

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2013**

**DEACONS:** Allen Mills & Bob Zembraski  
**BUS DRIVER:** Tommy White (562-3593)  
**BUS RIDER:** Bob Zembraski  
**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Casey Atstupenas  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Dorothy Bunch  
**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Gary Swanner  
**VIDEO OPERATOR:** Susie Swanner



## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2013**

**DEACONS:** Wanda Small & Al Ward  
**BUS DRIVER:** Gene Nixon (482-8281)  
**BUS RIDER:** Wanda Small  
**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Kelly Rhodes  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Travis Ellis  
**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Paul Williams  
**VIDEO OPERATORS:** Allen & Claire Mills



### **Flowers**



*Flowers on Sunday, November 24, will be given in loving memory of Bill and Virginia Wells, by their family, in honor of their wedding anniversary November 27.*

### **Students of the Week**

#### **Week of Nov. 24-30**

Miss Merritt Chesson  
1404 Anderson Street  
Durham, NC 27707

#### **Week of Dec. 1-7**

Miss Mary Scott Bunch  
3167 Cypress View Drive  
Greenville, NC 27858

### **Shut-Ins of the Week**

#### **Week of Nov. 24-30**

Mr. & Mrs. John Brabble  
927 Soundside Road  
Edenton, NC 27932

#### **Week of Dec. 1-7**

Mrs. Virginia Byrum  
218 W. Eden Street  
Edenton, NC 27932

#### **JOY CLUB**

#### **Christmas Party**

**Thursday, December 12**  
Heritage House in Windsor

Bus leaves the parking lot at 11:00am. RSVP with Bessie Perry ASAP!!!



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- The office will close on Wednesday, Nov. 27 at noon for the holiday and reopen Monday, Dec. 2 at 8:00am.
- On Wednesday evening, Nov. 27, there will be no church activities at all.



### **Adjusted Schedule**

#### **Wednesday, December 4:**

5:15 - 6:15 Supper  
6:00 - 6:30 Children's Mission Groups  
6:15 - 7:00 Adult Bible Study  
6:30 - 7:00 Children's Choirs practice in sanctuary  
7:00 - 7:30 Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal  
7:30 - 8:30 Adult Choir Practice

#### **Wednesday, December 11:**

5:15 - 6:00 Supper  
6:00 - 6:45 Children's Missions Presentations in Fellowship Hall  
6:45 - 7:00 Children's Choirs practice in sanctuary  
7:00 - 7:30 Adult & Children's Choirs practice together  
7:30 - 8:30 Adult Choir Practice

# 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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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013

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## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2013**

### **Christ the King Sunday**

Baptist Men's Breakfast 8:30AM

Sermon: *"With Every Breath"*

Scripture: Psalm 150

EBC Autumn Handbells

Vote on 2014 Budget

### **CHURCH-WIDE THANKSGIVING DINNER**

**5:00PM ~ Fellowship Hall**

*Music provided by the Adult Choir*

*Message by our Pastor*

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2013**

### **The First Sunday of Advent**

Observance of the Lord's Supper

### **ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP**

**6:00PM ~ Fellowship Hall**

*Devotion & Snacks*

*Please bring garden shears & a plate or pie pan.*

**WEEKLY REPORT (11/10)****Offering**

Budget Needed	9,408.82
Amt. Received	12,952.00
Over Budget	3,543.18

**Other Monies Received**

Supper (11/6)	225.00
Memorial Fund	10.00
EBC Baptist Men	20.00
Community Missions	10.00
Reimbursements	395.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>660.00</b>

**Attendance**

Sunday School	131
Chowan River Nursing	37
SS TOTAL	168
Worship TOTAL	231

**YTD Offerings (45 weeks)**

Amt. Required	423,396.90
Amt. Received	439,654.22
Over Budget	16,257.32

**WEEKLY REPORT (11/17)****Offering**

Budget Needed	9,408.82
Amt. Received	7,251.15
Under Budget	(2,157.67)

**Other Monies Received**

Supper (11/13)	277.00
Memorial Fund	115.00
Reimbursements	1,235.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,627.00</b>

**Attendance**

Sunday School	129
Chowan River Nursing	36
SS TOTAL	165
Worship TOTAL	255

**YTD Offerings (46 weeks)**

Amt. Required	432,805.72
Amt. Received	446,905.37
Over Budget	14,099.65



**Christmas  
Cantata**  
December 15th  
5:00pm

**YOUTH NEWS**

We will not have youth group this Sunday, Nov. 24, or next Sunday, Dec. 1. However, our youth families are encouraged to come and take part of our Thanksgiving Dinner and Advent Wreath Workshop on those Sunday evenings!

Deposits are due for the ski trip and for Passport Camp this summer. The ski trip deposit is \$100 and camp deposit is \$75. Drop off your money with Kelly or bring it to the church office to get signed up for these trips. Check your parent email for dates and other important details!

**From the Pastor**

The arrival of the Thanksgiving holiday causes us to ponder the meaning of gratitude and giving thanks to God. In his book, *The Beautiful Work of Learning to Pray*, James Howell notes that the ancient Israelites enjoyed a huge advantage over us in terms of feeling grateful (p. 61). They lacked technology and financial security, so they possessed a true sense of absolute dependence upon God for every little thing: bread to eat, water to drink, shelter over their heads, clothes on their back, their next breath of air, the sunshine and the rain.

