



# THE BUILDER

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This morning I woke with thoughts of a parable on my mind. One definition of parable suggests a parable is “a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, like those told by Jesus in the Gospels.”

Jesus often used parables to teach his students. Parables are designed to get us to think, to lead us to truth, without making us defensive or putting us under a spotlight. Often when we get the meaning of a parable, that is we discover the treasure in the story for us, it is more powerful for us than being confronted. Parables can have tremendous effect on us when we listen to them and wonder what lesson is there for us.

Here is the parable I composed.

*There once was a college student who lived with friends in an apartment off campus. They were the best of friends and got along nicely. As time went on, each of them developed other friends and those friends too were included in their ever-increasing circle. At first this wasn't an issue but then, after time, with the demands of school and different social opportunities, spending less and less time together, their relationship began to strain under the weight of their schedules.*

*One day, one of the roommates decided to cook a meal for some people in a study group and have them over to prepare before a test. He went to the store to get the ingredients and spent the afternoon cleaning and getting ready. He boiled the noodles, made the sauce, baked some bread, and put together a salad. He had a dessert from the deli and soft drinks in the refrigerator. Everything was coming together nicely when suddenly he made a terrible discovery, there were no spoons or forks in the drawer.*

*He looked in the dishwasher, they were not there. He searched the other drawers, looked behind the cushions on the sofa and went to look in his roommate's rooms but none were to be found. “Maybe they are in the frig,” he thought. There were none there. Frantically, he texted his roommates, “Where are the forks and spoons?” he asked, “I have friends coming over to eat and I cannot find them.”*

*It wasn't long before the first replied, “I don't know?” Then the second texted, “Oh, I took them to my girlfriend's apartment. Hers were all dirty and she had fixed me dinner, we needed them to eat. I will bring them back next time I am over there.”*

*That evening when dinner was over and the study group disbanded for the night, one of the participants said, “The meal was great, but I have to admit it's hard to eat spaghetti with a knife.”*

What is the meaning of the parable? Each reader will need to think of the answer for themselves. The only hint I can give is to ask if you are a missing fork or a spoon? It is hard to have Sunday school and Bible study without you. *Len*



We are collecting money to send to North Carolina Baptist on Mission for the tornado relief effort.

We have raised \$4,650.

If you would like to contribute to this mission, please mark your check ‘NCBOM Disaster Relief’.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

If changes occur to our services or activities due to inclement weather, we will send a church-wide email, post on Face Book, list on WRAL and Spectrum News 14 and WCKB.



*We have three choirs you can join!*  
***Kids Praise is for preschoolers through 5th grade - Wed. 6:30***  
***Sanctuary Choir is for adults of any age - Wed. 7:30***  
***Handbell Choir is for youth and adults - Twice monthly Sun.***  
***Contact the church office or Kathryn Wise for more info.***

**FBC Ladies!** Mark your calendars and register with Sara!



Link: <https://watch.if2022.com/register/join-group?groupid=20524>

Or Go To

Join.if2022.com and Select **IF: FBC Dunn** for the Group Name

We will have both in-person and virtual options



Budget Update 2021  
 Received \$434,874.00  
Required \$440,957.92  
 Yr. End Budget Deficit (\$6,083.92)



Online Giving

Start something new in 2022!  
 Go to our website at [www.fbcdunn.com](http://www.fbcdunn.com) and click Give.



### Sound System

Feb. 6 Christopher Moore  
 Feb. 13 Michael Stephens  
 Feb. 20 Mark Dunham  
 Feb. 27 Ron Dupree

### Candle Lighter

Feb. 6 Elijah Williams  
 Feb. 13 Bristol Stephens  
 Feb. 20 Jon Russell Wise  
 Feb. 27 Hudson Whitaker

### Scripture Reader

Feb. 6 Kamryn Wise  
 Feb. 13 Caroline Wrench  
 Feb. 20 Julia Scott  
 Feb. 27 Ellis Pope

### Unlocking/Locking

Feb. 2 Marshall Hinson  
 Feb. 6 & 9 Christopher Moore  
 Feb. 13 & 16 Bo Jones  
 Feb. 20 & 23 Chris McDaniel  
 Feb. 27 Marc Phillips

### Radio Lesson

Feb. 6 Kelly McLamb  
 Feb. 13 Bo Jones  
 Feb. 20 Chuck Turnage  
 Feb. 27 Larry Snipes


### Children's Church

Feb. 6 Family Worship Together  
 Feb. 13 Sara Williams and Miranda Moore  
 Feb. 20 Angela Jones & Kathy Fennell  
 Feb. 27 Melissa Barefoot & Mary Overby

**Prayer Coordinator: Lynn Jernigan**

**Greeters: Marshall Hinson, Phyllis Turnage & Ann Parker**

# ***FEBRUARY 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 (Varies) 6:00 Youth Fellowship			<b><u>Regular Activities</u></b> 5:45 Virtual Bible Study 6:30 Kids Club 252 6:30 Youth Bible Study 6:30 Adult Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice			
		1	2	3	4	5
				Annabelle Scott		Beth Hardison Walt Jones
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Donna Godwin Jennifer Young	Keith Houston Amberly Wilson	 Lauren Best	Kathy Mann Campbell Phillips Taylor Phillips	London Hinson		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	7:00 Deacon's Meeting					
Angela Fusco Nicholas Parker	Sara Godwin Lonnie Scott	Fran Scott	Douglas Godwin	Eric Sinclair	Matthew Johnson Peggy Jones	Katie Jackson Ruth Hope Morris Marty Mitchell Paula West
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Ella Holland Michael Simmons Amy Suggs	Scott Eyers	Locke Godwin Larry Snipes Donald Smith	Nancy Wright	Buddy Creed
27	28					

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**DIG IN:** We are digging into the “character of God” on Wednesday nights and learning how to live out God’s Character in the world around us. We also practice “singing and ringing” to share our songs in worship so come join us!

### February Kids Challenge: “Paper Prayer Chain”

Jesus teaches us to love others. We can love others by praying for them. Here is your challenge:

1. Read 1 John 4:16. Make several paper hearts in any color (or get them from Mrs. Sara.
2. On each heart write the name of someone you want to pray for and what you want to tell God about them.
3. Bring the hearts to church and we will watch our Paper Prayer Chain grow!

**BONUS:** you get a special prize if you memorize the verse and say it to me.



### February

- ⇒ We’re continuing in James on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm
- ⇒ During Sunday School we will focus on ways to live out the mission of God.

- ⇒ Sunday School 10am Every Sunday
- ⇒ Worship at 11am Sunday
- ⇒ Sunday Night Youth: We will be working on a mission project each Sunday at 6pm
- ⇒ Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:30pm

### Youth Challenge:

Let’s “love on” the Backpack Buddy ministry this month!

Read 1 John 4:16



Then, when you come to any youth time throughout February do one of the following:

- \* Bring in microwavable Chef Boyardee cans, juice boxes, or pop tarts (see Sara for full list) OR
  - Bring in a donation for us to purchase items
- At the end of the month we will make a special gift box to give with our donations.