



The Bunn Beacon

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Points from our Pastor

We just finished a series of messages on important moral issues in our culture. I would like to follow up with that in this article. As you well know the moral climate of our world is changing drastically. Over the past fifty years there has been a major shift in the morality of our culture. Much of this seems to be linked to the embracing of Feminism, Evolution, and the “Drug, Sex, and Rock and Roll” movements in America. The changing climate and the degrading of moral values should not be a shock to the believer. As time goes along, although humanity has the same basic problem it always has, sin is going to get worse and worse (2 Tim. 3:1-7).

How should the church respond to the radical shift in moral values that is happening today? First, we need to remember that the world is going to act like the world. Christians cannot attempt to go into any conversation about any moral issue with a smug and haughty spirit. They must go into the conversation with the culture as salt and light, but also intelligently and calmly.

Christians must intelligently analyze the issues on the table. All sides have to be looked at. Christians are wise when we look at what God has said and why. We must also look at the overall stance of the church throughout history. We must read and know the opposing arguments and how to intelligently refute error with truth. We cannot come across merely claiming “the Bible says it, I believe it, and that settles it.” Our culture is turned off by that, and quite frankly, is too smart for that. Christians cannot afford not to be well rounded about the issues.

Also, Christians must respond with conviction. We must stand for what is true, right, and just. Daniel went into a culture that was pagan. The Babylonians certainly did not live by God’s laws, but Daniel did not compromise his convictions about God’s truth and revealed moral law.

Christians must make sure that the issue is an essential biblical issue. Preferences and pet peeves are not in view here. The church must be careful that they do not come across as “dogmatic” about issues that the Bible itself is not dogmatic about. But where God speaks plainly, the church must speak boldly and plainly.

The church must be sure to always respond in love. Jesus came “full of grace and truth” (John 1:14). Christians are already labeled as an unloving angry bunch of people. While the Bible says that God hates sin and commands believers to “abhor what is evil and cling to what is good” (Rom. 12:9), the church should always minister grace to those who are embracing such “amoral” ideologies and lifestyles. Jesus loved the Samaritan woman but also confronted her about her sexually immoral lifestyle. He showed love and mercy to the woman caught in the act of adultery, but also told her to go and sin no more. That is the same response Christians must have towards shifting morals in our culture.

It is a privilege being your pastor. I love each of you.

Bro. Michael Spain Eph.6:18-20



Men's Breakfast Fellowship

October 11, 2008 - 7am Bunn Baptist Fellowship Hall. The men are invited to join together for breakfast and a time of fellowship. Consider bringing a friend. Each month we will have a special speakers or topic designed for godliness in our lives as men. We hope to see you there.

John Goodwin - Men's Fellowship Leader

Visit the Bunn Baptist Church Library

The Bunn Baptist Library is located next door to the Nursery, It has approximately 900 books and 100 videos of interest to Christian adults, youth, children and families. Included there you will find Christian fiction, biographies, and reference materials.

We have two complete Bible Study Group packages:

- (1) "Chasing Daylight" by Erwin R. McManus (Choosing a life of meaningful adventure.)
- (2) "Wild at Heart" by John Eldredge (Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul)

Self-service check-out: There are two boxes of index cards on the desk. Look up your selections by Title or Author. If we have the book or video, there will be a card. The number in the upper left-hand corner shows where the book is located on the shelf. Write your name and date on the charge card inside the back cover. Leave the card in box on the desk. ENJOY!

Katie Aycock, Bunn Church Librarian

The Bunn Nursery Needs You!

If you love to play with toys and need a good excuse, volunteer to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings during worship service. We have some really cool toys, plus some really sweet & fun kids. We have recently lost some of our volunteers and need some replacements. You will only be needed about once every 2 months so if you feel led to volunteer in this capacity, please see me in the nursery. Men in our church family are also welcome to volunteer as nursery helpers.

Kim Collins - Bunn Nursery Co-coordinator

Nursery Care is provided each Sunday from 9:45 thru the end of the morning worship service .

October Nursery Workers listed below are in addition to the regular staff:

- October 5th - Rachel Hopper & Louise White
- October 12th - Sue Koch & Michelle Young
- October 19th - Arleen Pippin & Hazel Whitley
- October 26th - Janice Bunn & Raye Strickland

Other news of interest

Pastor Michael has begun a Series on Revival which will continue through the Fall.

