

THE BUILDER

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



*~Fall Festival is October 25th from 4:00-7:00~
Please plan to join us for lots of fun activities including a cake
walk, pumpkin decorating contest, face painting, candy guess,
and, of course, the GIANT SLIDE and other inflatables.
Come enjoy some pig with all the trimmings and hot
dogs for the kids. Decorate your own
cupcake for dessert.*

From Your Pastor...

Last month, we talked about the Autonomy of the Local Church; Baptists have long believed that each church is free to make decisions regarding faith and practice without interference of a governing body or creed established beyond the local church membership. And while we cling tightly to each congregation's independence, Baptists have also long practiced a spirit of interconnectedness between other Baptist bodies as well as with other Christians outside the Baptist expression of Christian faith. The Autonomy of the Local Church was never meant to mean that Baptist's were to be isolationists.

From the beginning of the history of Baptists, churches have come together in matters of missions, benevolence, and education. Very early in our past, churches sought to join in associations for the work of Christ beyond the local church. Early Baptists sought clarity of doctrine by meeting with other churches. They sought to provide schools of higher education where Baptists could be trained to lead local churches and to serve their community. Some of the most prestigious schools in America were started by Baptists. I once heard a seminary professor say that when schools were needed, Christians established them. When hospitals were needed, Christians built them. When care was needed in a community, Christians provided the care. This is historically true for Baptists. But we did not do it alone; we did it together.

A spirit of cooperation exists between interconnected churches. At First Baptist, we are unified with churches in Harnett County through the Little River Baptist Association. Together we provide mission opportunities, training, and networking. By joining with other churches in our area we participate in starting churches and providing opportunities for churches to work together for Christ. We are also associated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, CBF of North Carolina, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. By being interconnected with other Baptists, we provide for missionaries, benevolent support of the needy, children at the North Carolina Baptist Children's Home, and the children living at the Village of Hope in Kiev, Ukraine. We work with the Romany people through NC Baptist Men and CBF missionaries. When disaster strikes, NC Baptist Men are called on to help in tremendous ways providing meals by the thousands, shelter, and reconstruction just to name a few; by working with other churches we help provide the assistance. We care for the elderly at the NC Baptist Retirement Homes. We provide financial services through the NC Baptist Foundation. What we could not do alone we can do side-by-side; a full list of what we do jointly would be extensive.

Maintaining the interconnectedness of Baptists, while at the same time, preserving our local church autonomy has long been one of our most endearing characteristics. Baptists must never forget that what makes us alike is much stronger than what would pull us apart. Our associations with other Baptists are one of the most important ways to remain relevant and to make a difference in the world. May we never become so inwardly focused that we forget that God called us to a greater work beyond the parameters of the local church. Baptists need each other not only in the local congregation but in associations, conventions, and fellowships where we can join hand-in-hand with Christ to spread the good-news just as Jesus commanded us (Matthew 28:18-20).

(This is the final installment of looking at Baptist's Traits. Happy 400th Birthday Baptists! May God continue to use us to further Christ's work in His kingdom).

SPREAD THE JOY



Date: October 4th @ 11:00 am
Speaker: Jack Causey from CBF NC
The service will be followed by a fellowship meal. Bring a scrumptious dish and join us to visit and reminisce.

JOY Group News

On Sept. 8th, ten JOY seniors enjoyed lunch at Western Sizzlin. Rev. Jesse Waugh was unable to present our program due to the recent death of his mother; however, he will come real soon. Letters of appreciation to Rev. Chinn at Northside Baptist in Wilmington who assisted us when the bus had mechanical problems from Dr. Keever and Carl Barbour, were shared with the group. Other discussions were about our upcoming activities. We all enjoyed visiting and hope those unable to attend will come next time.

Recent Activities

The JOY group and their guests departed at 9:00 on August 20th for an enjoyable drive to Wilmington and Ft. Fisher. The first stop was at the K & W Cafeteria in Wilmington for an early lunch and then we made our way to Ft. Fisher Civil War Museum. We enjoyed an interesting film and special exhibits in and around the building. The next stop was the N. C. Aquarium. It really is a beautiful place with many interesting marine exhibits. Giant fish tanks held many varieties of fish and was really a pretty display. The premier exhibit was an albino alligator. Close by were cases with different varieties of snakes and large alligators. We were fascinated by watching the attendants; one cleaning inside the pool and others feeding the gators to occupy them while the cleaning took place. It was a great facility and well worth the drive. Unfortunately, our trip ended in excitement when the new bus had mechanical problems and left us stranded but the Lord does provide and we can all attest to that. Our trip home was safe and comfortable and our new bus is ready to go again.

Upcoming Activities

Saturday, October 10 @ 6:00pm

Dinner Theatre at Northwood Temple in Fayetteville (\$21.00 dinner and play—payable before Sept. 30th.)

Call Faye Bleacher @ 892-3903.

Sign up early. Space is limited.

WMU and Circle of Friends News

Next meeting Monday, Oct. 5th @ 10:30 am

Circle of Friends, Monday Oct. 5th @ 7:00 pm

Program: Reps. from the Matthew 25 House will be here talking about their Grenada & Brazil mission trips and their facility.

