



Flowers In Memory Of...

Flowers this Sunday will be given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Grace Swanner, by her family, in remembrance of her birthday, September 17.

1st - 6th Grade News:

Save the date for Children's Missions Day in Greenville on Saturday, November 2. Parent chaperones are needed as well. Contact Kelly to sign up.

Christmas Drama

This year, we would like to incorporate drama parts into the Christmas Cantata. There will be parts for anyone who wants to participate; all ages included. We will have an organizational meeting on Wednesday, September 18 at 5:00 p.m. in room 103. At that time, we will determine the best day and time for rehearsals. I would like to begin rehearsals the last week of September. Please contact the church office to sign up. If you are interested but you cannot be at the meeting on September 18, please let me know.

Lisha Sparks ~ Home 252-793-0356 ~ Bobby.Lisha@msn.com

YOUTH NEWS:

We will be on regular schedule this week with supper at 5:30pm and HOLLA from 6:00-7:00pm. Be here and bring a friend!

Please sign up with Kelly if you are interested in going to the NCSU v. Duke football game at Duke on Saturday, November 9, or if you would like to attend the fall retreat which includes a trip to Howl-O-Scream at Busch Gardens October 18-19.

Parents, don't forget to check your email each week for updates and current youth news!

Student of the Week

Miss Ginny Daniels
200 Wolf Way
Apt. 103-B
Raleigh, NC 27606

If you have a college student, please call the church office with their address!



September 29

Macedonia Baptist Church
7:00pm

Anyone wishing to ride the church bus should contact the office as soon as possible so a driver can be recruited.



Perhaps the most powerful force that drives us away from God is our own sin. Whether it is sin we knowingly committed or sin that has slowly become a part of our daily routine, if it goes unconfessed and unacknowledged it will always be a barrier between us and God. But if we honestly seek God and ask God to show us how we have erred, God is faithful to forgive us and draw us close so that we can be restored and able to receive God's grace more freely.

In his short story, *The Capital of the World*, Ernest Hemingway tells about a Spanish father who wants to reconcile with his son who has run away to Madrid. In order to locate the boy he takes out an ad in the newspaper: "Paco, meet me at the Hotel Montana at noon on Tuesday. All is forgiven. Love, Papa." Paco is a common name in Spain, and when the father goes to the square he finds eight hundred young men named Paco waiting for their fathers.

Deep down, we all realize our need for the grace and love that our Father is willing to give us. God's message to us this day is, "All is forgiven." That does not mean that life will be easy or that we are not responsible for our actions. But it does mean that God does not hold our sins against us. God forgives us so that we can rely upon God's strength and God's help to live each day. Hear the words of the Psalmist: "God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:10-12).

Amen.

Grace and peace,

David



LECTIONARY READINGS

SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

17th Sun. after Pentecost
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

SEPTEMBER 22, 2013

18th Sun. after Pentecost
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

Calendar of Activities

Sunday, September 15

9:45-Sunday School
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer
11:00-Morning Worship
5:30-Youth Supper
6:00-Youth HOLLA

Monday, September 16

3:00-Laura Harrell Class,
Primetime

Tuesday, September 17

5:00-TOPS, Room 117
7:00-Outreach Committee,
Room 103

Wednesday, September 18

1:00-Mustard Seeds Group
5:30-Supper
6:00-Children's Choirs
6:30-Church Conference
6:45-Children's Missions
7:30-Adult Choir Practice

SEPTEMBER REQUESTS

Operation Christmas Child

individually wrapped
hard candies (no chocolate)

Food Pantry

canned soups

BIRTHDAYS

Sunday, September 15

Ronald Campbell
Jason Potts

Monday, September 16

Jacob Brooks
Gail Bunch
Cliff Copeland

Tuesday, September 17

James Ellis
Lynda Hendricks
Chrystal Parrish
Ferrell Pavlich
Carson Ray

Wednesday, September 18

Jennifer Dale
J.T. Ough
Jimbo Parrish
Gloria Perry

Thursday, September 19

Julie Privott

Friday, September 20

Paul Roberson

Saturday, September 21

Mike Faircloth
Lynne Layton
Kristy Partin
Emerson Privott

ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday, September 15

M/M Clyde Adams

Wednesday, September 18

M/M Eric Bergevin
M/M Scott Evans

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

DEACONS: Allen Mills & Bob Zembraski

BUS DRIVER: Tommy White (562-3593)

