



# THE BUILDER

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

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## From the Pastor

Many years ago, as Cathy and I were driving around Winston-Salem, we went by the house in which she lived as a little girl. When we drove by, she talked about how the house looked the same but kept commenting on how big the trees had grown. It has become an inside joke for us that whenever we return somewhere we once lived to comment on the size of the trees.

It is interesting that when we return to a place from our past, even knowing there will be changes, we are surprised by them; things are not the same. I felt this way the first time I drove by my grandparent's home in Gastonia. The garage was torn down and a second house was built where the garden once stood. The new owners had let the shrubs go untended. It was depressing to see what Granddaddy had taken such care of neglected. When we have a memory of something that memory doesn't change with the seasons, it remains unchanged. We expect things to be just like it was the last time we saw it. It isn't until we see it again that we see that time has affected those places too.

It occurs to me as we prepare to come back together as individual Sunday school classes etc. that over these last 18 plus months the trees have grown. There have been many changes among us that we will need to acknowledge. We will not be coming back to our classes; we will be moving forward into them. There have been events in people's lives that we may or may not have known about. Fifteen members of the church have passed away since we moved into COVID protocol. Some of our members have gone through difficult medical procedures. Some walk slower and some don't hear as well. Children have gotten taller, we have had two graduating classes, and there have been staff changes at church. We have grown stronger in these last months and we have grown older. We should expect the trees to be different.

For those who have not been together this last year and a half, there will be challenges. We have had people join the church. We may not remember names. Someone may be sitting on a favorite pew. It won't be like it once was. It is what God has directed and grown during the pandemic.

Did you know that during this time we have not failed to worship one single Sunday? Did you know that we have had Wednesday night Bible Study each week? Yes, these have been on the internet as have been Sunday school lessons, youth, and children's gatherings. Some have grown comfortable with these outlets, and it will take a while for them to return---we pray they will---and we know that some may never be able to. We will need to be patient with one another. We will need to share our stories and get reacquainted. This is normal. We have much to celebrate and things over which we need to grieve. We can't go back to how it was; we can only move forward to what it is.

See, just as we know trees will grow, we also know that until we see them, we can't fully imagine what they look like. Prayerfully, I think this is important to mention because if we don't acknowledge it, some may be disappointed and not know why. This is an important time to listen, to share, and to be open with the changes that have occurred in everyone's life. This is a time to practice hospitality not only to the stranger but also to the old friend we haven't seen in a while. God is doing remarkable things in us---and one of them may just be to see how big the trees have grown. *Len*



## FALL BEACH RETREAT

**\$140/person Register now with \$50 Deposit**

**Deadline August 16th**

### UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

August 1st: Sunday School Kick off!

August 4th: Wednesday Night Kick off

August 8th and 29th: Youth Fellowship





Our goal with church media is to enhance worship and *communicate the Gospel well!* New equipment including projectors will allow our sound, video and streaming to work together!

OUR GOAL: \$26,168  
RAISED TO DATE: \$9,750

# WELCOME BACK, CHOIR

**EXCITING NEWS!** We will start back regular adult choir practice on Wednesday, August 4th at 7:30. Meet me in the sanctuary to get back to doing what we love. I look forward to seeing you.

## Handbell News

Handbell choir will meet Sunday August 8th & August 22nd from 5:00-6:00.



Children's Choir will meet in the kids choir room each Wednesday at 6:30!

I am so excited to see and meet all of you! Hope to see you there! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at (919) 820-1580.

Kathryn

## Re-Imagine! 2021

### A Church Leadership Training Event

Join other church members and lay leaders as we re-imagine our church's bright future!

