



THE BUILDER

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

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They say a picture is worth 1,000 words, I don't think a thousand words could describe the picture my sister sent me this morning. The photo is of Mountain View Cemetery in Black Mountain. It was taken early this morning as the sun began to rise. The sky was beginning to turn blue as the arrival of the sun's rays transformed the gray of the morning. A whisp of clouds painted the horizon. Because of it being early morning, one side seemed bright where the other side was darker as if not being fully awakened to the new day.

Old ancient stones marked those graves closed many years ago. There are no freshly dug graves in this side of the cemetery. In this section lie my grandparents and their contemporaries. Their plots are long filled and often forgotten. The names there evoke memories when I visit. The doctor of my youth lies a few rows over. The names of my friend's grandparents are familiar. For new generations of those who live in town the people buried there are unknown. They are the people who built the community, gave their lives, its on their shoulders they stand.

What caught my eye was the bright color of Thrift laid across the fresh green Spring grass beginning to grow. The Thrift was purple and pink, dark and light, scattered over the ground as if someone had spilled paint across earth's canvas. I wonder as I watch if anyone knows the story of the Thrift? I wonder if they know where it began or the love behind it?

Many years ago, my grandmother went to plant some Thrift on the bank that bordered the road near their plot. She was bothered by the red dirt washing into the ditch. She wanted beauty to frame the place where her two daughters who died in the first months of life were laid to rest, where my grandfather was buried, where she would one day rest beside him. She planted the Thrift there as an expression of her hope in the resurrection. She believed that because of Jesus there was beauty beyond the grave. She wanted the drab, barren ground to reflect her hope.

Over time the Thrift has spread carpeting the ground not only where she is buried but across the cemetery from plot to plot. Those remembered and those forgotten all share in the beauty. The hope of the resurrection overshadows the loneliness of names no longer recognized. The promise of eternal life turns burial ground into a floral garden reminding those who drive by each Spring of Easter and our Christian hope. The movement of the Thrift each season, spreading further and further, is evidence of the growing testimony of my grandmother's faith. Death has lost its sting; death has no victory.

I doubt my grandmother knew what a gift she was giving over 50 years ago when she first put the roots in the soil. I doubt that she had any idea what a wonderful thing she was doing. All this is to say that there are no little gifts when God is involved. Even a small gesture can multiply into a great blessing.

This Spring I'd like to urge you to plant something, water it, nurture it, and be reminded that your life matters. You never know how your kindness may grow. You never know how much a smile or word of encouragement can help change the world. *Len*



Re-Imagine! 2022

A Church Leadership Training Event

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

May 1, 2022
Campbell University
Taylor Hall
2:30pm-6:00pm

ALL CHURCH MEMBERS are encouraged to attend!
Call the church office for more details.

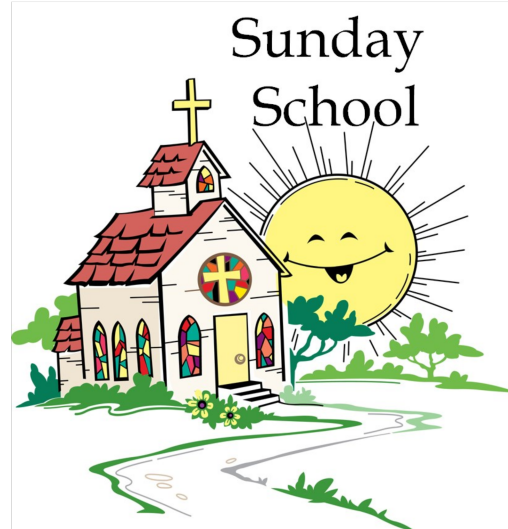
Support CBF's Ukraine Relief Fund

www.cbf.net/ukraine

Twenty years ago, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship commissioned Gennady and Mina Podgaisky to serve in Kyiv. They established Village of Hope a year later, and their ministry has flourished in collaboration not only with our partner congregations but Baptists and other Christians in Ukraine.