BUS RIDER: Allen Mills

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Dianne Cinkovich

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Angela Thatcher & Joy Harvill

AUDIO OPERATOR: Keith Privott

VIDEO OPERATOR: Paul Stallings

YOUTH SUPPER: Sid & Norma White



Shut-Ins of the Week

Kenny & Joe Griffin
Litchford Falls Nursing
8200 Litchford Road
Raleigh, NC 27615

WEEKLY REPORT (9/8)

Offering

Budget Needed \$ 9,408.82
Amt. Received 10,373.00
Over Budget 964.18

Other Monies Received

Supper (8/2) 286.00
Community Missions 10.00
Memorial Fund 530.00
NC Missions 910.00
NC WMU 25.00
Reimbursements 100.00
TOTAL 1,861.00

Attendance

Sunday School 125
Chowan River Nursing 37
SS TOTAL 158
Worship TOTAL 232

YTD Offerings (36 weeks)

Amt. Required 338,717.52
Amt. Received 356,224.93
Over Budget 17,507.41

In Memoriam

Mr. Johnny E. Owens, Sr.
1930 - 2013



Mrs. Grace W. Swanner
1923 - 2013

HOSPITAL REPORT (9/11)

There were no known members in the hospital at the time of printing.

Book Bag Buddies

It's a new school year, and we start this ministry September 19. Please sign up in the back hallway if you have an hour to give to this worthy cause.



Check the literature rack in the back hallway for *Mature Living* magazine, and other items of interest!

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BUDGET PROPOSALS DUE BY SUNDAY

Staff and committee chairs must have their 2014 budget requests turned in to the church office by Sunday, September 15, 2013.

DEACON ELECTION NEWS

Deacon elections will take place in October, and the church office needs your help as we prepare for this process. If you are eligible for nomination **but you are not willing to serve as a deacon if nominated, please inform the church office no later than this Sunday, September 15.** Our office staff can then compile an accurate list of church members who are both eligible for nomination **and** who are willing to serve. Your help in this effort will greatly expedite the work of our Deacon Nomination Committee in October.

Eligibility requirements: Members eligible for nomination include those persons who are 21 years of age and have been resident members of Edenton Baptist Church for at least two years. Members who are ineligible for nomination include active deacons, the spouse of a deacon who will be active during 2014, an adult child or parent of a deacon who will be active in 2014, and current staff members.

Fall Picnic Planned

Mark your calendar now for Sunday, September 22 at 1:00pm, when we will enjoy good food and fellowship, at the home of Jimmy and Karen Fleetwood, 118 Cove Drive (Sandy Point). Our hosts have graciously agreed to provide BBQ chicken for everyone and the church will provide beverages. All picnickers are asked to bring side dishes such as vegetables, bread, desserts.

THE INFORMER

Edenton Baptist Church

Edenton, North Carolina 27932

A Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Congregation

David B. Brooks

Pastor

Kelly E. Rhodes

Associate Pastor

David N. Shaw

Director of Music

Jackie P. Copeland

Organist/Assistant Music Director

Christopher A. Bunch

Pianist

Janet C. Skinner

Church Administrator

Sue C. Dawley

Financial Secretary

Sherry S. Dowd

Preschool Coordinator

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Grace Abounding"

1 Timothy 1:12-17



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September is the month that our church collects a joint offering for several state missions organizations. This year the offering will be divided between WMU-NC (40%), NC Baptist Men (30%), Cale Retreat and Conference Center (20%), and CBFNC Mission and Ministry Offering (10%). Special envelopes were mailed in last week's newsletter. They are also available at the church. Please give generously to this annual offering. \$1,843.00 has been received to date.