

Glad Tidings Church | Dunn, NC

1. Church and Community Profile

a. Location - *Dunn, North Carolina*

- i. “Conveniently located within an hour’s drive of North Carolina’s thriving Research Triangle Park, two hours from North Carolina’s beautiful Crystal Coast, and just five hours from the oldest mountains in the world, Dunn is ideally located in the heart of North Carolina’s variety vacationland. The Dunn area sits at a convergence of an extensive transportation network. North and south links include I-95, US 301 and the Seaboard System Railroad, while I-40 and US 421 provide east to west routes.” – *City of Dunn website*
- ii. “Discover the charm of Dunn, where Southern hospitality meets rich history and vibrant community spirit! Nestled amidst lush landscapes and historic landmarks, Dunn offers a delightful escape for visitors seeking an authentic experience. Stroll through our picturesque downtown, filled with unique shops, inviting eateries, and local art that reflects our heritage. Enjoy outdoor adventures in our beautiful parks, or immerse yourself in the local culture at community events and festivals throughout the year. With its friendly atmosphere and a blend of natural beauty and cultural attractions, Dunn is the perfect destination for families, history buffs, and anyone looking to create lasting memories. Come Discover Dunn—where every visit feels like coming home!” – *Discover Dunn (Dunn Tourism)*

b. History – *GTC Flash Drive File (GTC History)*

- i. Date Church was founded: March 15, 1944 (17 Charter Members)
- ii. Church Timeline (Important Details):
 - October 17, 1944 – Purchased (3) Lots at South Magnolia Avenue
 - June 1945 – Moved into original Church building
 - September 1951 – expansion of church facilities at Magnolia Avenue (Auditorium, Choir Loft, Baptistry, etc.)
 - 1956 – Further expansion and facility additions
 - 1962 – Sunday School averaging 300 (Record Attendance – 411)

- June 1968 – Purchased new site for future location (4 AC) at Old Fairground and Friendly
- 1974 – Construction begins at current location (Fairground & Friendly)
- May 11, 1975 – First Sunday Worship service at current location
- June 23, 1985 – Dedication Services for new sanctuary (750 seats)
- March 15, 1994 – 50 years of Ministry (Milestone)
- October 19, 2014 – Celebrated 70 years of Ministry (AG Proclamation)
- 2018/2019 – Paid off Note for 27.22 acres of land for possible church expansion
- 2019/2020 – Renovations to Main Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Bathrooms, Technology, Etc.
- 2020 – Began streaming services online through Facebook and YouTube

c. Population & Demographics

- i. City of Dunn Population: 8,581 – *US Census Bureau*
- ii. Median Age: 44.4 (38.2 – Males, 48.7 – Females) – *World Population Review*
- iii. Number of Households: 3,664 (2.27 per Household) – *US Census Bureau*
- iv. Education Stats: - *US Census Bureau*
 - 88.5% - High School graduate or higher, of persons age 25+
 - 21.4% - Bachelor's degree or higher, of persons age 25+
- v. Median Household Income: \$47,310 – *US Census Bureau*
- vi. Current Median Home Sale Price: \$178,900 – *US Census Bureau*
- vii. Race & Ethnicity: - *US Census Bureau*
 - 49.5% - White, Non-Hispanic
 - 35.9% - Black
 - 12.2% - Hispanic/Latino
 - 4.7% - Two or More Races
 - 0.5% - American Indian
 - 0.5% - Asian

d. Climate

- i. “With four distinct and beautiful seasons, the Dunn area boasts an average annual temperature of 62 degrees. About 47 inches of rain and under three inches of snow fall each year.” – *Discover Dunn (Dunn Tourism)*

- ii. Summer: “Daily high temperatures are around 87°F, rarely falling below 76°F or exceeding 96°F.” – weatherspark.com
- iii. Fall: “Daily high temperatures decrease by 26°F, from 86°F to 60°F, rarely falling below 48°F or exceeding 93°F.” – weatherspark.com
- iv. “The climate in Dunn, NC is generally temperate and humid. Summers are warm with an average high temperature of around 88 degrees Fahrenheit while winters are relatively mild with an average low temperature of about 36 degrees Fahrenheit. The area receives around 48 inches of rain each year with the heaviest amounts occurring in spring and summer months. There are also occasional snowfalls in winter months, although they're typically light and don't last for long. Overall, the weather in Dunn is moderate and enjoyable throughout the year, making it a great place to live or visit.

Dunn, North Carolina gets 47 inches of rain, on average, per year. The US average is 38 inches of rain per year.

Dunn averages 2 inches of snow per year. The US average is 28 inches of snow per year.

On average, there are 217 sunny days per year in Dunn. The US average is 205 sunny days.” – bestplaces.net/climate/city/nc/dunn

e. Spiritual Culture

- i. Home to the “Pentecostal Apostle of the South”, G.B. Cashwell, and location of “Azusa East”, the city of Dunn has a rich history in the Pentecostal movement. – www.dncr.nc.gov – *Searched G.B. Cashwell*
- ii. Specifically, Glad Tidings Church was the home of the NCAG district offices from its founding until 1997. Glad Tidings Church is also the home church of two former District Superintendents, Dr. Charles Cookman and Dr. Charles Kelly - <https://www.facebook.com/NCAssembliesofGod/videos/the-history-of-the-ncag/2368320266779201/>
- iii. The City of Dunn has multiple churches of various denominational backgrounds. Some larger churches in the area include: Central Baptist, First

Baptist, First Presbyterian, Gospel Tabernacle, Divine Street UMC, The Journey and more.