October 3  
Campbell University  
Taylor Hall  
2:30pm-6:00pm

#### For More Information:

[www.barnabaspartnership.com](http://www.barnabaspartnership.com)

#### To Register:

<https://www.barnabaspartnership.com/re-imagine-buies-creek-nc/>



#### Budget Update (7/18/21)

Received YTD \$205,530.52

Required YTD \$245,918.84

Budget Deficit YTD (\$40,388.32)

You may give online at [www.fbcdunn.com](http://www.fbcdunn.com), by using the app or by mail to 309 W. Broad St., Dunn, NC 28334



## VOLUNTEERS

### Candle Lighter

Aug. 1 Eli Williams  
Aug. 8 Bristol Stephens  
Aug. 15 Hudson Whitaker  
Aug. 22 Scarlett Moore  
Aug. 29 Hannah Williams

### Scripture Reader

Aug. 1 Alexa Wise  
Aug. 8 Gracie Byrd  
Aug. 15 Caroline Wrench  
Aug. 22 Julia Scott  
Aug. 29 Ellis Pope

### Media Assistant

Aug. 1 Braylon Boswell  
Aug. 8 Anna Tarplee  
Aug. 15 Caroline Wrench  
Aug. 22 Ron McLamb  
Aug. 29 Ella Holland

### Radio Lesson

Aug. 1 Larry Snipes  
Aug. 8 David Moore  
Aug. 15 Kelly McLamb  
Aug. 22 Bo Jones  
Aug. 29 Chuck Turnage



Aug. 1 Family Worship Together  
Aug. 8 Sara Williams/Miranda Moore  
Aug. 15 Melissa Barefoot/Mary Overby  
Aug. 22 Angela Jones/Kathy Fennell  
Aug. 29 Lauren Stephens/Courtney Phillips



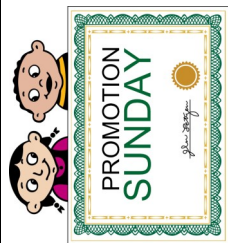
### Unlocking/Locking

Aug. 1 Marshall Hinson  
Aug. 8 Mike Blackmon  
Aug. 15 Mark Dunham  
Aug. 22 Ron Dupree  
Aug. 29 TBD

### Sound System

Aug. 1 Michael Stephens  
Aug. 8 Mark Dunham  
Aug. 15 Ron Dupree  
Aug. 22 Chris Sinclair  
Aug. 29 Michael Stephens

# AUGUST EVENT & BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b><u>Regular Activities</u></b> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Handbells 6:30 Youth Fellowship			<b><u>Regular Activities</u></b> 6:30 Kids Club 252 6:30 Youth Bible Study 6:30 Adult Bible Study 7:30 Adult Choir Practice			
1  Pam Hodges	2 Carolyn Smith	3	4 	5 Ted Fitzgerald Robbie Pope	6 Pat Fitzgerald Ricky Parker Graham Thompson	7 Jeff Beasley
8 Bristol Stephens	9 Kathryn Wise	10 Ruby Johnson	11 Jeanne Barbour Cole Holland	12 Clint Eldridge Miles Snow Cathy Snipes Michael Wright	13 14	
15	16 John Michael Blackmon Kate Cochran Landon Smith	17 Patricia Hinson	18 Carol Clamon Larry Watkins Becky Wise	19 Annette Barfield	20 Mary Sue Godwin	21
22 Ginger Barbour Sandy Thomas	23 Robert Barefoot Marshall Hinson Mary Kerney Larry Mason Ava Smith	24 Alan Eldridge	25 26 Debbie Best Sharon Byrd	27 Wiley Bowen Carolyn Coleman Benjamin Thompson	28 Cathy Pope	
29 	30 Sandra Schneider	31 Matthew Jones Ashlyn Ritter				

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Kevin Snipes



**Come See What's  
Happening With  
Kids Ministry!**

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

2021 VBS is in –person this year!!!



Thur. July 29th—Sun. August 1st.

Friday Night : 5:30pm—8pm

Saturday: 10am—1:30pm

Sunday Morning: 9:30am —12noon

Check out [fbcdunn.com](http://fbcdunn.com) for the  
registration form, or call the office

## **Sunday School**

- Sunday School Kicks off August 1st! We will have breakfast and wrap up VBS.
- Join us each Sunday at 9:45 as we work our way through the Bible with “Faithweaver”.
- If you are a rising 2nd grader you will be receiving your new Bible in worship on August 29th. Please let Mrs. Sara know if you will be attending.
- We need Sunday School teachers!!  
Call Sara to find out more details.

## **Wednesday Nights**

August 4th CLUB 252 kicks off programming! With Kids Choir and discipleship classes . There is a place for every Pre-K to 5th grader!



*“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man.” - Luke 2:52*