Bring: One Bag of Candy for Fall Festival
Ready to Eat Items for Food Bags
Shoe Boxes
Leftover Christmas Wrapping Paper

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.

Christmas Choir

The Sanctuary Choir invites you to join us for the Christmas season. We have just begun work on our Christmas Cantata entitled, "I Hear the Prophet Callin'" by Pepper Choplin. We will begin rehearsals as close to 7:30 pm as we possibly can and finish working on the Christmas music by 8:15 each week. If you have sung with us before, we invite you to come back this year. If you haven't sung before, why not try us out this year? Let's join our voices together in presenting this unique presentation of the Christmas story. See you Wednesday.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW DEACONS!

Wayne Barbour Pat Fitzgerald Larry Mason
Faye Bleacher Marshall Hinson Herb Ruark
Terrill Brown Phil Juby
Marinda Earp Mary Lassiter

Our Vitals

2009 Weekly Budget:	\$ 7,625.29
Rcvd. 08/30/09	\$ 7,523.35
Rcvd. 09/06/09	\$ 8,430.38
Rcvd. 09/13/09	\$ 8,107.02
Rcvd. 09/20/09	\$ 5,785.90
2009 YTD Variance	(\$26,927.20)

The Youth Corner

Upcoming Youth Events!

Busch Gardens (October 17, 2009). Although this is primarily for youth, families are also encouraged to attend. Cost: \$35 to \$40 per person plus meals and snacks. The deadline to sign up is October 11th.

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 begins at noon. The cost is \$25 which includes lunch and game ticket. The deadline to sign up is October 21th.

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). The sign up deadline is Oct. 5th.

OCTOBER 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			
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4 **REGULAR AM ACT.** HOME COMING **No PM Activities**	5 10:30 Worship/Senior Cit. 10:30 WMU 7:00 Circle of Friends Grace Blake Tommy Byrd Pamela Harant	6 Rowena Jernigan	7 **REGULAR ACT.**	8 **REGULAR ACT.**	9 Olese Hudson Cindy Finch Mike Sinclair Mac Waters	10 6:00 JOY Group trip to Northwood Dinner Theatre Thomas Bass Timothy Bass
11 **REGULAR ACT. ** 5:30 125th Cmte. Mtg. Richard Carr Betty ReBarker	12 10:30 Worship/Senior Cit. 7:00 Deacon's Meeting Will Barfield Zachary Turnage	13 11:30 JOY Group Lunch	14 **REGULAR ACT.** Church Conference Ashley Barfield	15 **REGULAR ACT.**	16 Lib Ausley	17 7:00 Busch Gardens Trip
18 **REGULAR ACT. ** 6:30 Church-wide Long Range Planning Russell Galvan	19 10:30 Worship/Senior Cit. 10:30 Elizabeth Green Cir. Rhonda Lockamy Mason Watson	20 Emily Weaver Stephanie Home	21 **REGULAR ACT.**	22 Bob Hamilton Mark Johnson Scotty Parker Meredith Ruark	23 Caroline Marshall	24 Christie Waters Suzanne McCall
25 **REGULAR AM ACT.** 4:00 -7:00 Fall Festival Edna Denning Janice Stewart	26 10:30 Worship/Senior Cit. J C Moore Lydia Jones	27 Eneare Collins Lynda Creed	28 **REGULAR ACT.** Megan Shaner	29 Zachary Dixon	30 Melissa Barefoot Cody Byrd	31 Jennifer Dixon Reaves Houston

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Custodian	Maria Wadzinski



COOPERATIVE BAPTIST
fellowship
OF NORTH CAROLINA

Loving God with All Our Minds:

Connecting Sanctuary and Classroom
(Matthew 22:37)

October 20, 2009

Held at Campbell University

- *5:15 pm **Fellowship Meal** (cost is \$10)
*6:30 pm **Workshops** (Choose from: The Authority of the Bible, How to Find Quality Sunday School Literature, CBF 101, What Are They Thinking? Ministry with Young Adults Today, Resourcing the Youth, Cultural Barriers: Missional Work, CSI: The Family, Connecting with the Connected: Reaching Out to the Digital Generation, and Navigating the Childhood Curriculum Options)
*7:30 pm **Worship/Music** by college students

Contact the church office to sign up!

Thank You!!

There are not enough words to express to you, our church family, how much you mean to our family. Many of you visited with Mom while she was at Senior Citizens Village over the past 5 years. You showed her love even when she did not know who you were. Your expressions of love for her have touched the lives of all of her children and grandchildren. Thanks for loving her the way that you did. That love has been felt by our family through your many words of sympathy, cards, memorial gifts given in her memory and your prayers. Thank you for being here when we needed you the most. May God bless each of you as you continue to minister in His name.

Jesse Waugh and Family

Our Volunteers

Oct. 4	Nursery: Stan & Denise Jarrell
	Radio: Larry Snipes
Oct. 11	Nursery: Chuck & Phyllis Turnage
	Radio: Kathy Mann
Oct. 18	Nursery: Donald & Dawn Glover
	Radio: Harvey Eldridge
Oct. 25	Nursery: Betty & Lauren Bass
	Radio: Bob Jones

Nursery Coordinator for October-Denise Jarrell
Children's Church for October-Denise Marshall