- iv. ***Dunn United Ministerial Association (DUMA)*** – “The Dunn United Ministerial Association is a coalition of churches, pastors, and individuals in or near Dunn, NC who seek to share the love of Christ through local mission and ministry.” – dunnunited.org

In total, DUMA is comprised of 28 local churches. Services provided include: Food Pantry & Bi-Monthly Distribution, Community Health Center partnership with CUSOM (Campbell University School of Osteopathic Medicine), Benevolence Program & Financial Assistance (Rent, Utilities, Barriers to Work), After School Culinary Program and a “Pay as you can” restaurant. In addition, the Director of DUMA, Todd Snyder, is an active member of Glad Tidings Church. – *Todd Snyder, Director - DUMA*

f. Attractions & Highlights - *Discover Dunn (Dunn Tourism)*

i. Nature/Outdoor Recreation

- Dunn Erwin Rail Trail
- Multiple Municipal Parks (Tart, Tyler, Codrington)
- Dunn Dog Park
- Rhodes Pond
- Raven Rock State Park
- Cape Fear River
- Golf Courses (Chicora, Sandy Ridge, Keith Hills)
- Tart’s Corn Maze

ii. History

- Dunn Area History Museum
- Averbosboro Civil War Battlefield and Museum
- General William C. Lee Airborne Museum
- Gunner’s Choice Museum

iii. Shopping & Dining

Major Retail Chains:

- Belk | Walmart | Lowe’s | Tractor Supply | Petco | Michael’s | Rooms To Go | Food Lion | ACE | Ollie’s | Five Below | Sherwin Williams | Planet Fitness | Harbour Freight & more!

Major Restaurant Chains:

- Starbucks | McDonald's (2) | Burger King | Mi Casitas (2) | Cook Out | Smithfield's | Bojangles | Jersey Mike's | Cracker Barrel | Taco Bell | Arby's | Pizza Hut | Domino's | Wendy's | Zaxby's & more!

Locally-Owned Businesses:

- The Organic Butcher Shop | Heath's Steakhouse | Broad Street Deli | Sherry's Bakery | Coffee on Broad | Various Downtown Boutiques | Jernigan's Nursery | Triangle Waffle | The Butcher's Table | Inspirational Grounds & Sweet Dreams Bakery | Jordan's Jewelry | Jeffrey's Florist | Dutch Iris & more!

iv. Local Entertainment, Sports & Events

- Campbell University – Fighting Camels Athletics
- Stewart Theatre
- Carolina Skate Land
- Bird's Nest Listening Room
- Lucknow Music Festival
- NC Cotton Festival
- Dunn Christmas Parade
- Buffalo Lane's
- Dormy's Mini Golf
- Galot Motorsports Park
- Benson Singing Grove
- Meadow Lights

g. Church Information

- i. Glad Tidings Church is a General Council Affiliated Church.
- ii. Past Vision/Mission – “Pursuing God. Loving People.”
- iii. Glad Tidings Church is governed by a leadership board per its constitution and bylaws. The board has general governing authority and a fiduciary responsibility to the church.
- iv. Statistical Averages
 - Number of Members & Regular Attenders: current approx. 185
 - Average Sunday AM attendance PY: 170
 - Current Sunday AM attendance: 135-140
 - Service Times:

- i. Sunday Morning (Worship Service) – 10:30am
 - ii. Sunday Night (Youth/Young Adult) – 6:15pm/6:30pm
 - iii. Wednesday Night (Nursery/Kids/Youth) – 7:00pm
- Number of Official Members: 175
 - Adherents Race Percentages: Multicultural with predominately Caucasian attendees

v. Church Budget

Annual Income:

- 2024 Budgeted Income: \$584,901
- 2024 Actual Income: \$686,234
- 2025 Budgeted Income: \$576,000

Missions Giving:

- 2024 Budgeted Missions Giving: \$58,000
- 2024 Actual Missions Giving: \$60,445
- 2025 Budgeted Missions Giving: \$64,700

Church Debt:

- Glad Tidings Church is **DEBT FREE!**

vi. Property Description

Classrooms

- 11 classrooms not including storage closets
- The majority of the classroom facilities are equipped with mounted Roku TVs and whiteboards. Classrooms also include adequate tables and seating for its specific purpose(s).

Bathrooms

- 7 Total (2 – Sanctuary, 2 – Lobby, 2 – FH, 0.5 – Preschool, 0.5 Pastor's office) – recently updated bathrooms with stainless steel stalls, new counter tops, etc.

Kitchen

- Industrial kitchen that is over 20 years old (see pictures)

Sanctuary

- Auditorium Seating Capacity = ~450 (270 – Balcony | 150-180 – Lower Level)
- The main sanctuary was recently renovated in 2019-2020. It features a water baptismal in the center under a large silver cross with dual projectors and projection screens on the sides. The sound system is located in the center of the balcony seating, above the stairs.
- There are some additional classroom and storage areas directly behind the sanctuary and on the sides of the lower level.

Preschool/Nursery

- Preschool and Nursery meet in the “Kingdom Kids” hall. This consists of two larger classrooms/meeting spaces across from each other.
- There is also access to a fenced-in, outdoor playground on this hall.

Youth & Kids

- Youth & Children’s Church currently use the fellowship hall for their times of worship and ministry. The fellowship was recently renovated in 2019-2020. Youth does have a dedicated storage space near the fellowship hall. On Wednesday nights, our various Children’s ministries (Impact, Royal Rangers, etc.) utilize the classroom spaces on the education wing.

2. Pictures – See attached file

Exterior Images

1. Church Buildings
2. Land or property owned around buildings

Interior Images

3. Main Sanctuary
4. Nursery/Kids/Youth Spaces
5. Main Lobby
6. Kitchen
7. Office Spaces
8. Classroom Spaces

9. Any additional spaces people gather

3. **Bylaws** - See attached file for Updated Bylaws 4-4-25