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February

- 2 Baptist Men Breakfast and Mission Planning, 8 a.m.
- Youth Super Bowl Party 5:30 p.m. at S. Erwin Baptist
- 9 College Lunch, Deacons' Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 11 WMU Pastor Appreciation Banquet
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 WMU Focus Sunday Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 18-21 CBF Youth Ministers Conference
- 27 WOM at Sr. Citizens Village, 6:30 p.m.



March

- 1 Fishing Rod Project Begins
- 2-9 Annie Armstrong Emphasis and Week of Prayer for North American Missions
- 9 First Sunday of Lent; Deacons Meeting
- 16 Business Meeting
- 27 Co-Ed IV SS Class at Sr. Village, 6:30 p.m.
- 28-29 CBFNC Gen Assembly, Greensboro

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Build. Catch. Serve!

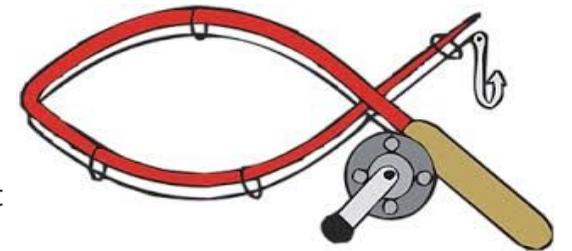


The Children's Ministry Team is excited to announce a new outreach opportunity for our church and community, open to all ages—a Fishing Outreach led by John Ballard. People age 6 and up are invited to join us in building a custom fishing rod while learning Jesus' message of becoming fishers of men. We will kick off the project with a meeting for all participants on Saturday, March 1. We'll have a brief lesson, purchase our rod kits, and sign up for our actual build times with John, which are spread out over the following six Saturdays.

We'll end the project with two special group events, meeting at a pond to fish together, and then on Saturday May 3rd having a church-wide fish fry as we eat and fellowship together while the children sing.

The only cost will be for the rod kit, which starts at just under \$40. Kits with more features will be available at additional costs. Scholarships are available for our kids and youth, and cost should not prevent anyone from participating; see Chris Cottingham for more information on that. The build schedule is very flexible and we hope everyone who is interested can attend. Please call the church office and add your name to the list so we know how many kits will be needed. Children ages 6-13 will need the guidance of an adult.

Check out page 6 for more upcoming Children's events. This year we'll continue to remind the kids to fish for people as we get ready to go "Down by the Creekbank."



Vision Statement

To share Christ with all by leading and nurturing through a Ministry of love, fellowship, Bible study, prayer, worship, praise and proclamation of the Gospel; to seek God's guidance as we respond to needs and serve as missionaries to our community and beyond.

Author and spiritual writer Joan Chittister says it's funny how, after years of experiencing major world events, we still seem to remember best those little childhood celebrations that marked the holidays of the year.



From the Pastor's Pen

Valentine's Day was supposed to be a celebration of love, and for many children it was. But, as often as not, it left in its wake some sorrowing children. My mother's rule was, "If you're not giving everyone in your class a valentine, you're not giving any." So on Valentine's Day, we came into class and passed out all the little cut-out cards we had carefully signed. Then we sat down, opened our bag, counted our valentine's cards and read our love messages.

The problem was that some kids didn't give cards to everyone. The popular kids got most of them. This was supposed to be a love celebration but there never seemed to be enough love to go around. Even at that age, we all knew what it meant to be loved, to be taken in, to be valued, to be included, to have a friend. And however many cards we did or did not get, we learned young that not having a real friend made life painful. Having a real friend made life special.

Relationships are so important in the shaping of our lives, even the relationships that don't last. And the loves that shape us come in many forms: maybe it will be someone who mentored us in our younger years; maybe it will be a love that ended. Maybe it will be a marriage that lasts beyond its years, or a love that dies too soon. Maybe it will be the Friend who goes with us down every valley, up every mountain of our lives. All we know as we get older is that it's not the number of valentines we get that counts. It's the relationships that last and the love we give and receive that make all the difference in the end. *

Wishing you much love,

Jeff

*Based on an article by Joan Chittister in [Vision and Viewpoint](#), Feb 9, 2009



- ◆ On Wednesday nights at Youth Connection we have supper together (5:45—6:30 p.m.) followed by Bible study (6:30—7:20 p.m.)
- ◆ Wednesday Bible study's theme in February is "Let Your Life Speak" as we explore the messages we give by what we do and say, and the message Jesus wants us to share.
- ◆ Super Bowl Party with SEBC Youth Feb 2; Worship with FBC Dunn Youth at Campbell Feb 16; Youth Day at CU on Feb 22.
- ◆ ADULT HELPERS ARE NEEDED! We need Wed. Youth workers, drivers to pick up kids on Wed night and Sun morning, and have URGENT NEED of youth Sunday School teachers.