Contrast the Israelites' sense of dependence on their Maker with our modern sense of independence and self-sufficiency. We frown upon persons who cannot provide for themselves or pull their own weight. Instead of gratitude, we typically exhibit pride in ourselves because we have earned our place in life with our hard work or intelligence. When Thanksgiving rolls around every November, we may give God a nod or some lip service, but deep down we are more than likely experiencing feelings of self-congratulation.

To counteract this modern trend, we may have to do the strenuous work of developing a counterintuitive sense of true dependence upon God. By asking God to help is in this work, we can begin to see that we are not the master of our own fates, that we are not as strong and independent as we may think, and that we do not earn what is genuinely good in life.

Start today by praying a prayer that consists of nothing more than giving thanks to God. Lay your whole life before God, thanking God for every little detail and every sign of his grace to you. Then, do the same thing tomorrow and the next day and the next. Form within your life a habit of intentionally giving thanks. And you'll begin to see the truth in these words from Henri Nouwen: "The choice for gratitude rarely comes without some real effort. But each time I make it, the next choice is a little easier, a little freer, a little less self-conscious....Acts of gratitude make one grateful."<sup>1</sup>

Practice gratitude toward God and see how grateful you will become.

Grace and peace,

David



<sup>1</sup> Henri Nouwen, *The Return of the Prodigal Son* (New York: Image Books, 1993), p. 86, as quoted in James C. Howell, *The Beautiful Work of Learning to Pray* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2003), p. 62.

**LECTIONARY READINGS****NOVEMBER 24, 2013**

Christ the King Sunday  
Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Luke 1:68-79  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43

**DECEMBER 1, 2013**

1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of Advent  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44

**~ BIRTHDAYS ~****Sunday, November 24**

Linda Cook  
Hawk Crummey  
Steve Leary

**Monday, November 25**

Cathy Cleavenger  
Ann Morgan  
Martha Pennington

**Tuesday, November 26**

Samuel Cox  
Barbara Hollowell  
Jimmy Skinner  
Amanda Smith

**Wednesday, November 27**

Richard Elliott  
Joan Perry  
Mary Swanner  
Sid White

**Thursday, November 28**

Sara Alligood  
Anna P. Bass  
Donald Faircloth  
Nathan Surratt

**Friday, November 29**

Don Small  
Tim Smith

**Saturday, November 30**

Leanne Clayton  
Betsy Hicks  
Nell Perry  
Chris Perry

**Sunday, December 1**

Billy Frances  
Toni Kuykendall

**Monday, December 2**

Karen Fleetwood

**Tuesday, December 3**

Kimberly Fisher

**Wednesday, December 4**

Tom Bass, Sr.  
Ann Buchanan  
Betsy Jackson  
Larry Smith  
Kim Stille  
Anne Ward

**Thursday, December 5**

Hannah Bergevin  
Scott Evans

**Friday, December 6**

West Byrum  
Angela Kotel

**Saturday, December 7**

Patricia Sternecker  
Laura White

**ANNIVERSARIES****Sunday, November 24**

M/M Skip Sykes

**Wednesday, November 27**

M/M Joseph Goodwin

**Thursday, November 28**

M/M Johnny Layton

**Sunday, December 1**

M/M Jim Parrish III

**HOSPITAL REPORT (11/20)**

**Vidant Medical Center**  
Legion Britton



Dear Church Family,

I was humbled and overwhelmed by the extremely generous gift presented me by our Sunday School classes upon returning to work this week. The congregation of Edenton Baptist Church has nurtured me all my life, so it should not have come as a surprise. What a blessing you are!

Thank you for the love you have shown me.

With love & gratitude,  
Janet Skinner

“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.”  
Philippians 1:3



To order a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, complete the form below and place in the offering plate, or mail to the church office, along with your payment. Cost is \$5.00 per plant. **Deadline to order by is December 5.**

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IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
GIVEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed at \$5.00 per plant \_\_\_\_\_

**CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

- Sunday, November 24**  
8:30-Baptist Men’s Breakfast, Fellowship Hall  
9:45-Sunday School  
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer  
11:00-Morning Worship  
5:00-Thanksgiving Dinner
- Tuesday, November 26**  
5:00-TOPS, Room 117
- Wednesday, November 27**  
12:00-Office Closes  
No Supper or Activities
- Thursday, November 28**  
Office Closed
- Friday, November 29**  
Office Closed

**CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

- Sunday, December 1**  
9:45-Sunday School  
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer  
11:00-Morning Worship  
6:00-Advent Wreath Workshop
- Tuesday, December 3**  
5:00-TOPS, Room 117  
7:00-Joyful Noise Makers, Edenton Primetime
- Wednesday, December 4**  
5:15-Supper  
6:00-Children’s Missions  
6:15-Adult Bible Study  
7:00-Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal  
7:30-Adult Choir Practice
- Thursday, December 5**  
5:30-Handbell Practice



The December Deacons meeting has been moved from December 1 to December 8, 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

**BASKETBALL PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

All children ages kindergarten through high school seniors are invited to play church basketball. Below you will find our practice schedule.



**Practice dates:**  
Tuesday, December 10  
Monday, December 16  
Thursday, January 2

**Practice times:**  
5:30 - 6:00pm: K-2  
6:00 - 7:00pm: 3-5 boys, 3-6 girls  
7:00 - 8:00pm: 6-8 boys, 7-12 girls