

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2014

DEACONS: Michael Adams & Tommy Bass
BUS DRIVER: Tommy White (562-3593)
BUS RIDER: Michael Adams
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Casey Atstupenas
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Wanda Perry
AUDIO OPERATOR: Paul Williams
VIDEO OPERATORS: Allen & Claire Mills



YOUTH NEWS

This Sunday, February 2, we will have our annual **Super Bowl Party** in the youth room. Youth parents and siblings are welcome to join us, but please let Kelly know how many from your family will attend in order to prepare for the meal. We will begin at 6:00pm. Pizza and drinks will be provided and youth are asked to bring a "tailgate" snack to share. Call Kelly if you have any questions!

Any Valentine Banquet ticket money and unsold tickets should be turned in to Kelly by Sunday, February 2.

Shut-In of the Week

Mrs. Mae Corprew
Edenton Primetime
PO Box 987
Edenton, NC 27932

Student of the Week

Miss Sarah Daniels
104 Country Club Rd.
Stacy, Room 118
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Little Goose Nest Registration

Throughout the month of February the Little Goose Nest preschool will be accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year from Edenton Baptist Church members, as well as siblings of former LGN students. In March the application process is open to the public.



Remember to turn out the lights when you leave a classroom or the gym!

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WEDNESDAY ★ NIGHT ★ BOOK STUDY

Wednesday night at 6:30pm in our fellowship hall we will begin a study of baptism using John R. Tyler's book *Baptism: We've Got It Right...and Wrong: What Baptists Must Keep, What We Must Change, and Why*. The book is not required for the study, but copies are available in the church office for \$12.00, or for loan from our church library.

VALENTINE BANQUET

Celebrate Valentine's Day a little early by attending the Valentine Banquet on Sunday, February 9. Our youth families will be preparing a meal featuring your choice of either prime rib or baked chicken served with a fresh salad, mashed potatoes, roll, tea, and beverage. Our emcee for the evening will be Rev. Brooks and we look forward to a fun time together! Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from Kelly Rhodes or any member of our youth group for \$15 each. Proceeds from the meal will offset trip costs for our youth. Please purchase tickets by this Sunday, Feb. 2.

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, JANUARY 30, 2014

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2014

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Deacon's Meeting, 8:00am

Sermon: "Walking with God"

Scripture: Micah 6:1-8 • Matthew 5:1-12



Ordinance of the Lord's Supper

Sunday School offering goes to Community Missions.

WEEKLY REPORT (1/19)**Offering**

Budget Needed	10,048.54
Amt. Received	7,043.05
Under Budget	(3,005.49)

Other Monies Received

Supper (1/15)	316.00
Memorial Fund	190.00
Reimbursements	100.00
Initial Offering	20.00
EBC Baptist Men	1,675.00
Interest	3.74
TOTAL	2,304.74

Attendance

Sunday School	130
Chowan River Nursing	33
SS TOTAL	163

YTD Offerings (3 weeks)

Amt. Required	30,145.62
Amt. Received	28,272.35
Under Budget	(1,873.27)

HOSPITAL REPORT (1/30)**Vidant Chowan Hospital**

Orvin Rud
Esther Brabble

WEEKLY REPORT (1/26)**Offering**

Budget Needed	10,048.54
Amt. Received	7,069.75
Under Budget	(2,978.79)

Other Monies Received

Memorial Fund	50.00
Reimbursements	269.00
Initial Offering	6.00
Missions for Youth	50.00
TOTAL	375.00

Attendance

Sunday School	134
Chowan River Nursing	33
SS TOTAL	167
Worship TOTAL	235

YTD Offerings (4weeks)

Amt. Required	40,194.16
Amt. Received	35,342.10
Under Budget	(4,852.06)

From the Pastor

Before moving to Pittsburgh last year to teach at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Roger Owens was co-pastor, with his wife, of Duke Memorial United Methodist Church in Durham. In his book, *Abba, Give Me a Word: The Path of Spiritual Direction*, Roger reflects on our need to release our grasp and grip on what we want from life. We want to be in control. We are good at clinging tightly to power, dreams, grudges, and fears that may not be spiritually healthy. So, part of following Jesus is the daily practice of releasing.

