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# GROVE QUARTERLY

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 1st at 7pm**  
Ash Wednesday

**April 1st at 8am**  
Men's Beacon Benefit  
Breakfast

**April 2nd**  
Holy Communion

**April 9th**  
Palm Sunday  
Easter Play "3 Trees"

**April 13th at 7pm**  
Maundy Thursday  
Tenebrae Service

**April 15th**  
Easter Egg Hunt

**April 16th at 7am**  
Easter Sunrise Service  
Breakfast at Jonesboro  
Baptist Church

**April 16th at 11am**  
Easter Sunday Service

**Men of the Church**  
*Fourth Monday of the Month*

**Presbyterian Women**  
*Second Monday of the Month*

**Grove Women**  
*Third Thursday of the Month*  
*Meadow Restaurant*

**Choir Practice**  
*Sundays at 5:30pm*

**Bible Study**  
*Wednesdays at 7pm*

## GOD IS IN CONTROL

We live in a time when we are made aware, not only of the concerns of our surrounding community, but of the troubles of the world. When we open our internet homepage, we may be immediately exposed to most recent disturbing news. I find it necessary to remind myself that God is completely in control. The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the LORD in this way: "It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens" (Jer. 10:12). The LORD our God alone is eternal. He is self-existent. He is the Source of all reality. He possesses all knowledge, all power, all wisdom; and He fears no one. The psalmist states that "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed . . . He who sits in the heavens laughs" (Ps. 2:2, 4).



It is a fact that we encounter troubles in our lives. Events occur, several over which we have very little control. However, if we are in a covenant relationship with God through saving faith in Jesus Christ, it is also a fact that the almighty, sovereign, all-powerful LORD God who governs the entire universe is our Father. The Apostle Paul writes in his epistle to the Romans, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31).

As we move forward through this year, I want to encourage you. Although there are matters which produce concerns in our personal lives and within the context of our church family, God is going to take care of us. He is going to bring us through every single trial that we face. Let us trust God and rest in Him. I ask you to pray daily for our church. Pray that God will reveal His power over the forces of darkness which seek to cause division and fear. Pray that God will unite us and strengthen us to be all that He desires. Pray that the Lord will remove all stumbling blocks which distract us from our worship and our witness. May God bless you all!

Yours in our Lord Jesus Christ,

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## PRAYER CONCERNS?

Please contact Rev. Mike Weaver at [msweaver@centurylink.com](mailto:msweaver@centurylink.com) or by calling (910) 892-1116  
Visit [www.GroveChurchofDunn.com](http://www.GroveChurchofDunn.com) for more information or join our Facebook Group!

# How Can We Serve?

The DUMA Food Pantry is a community effort by local churches to help serve the needs of the hungry in Harnett County. The director of the Food Pantry is Todd Snyder, who coordinates volunteers and food donations to feed the hungry on distribution days, including mostly elderly and others on a fixed income.

The pantry runs totally on volunteers and donations. The pantry has qualified to receive allotments from the NC Food Bank for citizens of Harnett County, but can always use donations to assist the growing number of families we serve. They accept cash to purchase food, or any non-perishables such as mac and cheese, soup, canned goods, pasta, rice, peanut butter and cereal.

The food pantry is always in need of volunteers, especially on distribution days. This would include coming in early to get food boxes ready and sorting through food to make sure it is still good and can be given out. There is also a need for people to help give out food and help load cars. Volunteers are needed to help get food ready before distribution, stock shelves and keep the pantry clean in between open days. Volunteers are also needed to pick up donated food and put it in the freezer and refrigerator at the Pantry. While individuals can contact the pantry directly, plans are underway where Grove, as a church, can help them this Spring.

## Dunn United Ministerial Association Food Pantry

319 E. Broad Street  
Dunn, NC 28334  
(910) 891-1633  
(910) 892-1191 (fax)



## Want to use the Fellowship Hall?

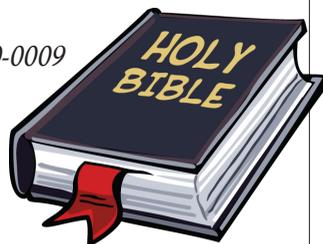
Members are allowed to use the Fellowship Hall on a first come, first served basis. The designated member must be present at the event.

Contact Elder Janice Lee at (919) 820-0009

## Join Us for Bible Study!

Currently, Elder Skip Webb is leading our Bible Study on

Wednesday nights at 7pm. We are studying the content and historical context of Holy Scripture, beginning with the book of Genesis and moving sequentially through the books of the Bible.



## Stewardship

On February 5th, Stewardship Chair, Elder Skip Webb, presented the 2017 Church budget, and it was approved by the congregation. Our current budget requires an offering of \$2,672.13 weekly to meet our budget.



On Feb. 18th, our time capsule was buried on the church grounds, not to be opened until 2041!

## Christian Education

### Preschool

Having finished a lesson on Noah's Ark and Jesus' Birthday, the class will soon be moving into topics including Zacchaeus, "I am Safe with God," "Jesus Heals the Sick," Palm Sunday, and the Easter Story.

### Early Elementary

This quarter, the Early Elementary class is studying the life of Jesus. We started with John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus and will work through the birth of Jesus and stories of his ministry, learning of his power over sickness and sin.

### Middle Elementary

The middle Elementary students are studying the book of Acts. We are studying Jesus' resurrection, ascension and pouring out of the Holy Spirit.

### Teens

Our teen class, led by Darren McLamb is studying what things to include in the "Christian Toolbox." The lesson uses various devotions to help us "figure out our friends."

### Adults

The adult classes are studying the various aspects of God's creation. Classes are considering various Scriptures on the topics of creation and re-creation of Christian hearts.