As you know, our church has been a part of this ministry by sending a mission team there and supporting the orphanage financially. First Baptist is collecting funds to help the Ukrainian people. The first funding commitment with any contributions received will be to provide relief to those served by Village of Hope and for local partners of that ministry under the leadership of the Podgaiskys and CBF Global Missions. Make your checks payable to FBC marked "Ukraine Relief".

We have raised \$6,485.00 so far.



We are excited to begin meeting in individual Sunday school classes on May 1st! We will all gather in the fellowship hall for breakfast at 9:30 then head to our classes.



May 24th is First Baptist's Food Pantry Distribution Day. We need at least 15 people between 8:30am and 2:00pm. Lunch is provided.

All are welcome to come!

Please contact the office to let us know if you can help.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Budget Update 04/17/22

Received \$126,613.90

Required \$139,078.56

Budget Deficit YTD (\$12,464.66)



Online Giving

Go to our website at www.fbcdunn/Click Give.



Sound System

May 1 Christopher Moore
May 8 Michael Stephens
May 15 Mark Dunham
May 22 Ron Dupree
May 29 Christopher Moore

Candle Lighter

May 1 Wyatt West
May 8 Elijah Williams
May 15 Bristol Stephens
May 22 Jon Russell Wise
May 29 Hudson Whitaker

Scripture Reader

May 1 Ellis Pope
May 8 Zoey Godwin
May 15 Ella Holland
May 22 Aubrie Wise
May 29 Mary Charlotte Pope

Unlocking/Locking

May 1 & 4 Robert Barefoot
May 8 & 11 Mark Dunham
May 15 & 18 Ron Dupree
May 22 & 25 Marshall Hinson
May 29 Christopher Moore

Radio Lesson

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

Children's Church

May 1 Family Worship Together
May 8 Sara Williams & Miranda Moore
May 15 Melissa Barefoot & Mary Overby
May 22 Angela Jones
May 29 Sara Williams & Miranda Moore

Prayer Coordinator: Rob Jones

Greeters: Phyllis Lawrence, Joe Miriello & Ann Parker

MAY EVENT & BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Activities 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Youth Fellowship			Regular Activities 6:30 Kids Club 252 6:30 Youth Bible Study 6:30 Adult Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice			
 BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP 2:30 RE-IMAGINE 2022!	2 Donald Glover C. C. Livingston Ellis Pope	3 Dana Hamilton	4 Jack Ritter	5 Lola Barbour Ansley Fennell	6 Teresa McDaniel	7 Leanna Parker
8 	9 7:00 Deacon's Meeting Sheley Eldridge	10 Carolyn Ausley Kayla Golding	11 Bill Hall Parrish Matthews	12 Daisy Bass Cole Cochran	13 	14 Kim Weaver
15 5:00 Handbell Practice Neal Davis William Fitzgerald Russell McLamb	16 Sheley Eldridge	17 Peggy Alphin Ron McLamb	18 Bill Hall Parrish Matthews	19 Daisy Bass Cole Cochran	20 Ann Wood	21 Lou Ann Jones
22 5:00 Handbell Practice Megan Ellis	23 Scott Gossage Joe Jordan	24  Miranda Moore	25 Jared Keever Kimberly Morris David Stamper	26 	27 Hugh Jackson Chris Sinclair	28
29	30 	31 Charleigh Hinson Celia Jones	Register for VBS! https://www.myvbs.org/fbcdunn/			

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VBS 2022

June 16th & 17th 5:00pm - 8:00pm

June 18th 10:00am - 3:00pm

June 19th - 9:00am - Noon

Ages 3 years - Rising 8th graders

Mark your calendars and go ahead and
register a child or as a volunteer !

<https://www.myvbs.org/fbcdunn/>



Anyone can be
a volunteer!
There is a job
that fits you.
Contact Sara or
register at the
link above.



Deep Impact Kids Weekend!

May 13th-15th Cost \$115/person

2nd - 5th Grades

(1st Graders can attend with a parent)



We need YOU!

1. Kids Praise is for PreK through 5th grade-Wednesdays at 6:30
 2. Sanctuary Choir is for youth & adults-Wednesdays at 7:30
 3. Handbell Choir is for youth and adults-May 15th & 2nd at 5:00
- Contact the church office or Kathryn Wise.