One day Roger was in a grocery store in Durham. At the deli counter, he saw someone he recognized. She was a well-known professor of religion, and she was sampling the provolone cheese. She reached in the sample container, stuck in a toothpick, and tasted a piece of cheese. She must have liked it, because, after she tasted the cheese, she grabbed a piece of wax paper from the box on the counter. "Then," Roger writes, "she glanced over her left shoulder, glanced over her right shoulder, reached into the sample box, and with that piece of paper grabbed as much cheese as she could fit in her hand, shoved it into her purse, and walked away."

"After my shock subsided, but before I had a chance to judge her," Roger observes, "I thought: that's me, and it's all of us—fist-clenched grabbers."¹

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus is constantly calling for us to loosen our clench on so many things—things like power, materialism, pride, fear, family, our past, and our future. It is never easy to relinquish the control that we think we have over our lives, but it is absolutely necessary if we are ever going to live in harmony with God. After all, there is no way that we can receive God's provision and God's love with fists that are clenched tight and that are always grabbing for what we want. It is only when we let go and open our hands and hearts upward to God that we can begin to hear him speak and follow his lead.

Grace and peace,

David

¹L. Roger Owens, *Abba, Give Me a Word: The Path of Spiritual Direction* (Brewster, MA: Paraclete Press, 2012), 48.

LECTIONARY READINGS**FEBRUARY 2, 2014**

4th Sun. after the Epiphany
Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

FEBRUARY 9, 2014

5th Sun. after the Epiphany
Isaiah 58:1-9a
Psalm 112:1-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Matthew 5:13-20

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**Saturday, February 1**

Basketball: EB/UM--RH at
Holmes High School

5:00-Co-ed Grades K-2
5:30-Co-ed Grades 3-6 (6 girls)
6:30-Boys Grades 6-9
7:30-Girls Grades 7-12
8:30-Boys Grades 9-12

Sunday, February 2

8:00-Deacons Meeting
9:45-Sunday School
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer
11:00-Morning Worship
6:00-Youth Super Bowl Party,

Youth Room

Tuesday, February 4

5:00-TOPS, Room 117
7:00-Joyful Noise Makers,
Edenton Primetime

Wednesday, February 5

5:30-Supper (pork loin)
6:00-Children's Choirs
6:30-Adult Bible Study
6:45-Children's Missions
7:30-Adult Choir Practice
-Meeting of Ushers,
Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 6

5:30-Handbells, Room 200

Birthdays**Sunday, February 2**

Betsy Kelly
Dean Patsel

Monday, February 3

Steve Hampton
David Lafon
John Marshall
Jackie Partin

Wednesday, February 5

John Brabble
Caroline Ganzert
Gail Jenkins

Thursday, February 6

Carlton Jackson
Billy White

Saturday, February 8

Jack Doane
Kerry Hollowell
Angela McWalter
John Smith
Debbie Swicegood

Anniversary**Thursday, February 6**

M/M Jim Cleavenger



Sign up for our

e-NEWSLETTER

Cale: Camp & Conference Center would like for you to join with them on their "20 for 12" Campaign. Starting January 2014 we are asking you to give \$20.00 for 12 months. All proceeds from this campaign will go towards building the first of the 2 bunk-houses currently planned for Cale. These bunkhouses will help to provide a more accommodating place for our summer campers and year round groups.

Checks can be made to "Cale" and in the memo line please put "\$20 for 12". Donations can be mailed to:

Cale: Camp & Conference Center
377 Camp Cale Road
Hertford, NC 27944

All donations are tax deductible. For more information you can call 252-264-2513.



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Donations due
by February 19.