

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2013

DEACONS: Jim Blount & Hazel Elliott
BUS DRIVER: Mark Dawley (482-6922)
BUS RIDER: Jim Blount
CHILDREN'S SERMON: David Brooks
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Sandra Stanley
AUDIO OPERATOR: Bob Partin
VIDEO OPERATOR: Holly Smith
YOUTH SUPPER: Tommy & Shelly White



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A Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Congregation

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Associate Pastor
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Director of Music
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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, DECEMBER 5, 2013

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~ In Memoriam ~

Mrs. Joyce B. Harrell
1928 - 2013

JOY CLUB Christmas Party

Thursday, December 12
Heritage House in Windsor

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

Student of the Week

Miss Hannah White
214 Dixie Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

Shut-In of the Week

Mr. West Byrum
123 Pembroke Circle
Edenton, NC 27932

Children's Christmas Party

Dec 18 6-7:30pm
Youth Room.

We will have snacks, a
craft, devotion, and games.
Please bring canned goods
or monetary offering for the
Food Pantry.

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



In church conference on November 20, our congregation voted unanimously to memorialize our longtime organist, assistant music director, and friend, Mary Smith, by naming the Christmas tree in our fellowship hall, "Mary's Tree." Six years ago, Mary, very quietly gave the funds to purchase the tree, and it has brought great joy to our hearts ever since. Now, as we continue to enjoy the tree and its beauty for years to come, we will be reminded of Mary—her joy; her beautiful spirit; her God-given musical talent; and her unwavering devotion to God, to Edenton Baptist Church, and to her family. Thanks be to God!

~ SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT ~

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2013

The Second Sunday of Advent

Deacons Meeting, 8:00am

Outgoing deacons should turn in notebooks.

Global Missions Emphasis Sunday

Rev. Drew Phillips, Guest Speaker
Associate Minister to Chowan University



**Hanging
of the
Greens**

**Sunday at 7:00PM
Sanctuary**

WEEKLY REPORT (11/24)**Offering**

Budget Needed	9,408.82
Amt. Received	11,093.00
Over Budget	1,684.18

Other Monies Received

Supper (11/20)	313.00
Memorial Fund	360.00
Reimbursements	1,628.00
Interest	3.49
TOTAL	2,304.49

Attendance

Sunday School	128
Chowan River Nursing	43
SS TOTAL	171
Worship TOTAL	240

YTD Offerings (47 weeks)

Amt. Required	442,214.54
Amt. Received	457,998.37
Over Budget	15,783.83

WEEKLY REPORT (12/1)**Offering**

Budget Needed	9,408.82
Amt. Received	9,743.13
Over Budget	334.31

Other Monies Received

Community Missions	167.00
Memorial Fund	10.00
Reimbursements	590.00
TOTAL	767.00

Attendance

Sunday School	120
Chowan River Nursing	35
SS TOTAL	155
Worship TOTAL	250

YTD Offerings (48 weeks)

Amt. Required	451,623.36
Amt. Received	467,741.50
Over Budget	16,118.14

Expressions of Thanks

The following wish to express their sincere appreciation to members of our church for the many acts of kindness and Prayers rendered in their behalf: Mary Ann Barham, Larry & Bonnie Langdale, Tani Lynn Pratt, Doris Ray, Family of Kathyne Barrow.

YOUTH NEWS - Our schedule for the next two weeks:

Sunday, December 8: We will have supper at 5:30pm in the Youth Room and an abbreviated HOLLA time. We will attend the Hanging of the Greens service together and youth will light candles at the end of the service.

Sunday, December 15: The Christmas Cantata is at 5:00pm, and we will convene in the Fellowship Hall following the cantata for our Youth Family Christmas Party. Please check your parent email for details regarding the party and what to bring.

If you have not stuffed a stocking for the Salvation Army and would like to do so, please bring your items to the church as soon as possible!

From the Pastor

Many hard-working people in our church deserve our sincere gratitude for the time and effort they have given in recent days. Fall is always busy with different committees making preparations for a new year. The general nominating, deacon nomination, strategic, personnel, and finance committees spend many hours working on behalf of the church body to prepare our operating budget and to invite individuals to serve in various roles on committees, as teachers, and as church officers. Be sure to thank members of the committees when you see them.

We are also grateful to the social committee and others responsible for making sure Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas are such meaningful times in the life of Edenton Baptist. Each member of the social committee gave at least 15-20 hours of his/her time to prepare and serve our annual Thanksgiving dinner and refreshments for our Advent Wreath Workshop. Joy Harvill, Angela Thatcher, Allen Mills, and other members of our Baptist Men gave several hours of their time to prepare for our Advent Wreath Workshop. Linda Evans, Gloria Voigt, Lynne Layton, Ruth Bass, and Jamie Bass have used their creative and organizational skills in the decoration of our buildings and the oversight of our Hanging of the Greens worship service. Many other volunteers and members of our church staff have worked alongside the aforementioned individuals and committees to serve our church and to glorify God. Thanks is due to each and every person for the labor of love that has been put forth.

With less than three weeks left until Christmas Day, I hope that you will take note of the various worship, fellowship, learning, and mission opportunities that are included in this newsletter. Give thanks for the work that has gone into these events. Give generously to missions, both local and global. And give the best of your time, your energy, and yourself to God as you prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas once more.

Grace and peace,

David



A big **Thank You** to all who helped with Operation Christmas Child. 71 shoeboxes were packed by EBC folks. Over 1500 passed through our doors on their way to children all over the world. A special thank you to Betty Cox, Gloria Voigt, Tom & Anna Bass, Steve Biggs, Allen Mills, Ben, Sonya & Bailey Rinehart, and Jay Swicegood for their help. Also, thank you to Darren Halstead for taking his time (and truck and trailer) to deliver all of the cartons to Elizabeth City. *-Jamie Bass*

LECTIONARY READINGS**DECEMBER 8, 2013**2nd Sun. of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

DECEMBER 15, 20133rd Sun. of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:5-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

BIRTHDAYS**Sunday, December 8**

Travis Ellis
Elaine Ervin
C. J. Jackson
Keith Pierce
Harriet Sawyer

Monday, December 9

Marisa Ellis
Wally Horner

Tuesday, December 10

Betty Cox
Brenda Sternecker

Wednesday, December 11

Sheryl Alligood
Hazel Elliott
Lyman Partin

Friday, December 13

Alma Taylor

Saturday, December 14

Susan Nixon
Lori Wescott

ANNIVERSARIES**Wednesday, December 11**

M/M Hawk Crummey
M/M Jeff Thatcher

Thursday, December 12

M/M Daniel Smith

HOSPITAL REPORT (12/4)

At the time of printing there were no known members hospitalized.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**Sunday, December 8**

8:00-Deacons Meeting
9:45-Sunday School
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer
11:00-Morning Worship
5:30-Youth Supper (White)
6:00-Youth HOLLA
7:00-Hanging of the Greens

Monday, December 9

7:00-Son Beams Group,
Jenny Williams

Tuesday, December 10

11:00-Combined WMU Group
Meeting & Lunch
5:00-TOPS, Room 117
5:00-9:00-Basketball Practice
schedule located elsewhere

Wednesday, December 11

5:15-Supper (spaghetti)
6:00-Children's Missions
Presentation

6:45-Children's Choir Practice
7:00-Adult & Children's Choirs
7:30-Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, December 12

11:00-Joy Club to Windsor
5:30-Handbell Practice
6:00-Deacon Party

Friday, December 13

4:00-8:00-Candlelight Tour
6:30-L. E. Griffin Class Party