's Meeting  Gary Norris  Jesse Waugh	10 11:30 JOY Group Lunch  Phillip Fusco  Vickie Torres	11 **REGULAR ACT.** Church Conference	12 9:30 JOY Group Trip to Elizabeth's Pecans  Timothy Brown	13  Margaret Starling	14  Joe Godwin	
15	**REGULAR ACT.** Christmas Child Shoe Box Presentation	16 10:30 Worship/Senior Cit. 10:30 Elizabeth Green Cir.  Wayne Barbour  Jerry Watkins	17  Carolina Yopp	18 **REGULAR ACT.**	19  Ryan Byrd  Marinda Earp	20 ← Red Springs Missions Weekend →	21  Angela Jones	
22	**REGULAR ACT.**  Barbara Avery  Kathy Fennell  Jimmy Hinson	23 10:30 Worship/Senior Cit.  Valerie Hubbard  Brent Lee	24 7:00 Christmas Choir  Bob Myers	25 **No Services**	26 7:00 Thanksgiving Service and Breakfast **Office Closed**  Bob Jones  Trent Fennell  Peggy Lawrence	27 **Office Closed**  Lawrence Collins  Marilyn Poe  Bo Strickland	28  Lola Denning  Caleigh Jones  Amanda Wise	
29	**REGULAR AM ACT.** 6:30 Church wide Long Range Planning  Bobby Earp	30 10:30 Worship/Senior Cit.  Anakin Barfield  Jack Carlisle  Gene Driver  Elizabeth Lawrence						

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An Abundance of Thanks



Thanksgiving Service and Breakfast
Thanksgiving Morning @ 7:00

I would like to express my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to all of my church family and friends for the many acts of kindness extended to me during the recent loss of my beloved sister. May God richly bless each one for the love and compassion shown during this time of great sorrow.

In Christian love,
Elizabeth Emory
and Family

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

Nov. 1	Nursery: Ashlyn Thompson Jessica West Radio: Bo Jones
Nov. 8	Nursery: Rob & Lou Ann Jones Radio: Boyd Dixon
Nov. 15	Nursery: Robbie & Sarah Pope Radio: Larry Snipes
Nov. 22	Nursery: Paige and Reaves Houston Radio: Kathy Mann
Nov. 29	Nursery: Boyd & Jennifer Dixon Radio: Harvey Eldridge

Nursery Coordinator for November-Lou Ann Jones
Children's Church for November-Paula Parker