A Women's Bible Study by Beth Moore will begin in October. Contact Nancy Green: 252-478-7566

Bunn Beacon deadline for all November articles is October 15th. Please email yours on time.

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Bunn Baptist Widow/Widower Ministry

Upcoming Widow/Widower Banquet is being planned. Watch for more news soon.

The Bunn Baptist deacons have come together in support of our widows and widowers at Bunn Baptist because they are an important part of our church family. We have Widow/Widower lunches and dinners at the church and on some occasions at nearby restaurants. Last summer we went to Parkers BBQ in Wilson for lunch. In May we went to McLean's in Zebulon after our Sunday morning worship. We prepared one of the widow/widower dinners at the church last fall and a Valentine dinner in February.

We have lost three of our widows this year. We had gotten to know them personally through the deacon's ministry. Each one had a heart for the Lord and a love for the church. They were Ms. Gladys Scott, Ms. Roberta Cruz, and most recently Ms. Mary Wood. It is very touching to think back on each of these fine ladies, the things that meant so much to them, their interests, and how special each one was. We learned about their faith in God through Jesus Christ, each one knowing that one day they would be received into His kingdom.

Our active widows today are: Ms. Helen Dickerson, Ms. Hazel Whitley, Ms. Katie Aycock, Ms. Raye Strickland, Ms. Grace Chamblee, Ms. Dorothy Nell Batton, Ms. Peggy Seymour, and Ms. Lynn Johnson. Our widower is Mr. Joe Edwards.

Each of these wonderful people loves the Lord and loves our church. I would encourage everyone to get to know them personally, listen to the wisdom they have, the thoughts they have, and to reach out and support each one in any way possible.

Jon Alford - Bunn Baptist Deacon



"If it is possible, as much as it is up to you, be at peace with all men." Rom. 12:18

"And be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks about the hope that you have." I Pet. 3:15b

On Sunday, September 7th the members voted:

23% No to 77% Yes to move forward on the New Vision multi-purpose Building Project.

On Saturday - October 25 a Fall Chicken Plate Sale and Auction will be held with all proceeds going towards the New Vision Building Project. More details to follow. See Jon Alford for information, ways to help and donations for the auction.

Please note: The contents for each Bunn Beacon is derived from a number of sources and is presented as accurately as possible. We hope you find the information helpful. Contact the editor if you would like to contribute an announcement or an article.

G- GOD
R- REWARDS
O- OUR
W- WORK

1st Wed. of each month.
EACH ONE REACH ONE



Bunn Baptist Beacon Events & Prayer Calendar for October 2008 - Seek the Lord daily

Wed.	1	GROW Visitation program - 1st Wednesday of each month - 6:30pm
Thurs.	2	
Fri.	3	
Sat.	4	
Sun.	5	Sunday School 9:45am & Worship 11am - Choir Practice 5pm
Mon.	6	
Tues.	7	
Wed.	8	Studies for Adults - Youth & Women 6:30pm - Personnel Committee after.
Thurs.	9	
Fri.	10	
Sat.	11	Men's Breakfast & Fellowship 7am
Sun.	12	Sunday School 9:45am & Worship 11am - Choir Practice 5pm
Mon.	13	
Tues.	14	
Wed.	15	Bible Studies for Adults - Youth & Women 6:30pm - Beacon Article Deadline
Thurs.	16	
Fri.	17	Bunn High School Football Breakfast
Sat.	18	
Sun.	19	Sunday School 9:45am & Worship 11am - Choir Practice 5pm
Mon.	20	
Tues.	21	
Wed.	22	Studies for Adults - Youth & Women 6:30pm - Personnel Committee after.
Thurs.	23	
Fri.	24	Bunn High School Football Breakfast (Homecoming)
Sat.	25	Fall Chicken Plate Sale - Proceeds go towards New Vision Building Project
Sun.	26	Sunday School 9:45am & Worship 11am - Choir Practice 5pm
Mon.	27	
Tues.	28	
Wed.	29	Bible Studies for Adults - Youth & Women 6:30pm
Thurs.	30	
Fri.	1	

Please remember to pray for our pastor each Sunday morning at 9:40am