

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2013

DEACONS: Larry Cinkovich & Alton Elmore
BUS DRIVER: David McCall (482-8667)
BUS RIDER: Alton Elmore
CHILDREN'S SERMON: David Brooks
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Anita LaFon
AUDIO OPERATOR: Keith Privott
VIDEO OPERATOR: Paul Stallings



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2013

AUDIO OPERATOR: Gary Swanner
VIDEO OPERATOR: Susie Swanner

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2013

DEACONS: Gene Nixon & Michael Smith
BUS DRIVER: Tommy Bass (482-1099)
BUS RIDER: Michael Smith
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Mary Daniels
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Angela Thatcher & Joy Harvill
AUDIO OPERATOR: Paul Williams
VIDEO OPERATORS: Allen & Claire Mills



YOUTH NEWS

We will resume HOLLA on Sunday, January 5. Our fundraiser lunch will be that day as well. Please check your email for details on the fundraiser and contact Kelly over the break if you have any questions.

ATTENTION KIDS!

We will once again go ice skating on the MLK holiday so mark your calendars for Monday, January 20! All 1st through 6th graders are invited to attend and younger siblings may join if a parent chaperones. Please sign up with Kelly.

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: 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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Merry Christmas

FROM YOUR CHURCH STAFF

David Brooks

Kelly Rhodes

David Shaw

Jackie Copeland

Christopher Bunch

Janet Skinner

Sue Dawley

William Hardy

Linda Owens

Bertha Blanchard

NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your 2014 church envelopes are available for pick-up in the back hallway of the church. For your convenience, you will find them in alphabetical order, with families grouped together.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The church office will be closed for Tuesday, December 24 through Thursday, December 26, and reopen Friday, December 27 for half a day. The office will also be closed New Years Day, January 1. We will reopen Thursday, January 2.

All Wednesday evening activities are canceled for December 25 and January 1. Regular schedule resumes January 8.

There will be no meeting of the Baptist Men on January 29.

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, DECEMBER 19, 2013

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2013

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sermon: "Gentle Joseph"
Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2013

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

Sermon: "God's Best Gift"
Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

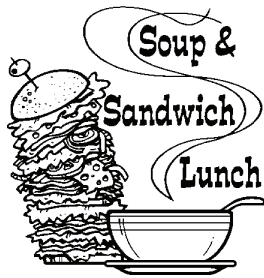
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2013

The First Sunday of Christmas

Scripture: Isaiah 63:7-9



This is a two-week edition of *The Informer*. The next issue will be mailed on January 2.



CBF *Offering for*
GLOBAL MISSIONS

Goal: \$8,000.00.
Given to date: \$3,070.00

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!

WEEKLY REPORT (12/15)

Offering
Budget Needed 9,408.82
Amt. Received 12,126.00
Over Budget 2,717.18

Other Monies Received
Supper (12/11) 274.00
Memorial Fund 245.00
Global Missions 1,835.00
Reimbursements 607.50
TOTAL 2,969.50

Attendance
Sunday School 99
Chowan River Nursing 49
SS TOTAL 148
Worship TOTAL 240

YTD Offerings (50 weeks)
Amt. Required 470,441.00
Amt. Received 490,355.85
Over Budget 19,914.85

HOSPITAL REPORT (12/18)

Chowan Hospital

Gladys Stallings

Vidant Medical Center

Yates Parrish

Our Shut-Ins

Week of Dec. 22-28

Mrs. Mary Grey Leary
209 S. Granville Street
Edenton, NC 27932

Week of Dec. 29-Jan. 4

Mr. & Mrs. Orvin Rud
109 Jackson Street
Edenton, NC 27932

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday, December 23

M/M David LaFon

Tuesday, December 24

M/M Gene Nixon

Wednesday, December 25

M/M Gary Ray

Friday, December 27

M/M Paul Stallings

Saturday, December 28

M/M Travis Ellis

Sunday, December 29

M/M Bill Potts

M/M Bobby Sparks

Tuesday, December 31

M/M Jeb Bassett

FROM THE PASTOR

With Christmas approaching, I thought I'd share a nice gift with you that our church received in the mail a few weeks ago. It's nothing elaborate or expensive, but its meaning is priceless. It is a simple greeting card, handmade by Lieutenant Colonel Mason Kerr. There is nothing in the card that gives any personal information about Mr. Kerr—just his rank and the fact that he is currently deployed somewhere outside of the United States. He doesn't even reveal his branch of military service. But included inside the card is a photocopied print of our church with these words printed above and below the church: "Packed with love & prayers, Edenton Baptist Church, Edenton, NC." It is a slip of paper that was included with one of the many bandanas that we have packed in the past few years and sent to our service personnel through "Operation Bandanas." Here's what LTC Mason Kerr wrote by hand in the card, referring to the picture of our church:

Not sure how I ended up with this, but I got it in my travels on this deployment. Maybe it was in a pack of cards I was going through? I enjoy picking up cards on the chaplain's table or at the USO. I wanted to write to say thank you for your support to the troops. Sincerely, LTC Mason Kerr.

Sometimes we may wonder if our simple acts of Christian love and care make a difference. LTC Kerr's thank you note is an affirmation that, yes, our simple and consistent acts of kindness in the name of Jesus really do impact our world. Because we took the time to prayerfully pack a bandana, the words of Psalm 91, and a picture of our church, Mr. Kerr was encouraged and given hope. And who knows just how many other servicemen and women have been touched by God's love through our church. Who knows how many people have been touched in our community on a daily basis by your faithful prayers, your generosity, your acts of kindness and care.

At Christmas, we remember that God touched our lives in the most personal way possible. He became one of us when Jesus was born. And we have the opportunity to live every day saying thank you to God for his great gift of love that came to us at Christmas.

Merry Christmas!

David

P.S. Please find LTC Mason Kerr's card posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

LECTIONARY READINGS

DECEMBER 22, 2013

4th Sun. of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

DECEMBER 29, 2013

1st Sun. after Christmas

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

BIRTHDAYS

Sunday, December 22

Janet Skinner

Tuesday, December 24

Gene Nixon

Donna Polous

Doris Toppin

Friday, December 27

William Bootwright

Wanda Perry

Betty Smith

Saturday, December 28

Elton Askew

Anne Hollowell

Matthew Swicegood

Sunday, December 29

Maurice Bunch

Bonnie Siano

Bob Taylor

William Whitaker

Monday, December 30

Carole Zembraski

Tuesday, December 31

Bryant White

Wednesday, January 1

Gretchen Doake

Thursday, January 2

Steve Lane

John Rogerson

Friday, January 3

Ali Belch

Fred Britton, Jr.

Peggy Byrum

Scott Harrell

Saturday, January 4

Linda Banks

Bryan Hurdle

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 22

9:45-Sunday School

10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer

11:00-Morning Worship

Tuesday, December 24

Church Closed for Holiday

6:00-Candlelight Communion

Service

Wednesday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

Thursday, December 26

Church Closed

Sunday, December 29

9:45-Sunday School

10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer

11:00-Morning Worship

Wednesday, January 1

Happy New Year!

Preschool News

The Little Goose Nest has an opening in the 4 year old class. A new year would be a wonderful time for a child to join us. Please tell your friends and neighbors of this opportunity!