The Women on Mission will be going to Sr. Citizens Village, February 27 @ 6:30 pm. We invite you to join us as we minister to the residents with a short devotion and bingo.

Prayer Retreat, March 29: The Annual Prayer Retreat is planned for March 29 at Agape Camp and Conference Center, Fuquay Varina. Ruby Fulbright, former Executive Director of North Carolina WMU, will lead the Retreat. If you are interested in attending, please get in touch with Judy Taylor. The cost, which will include a meal, is \$20.00.



Our Members at Home

Evelene Gardner
Harnett Woods
604 Lucas Road
Room 217

O.W. "Bill" Godwin, Jr.
1505 Lakeshore Drive, Dunn
892-7347

Mary Frances Gordon
Senior Citizens Village
Room 115



New College & Career Bible Study—Mondays 9 p.m.
Current study on James
College Students who need Bible study at an alternate time should let Chris know.



through January 26, 2014

Budget Requirements	15,299.84
General Fund Offering	
Difference	()

Kids Corner

As most everyone has heard by now, we have begun a new **Children's Church** ministry with our kids. This was the brainstorm of our own Logan Barefoot, who started teaching Children's Sunday School this Fall. In talking with the kids about activities they'd like and reflecting on her own experiences growing up at Westfield, Logan began working on the idea, assisted by Paula Jones. The mission and purpose of Children's Church is to guide older children to become the future leaders of the church, while guiding younger children as they learn how to worship in an informal, yet structured and kid-friendly environment. The children will apply what they learn by coming to lead the adults in worship several times throughout the year, including the Easter and Christmas seasons. Sunday, August 24 will be Students Day, where our kids will lead our worship service from start to finish.

Children's Church will be led by Logan and Paula (and the kids themselves), and will take place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month from 10:30—11:30, upstairs in the education wing of the church. So far we have gotten great reviews from the children! We welcome and invite all children from kindergarten through 6th grade. Nursery is still being provided for pre-K kids.

Our Fishing Rod ministry (see page 1), in which we fellowship and fish while learning about the mission Jesus gave us to fish for people, will continue to impact kids through the summer. Vacation Bible School will begin the same day school releases for the summer, June 10th - 13th. (Save the dates!) This year's theme will be "Down by the Creek Bank". We'll end the week with a campfire where we'll roast marshmallows and hot dogs! Mark your calendars to volunteer for these four nights—we'll have LOTS of fun!

Through the summer, the children will be working on the classic children's musical, "Down by the Creek Bank", now in its 25th year. Kids who are our guests during VBS will be invited to practice with our own kids and this program will be presented to the church to celebrate that time of year when we head back to school, in mid-August. There will be more events to come...please watch this space each month, mark your calendars, and join us in these fun, faith-filled adventures!



Save the Date!
Adult Choir Easter Cantata
 Sun. April 6 10:30 a.m.

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

- *Violet Jackson
- Betty Bass
- Steve Cooney
- Jimmy Marks
- Charles Wilkes

CHILDREN'S



- Feb. 2
Children's Church
- Feb. 9
Trent Carpenter
- Feb. 16
Children's Church
- Feb. 23
Melissa Scott

Sermon



NURSERY WORKERS

- Feb. 2
Bebe Melvin
- Feb. 9
Kim Carpenter
- Feb. 16
Patti Parham
- Feb. 24
Sylvia Campbell

Deacon of the Week

- Feb. 2 **Charlie Carpenter** 892-7029
- Feb. 9 **Abe Elmore** 892-6661
- Feb. 16 **Angela Godwin** 892-8860
- Feb. 23 **Ed Taylor** 897-8736

Children's Sunday School

- Feb. 2 **Logan Barefoot**
- Feb. 9 **The Bass family**
- Feb. 16 **Logan Barefoot**
- Feb. 23 **The Bass family**



February	
1	Amy Plavec
4	Steve & Vicky Cooney
4	Joel Plavec
6	Gracyn Johnson
9	Midge Carpenter
11	Teresa Hairr McLemore
16	Douglas Godwin, Jr.
17	Tyler Carpenter
18	Kim Carpenter
19	O.W. Godwin
26	Katie Jones

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Wednesday Schedule

5:45 p.m. Family Supper
6:30 p.m. Discipleship (all ages)
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday Schedule

9:15 a.m. Bible Study for all ages
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
10:30 a.m. Children's Church
(held on 1st and 3rd Sundays)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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16 6:30 p.m.  	17  College/Career 9 p.m.	18  Silent Prayer 7-7:30 pm	19 	20 	21	22 Youth Day at Campbell— Double header basketball, lunch, & worship \$20/person
23	24 College & Career Bible Study 9 p.m.	25  Silent Prayer 7-7:30 pm	26 	27	28	