

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2013

**DEACONS:** Barbara Cale & Bobby Lane  
**BUS DRIVER:** Mark Dawley (482-6922)  
**BUS RIDER:** Bobby Lane  
**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Kelly Rhodes  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Wanda Perry  
**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Maurice Bunch  
**VIDEO OPERATOR:** Karen Long



### In Memoriam

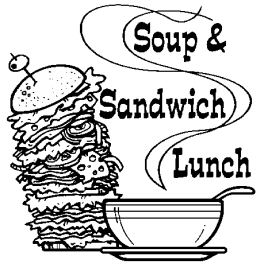
Mr. James "Pat" Flanagan  
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### Shut-In of the Week

Mrs. Pauline Griffin  
Swain Apts. - #101  
101 Court Street  
Edenton, NC 27932

### Student of the Week

Miss Anna Bunch  
1216-B E. Firetower Road  
Greenville, NC 27858



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 5 after worship for a fundraiser lunch. Lunch will include soup, sandwich, dessert, and drink. You do not have to purchase a ticket, but please make a minimum donation at the door of \$6 per person. All proceeds will be used to offset the cost of our youth trips in 2014 (ski trip, camp, and mission trip). Thank you for your support!

### 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:** 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

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Our Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries and missions endeavors are dependent upon our gifts to this offering taken the month of December in our church. Special envelopes are provided in pew racks & the church office. Please give generously. Our goal is \$8,000.00. Given to date: \$2,235.00.

### YOUTH NEWS

This Sunday, December 15, we will have our Youth Family Christmas Supper in the Fellowship Hall following the Christmas Cantata (approx. 6:00pm). Please check your parent email for instructions on what to bring.



All missions groups will have a joint **Christmas Party** on Wednesday, December 18, from 6:30pm until 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Please join us for a dessert snack, craft, Christmas devotion, and fellowship!



### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, December 17

3:00-7:00pm

Fellowship Hall

Sponsored by Baptist Men

# 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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### Edenton Baptist Church on Christmas Candlelight Tour

Friday, December 13 & Saturday, December 14  
4:00 - 8:00pm

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2013

### The Third Sunday of Advent

Sermon: "The Road to Joy"

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10



The Adult Choir presents

*"What Sweeter Music ~ A Festival of Carols"*

by Mark Hayes

Sunday at 5:00pm



Offering envelopes for 2014 will be ready for pick-up beginning Monday, December 16, in the back hallway, near the office. Envelopes will remain there for the rest of the month. Most people will have a new number, so it is important not to use them until January.

**HOSPITAL REPORT** (12/11)

**Chowan Hospital**  
Hilda Goodwin  
**Vidant Mediat Center**  
Yates Parrish

**WEEKLY REPORT** (12/8)

**Offering**  
Budget Needed 9,408.82  
Amt. Received 10,488.35  
Over Budget 1,079.53

**Other Monies Received**  
Supper (12/4) 274.00  
Memorial Fund 495.00  
Poinsettias 527.50  
Global Missions 2,235.00  
Reimbursements 400.00  
TOTAL 3,931.50

**Attendance**  
Sunday School 107  
Chowan River Nursing 41  
SS TOTAL 148  
Worship TOTAL 180

**YTD Offerings (49 weeks)**  
Amt. Required 461,032.18  
Amt. Received 478,229.85  
Over Budget 17,197.67



All of us would like to have more time—more time to finish a job, to spend with family, to get ready for Christmas, to relax, to travel, to serve other people, etc. If we take time to stop for a minute or two and actually think about our use of time, we realize that we are a people who live in what Donna Schaper calls “a time famine” (*God’s Gift of Love*, p. 9). “We just don’t have enough time,” we often say. We are time famished.

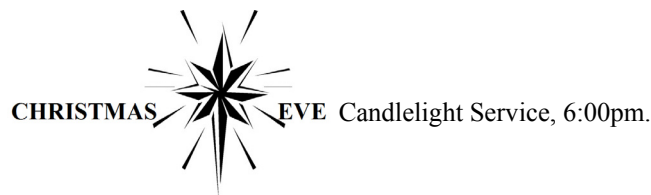
Advent gives us permission to slow down. Advent shows us the value of time. Advent calls for us to sit, to watch, to wait. In fact, Advent asks us to embrace the posture of waiting in all that we do. Every moment of every day is an opportunity to wait—sometimes actively, other times reflectively—on the coming of Jesus. And in unexpected and comforting ways, Jesus does come to us. He comes to us most often when we are patient with our time and observant at any given moment of time. Jesus appears to us when we are eager enough to see him in the faces and places that most people overlook, write off, or don’t have time for. And he will come again at the end of time, when we least expect him. Until then, we can choose to make the most of every moment that we have been given by God by continually preparing our lives for the return of our king.

The best way to prepare for a future in God’s full presence is to practice. However we envision life when Jesus returns, why not seek to live that way now? And what would that look like? Well, our best glimpse of that future is seen in the life of Jesus when he was with us once before. He loved, he extended grace, he brought hope, he served, he healed, he did the will of his Father. By any measure, that is a good use of time.

Do we need more time? Maybe. Or maybe we just need a season like Advent to remind us how to use the time that we have—patiently, intentionally, and expectantly.

Grace and peace,

David



**LECTIONARY READINGS**

**DECEMBER 15, 2013**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of Advent  
Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 146:5-10  
James 5:7-10  
Luke 1:46b-55

**DECEMBER 22, 2013**

4<sup>th</sup> Sun. of Advent  
Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25



**HANDBELLS** in Morning Worship on December 22.

**BIRTHDAYS**

**Sunday, December 15**

Ron Hendricks

**Monday, December 16**

Linda Owens

**Tuesday, December 17**

Betsy Chesson  
Mary Katherine Dowd  
Leslie Kirby  
Jim Mills  
West Small

**Wednesday, December 18**

Lynn Chesson  
Mike Covington  
David Cross  
Morgan Ellis

**Thursday, December 19**

Andrew Cox  
Freddie Ferguson  
Louis Francis  
Emma Parrish  
Jed Record  
Dot White

**Friday, December 20**

Linda Boyle  
Holden Fuller  
Linda Potts  
Lisha Sparks

**Saturday, December 21**

Wendell Copeland

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Monday, December 16**

M/M Brian Harvill

**Thursday, December 19**

M/M Tommy Bass, Jr.  
M/M Chip Wynns

**CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

**Saturday, December 14**

4-8:00-Candlelight Tour  
6:00-Laura Harrell Class Party

**Sunday, December 15**

9:45-Sunday School  
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer  
11:00-Morning Worship  
5:00-Adult Choir Cantata  
6:00-Youth Family Party

**Monday, December 16**

3:00-Laura Harrell Class, Primetime  
5:00-9:00-Basketball Practice  
5:30-Handbell Practice

**Tuesday, December 17**

3-7:00-Red Cross Blood Drive  
5:00-TOPS, Room 117  
6:30-Choir Party, the Norvell's  
**Wednesday, December 18**  
5:30-Supper (sandwiches & broccoli/cheese soup)  
6:00-Children's Choirs



Dear Church Family,

On behalf of our family, we would like to thank everyone who lovingly cared for nurtured us during our time of grief. Words cannot adequately express our love for such compassionate, caring and loving friends we have here at Edenton Baptist. You are angels sent by God to comfort and sustain us, while putting your lives on hold to see that our needs were ministered to. We shall never forget you and we pray God will bless you always.

In His glory,  
Mary Margaret, Luke, Catie, & Rhett McKinney  
Skip & Robbie Sykes

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:

-Keith, Vicky, Bryant, and Katelyn Warren