



The Bunn Beacon

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Points from our Pastor

Well, it is hard to believe that it is Christmas time again and that another year is almost gone. We have several special things going on this month you may want to remember.

Saturday, December 6, is our deacons and widows Christmas dinner at 5:00.

Sunday Night, December 14, is our Christmas Lord's Supper. We invite you and or your family to participate. We will start at 4:00 p.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. This is a special time in the life of our church and has been appreciated by many the past two years.

Saturday, December 20, is a packed day. **"To Bunn With Love" deliveries** will be made that morning starting at **9:00 a.m.** **That evening at 5:00** we will be having our **Christmas Cantata**. We will be joined by Unity Baptist Church and their choir. It will be a wonderful time of worship. Please come to be a part and support our choir.

Let me write just a moment on the subject of Christmas truth vs. Christmas tradition. There are many great things about the Christmas season. We love the songs, the lights, the decorations, the get-togethers, and the giving of gifts. And as Christians, we seize this time to focus on the birth of our Lord.

All these things are good and we should enjoy them. You probably love them as much as I do. But believe it or not, they are just traditions (good ones I might add). At one time though, Christmas as we know it, was not even celebrated. A special day of recognition for the Lord's birth was not even observed by early Christians. That did not happen until December 25, 336 A.D.

There is a great encouragement here. It reminds us that although the traditions of Christmas come and go, the truth of Christmas remains. Christ has been born once and for all, and he lives forever more as the resurrected Lord and eternal God-man. That means that for Christians, the incarnation and birth of our Lord is something we should remember and celebrate every day, not just at Christmas time.

I leave you with the words of the angels to the shepherds, "And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). That is a truth to celebrate every day!

Merry Christmas!!!

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

Bro. Michael Spain Eph.6:18-20

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

December 13, 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. December topic will be "The Essences of Good & Evil"

John Goodwin - Men's Fellowship Leader

Bunn Baptist Church Prayer Room & Library News

This is just a reminder that Bunn Baptist Church has a Library and a new Prayer Room that are open for use and right next to the nursery. The Library is near the Left end of the Nursery and the Prayer room is just across the Adult Sunday School class room on the right end of the nursery. The next time you are at church, take a few minutes to explore both.

If you happen to have a prayer concern, or burden on your heart, the prayer room is a good place to spend some time with the Lord and pray about it.

Then check out the large selection of books and see what you can find to read in on a cold winter evening. If you haven't already discovered these special places, be ready for a blessing.

Our Choir Presents A Christmas Cantata

As we get closer to the event, more information will be given. Please plan to attend December 20th at 5pm, and celebrate the birth of Our King. Finger food will be served.

Chris Straits - Bunn Baptist Minister of Music

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

The Nursery Worker list below is in addition to the regular staff:

December 7th - Sue Koch & Katie Aycock
December 14th - Arleen Pippin & Kim West
December 21st - Janice Bunn & Louise White
December 28th - Mary Straits & Michelle Young

Other news of interest

~**To Bunn with Love** again this year. Get your list and be ready for delivery day 12/20/08

~**Bunn Beacon deadline** for all January articles is December 15th. Please email yours on time.

~**Working on your New Years Resolutions yet? Here are some great ideas for your list!**

#1) Why not consider volunteering to work in the Bunn Baptist Nursery once a month? Contact Kim Collins in the Nursery if you are interested in this rewording opportunity.

#2) Do you enjoy singing? Do you play a musical instrument? Consider joining the Bunn Baptist Choir. See Chris Straits for information.

#3) Make a commitment to pray for someone daily. Include our pastor as well as our government leaders.

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Bunn Baptist Shut-in Ministry

As of May 2008 over 4500 Bulletins have been mailed to those who are unable to attend services. Praise be to the Lord.

As we get older, we often tend to feel we have done our duty. So we might be tempted to decide the time has come to let the younger people take over. But as I have said before, God uses all of us in many different, and important ways. There are things each of us can do.

In May of 1999 I felt our shut-ins and others who are unable to attend worship services for one reason or another, might enjoy knowing what's going on at Bunn Baptist and with our church family. Since then I have mailed bulletins to each week to these very special people and have added personal notes as well. Never would I have imagined what a blessing this small thing would have turned out to be to them and to ME! God truly has a job for each of us. So Seniors, get prepared for a ministry to others.

Naomi White - Shut-in Ministry

Bunn Baptist Staff Christmas Dinner

Saturday evening, December 13th, the Bunn Baptist Church staff will gather together for Christmas Dinner at the Golden Corral in Wake Forest at 6:30pm.

Deacons - Widows - Widowers Christmas Dinner

The Deacons will host a special Christmas Dinner for our Widows and Widowers. Dinner will be served at 5pm on December 6th.

The Vault is Open! Soon Available in the Library.

That announcement is published on <http://www.gty.org>. If you have a MacArthur Study Bible, then you are familiar with John MacArthur. Dr. MacArthur has been the Senior Pastor/Teacher at Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, California for over 40 years. During that time he has written dozens of books, and preached many 100s of messages. He recently announced that the archives for 2652 message files are being released for download. There are a few requirements and restrictions for the use of this vast wealth of Biblical teaching. You can check the Website for details. Dr. MacArthur is considered by many to be greatest living Biblical Scholar/Theologian. We have downloaded the entire set of files and will be placing several message segments in the Bunn Library. We will also have some copies with us over the next few weeks to hand out to those who are interested. Please see or email us for more information. Be sure to take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity. Tell your friends and family.

John & Jane Goodwin - J@JJBiz

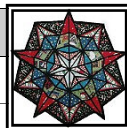
Special Fund-raiser Coming Soon! All proceeds will go towards the New Vision Building Project. See Jon Alford for information.

Please note: The content of 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.

See Arleen Pippin for information about Poinsettia Plants donations



Bunn Baptist Beacon Events & Prayer Calendar - December 2008 **CHRISTMAS**



Mon.	1	Deacon Meeting - 7pm
Tues.	2	
Wed.	3	Dream Team 5pm - GROW Visitation program - 6:30pm
Thurs.	4	
Fri.	5	
Sat.	6	
Sun.	7	Sunday School 9:45am & Worship - 11am
Mon.	8	
Tues.	9	
Wed.	10	Studies for Adults & Youth - 6:30pm
Thurs.	11	
Fri.	12	
Sat.	13	Men's Breakfast & Fellowship 7am - Staff Christmas Dinner 6:30pm
Sun.	14	Sunday School - 9:45am & Worship - 11am - Deacon Election - Communion 4pm
Mon.	15	
Tues.	16	
Wed.	17	Studies for Adults & Youth - 6:30pm - "To Bunn with Love" Boxes are due.
Thurs.	18	
Fri.	19	
Sat.	20	"To Bunn with Love" Delivery Day - Christmas Cantata at 5pm
Sun.	21	Sunday School 9:45am & Worship - 11am
Mon.	22	
Tues.	23	
Wed.	24	Christmas Eve - Church office will be CLOSED
Thurs.	25	Christmas Day - Church office will be CLOSED
Fri.	26	
Sat.	27	
Sun.	28	Sunday School 9:45am & Worship - 11am
Mon.	29	
Tues.	30	
Wed.	31	New Years Eve - Church office will be CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR 2009!