

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2014

DEACONS: Jim Blount & Gene Nixon
BUS DRIVER: Tommy Bass (482-1099)
BUS RIDER: Jim Blount
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Kelly Rhodes
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Dorothy Bunch
AUDIO OPERATOR: Gary Swanner
VIDEO OPERATOR: Susie Swanner



Shut-In of the Week

Mrs. Jane Nowell
Edenton House
323 Medical Arts Drive
Edenton, NC 27932

Student of the Week

Mr. Stephen Chesson
1817 C of C Complex
Charleston, SC 29424



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:
-Marvin & Mary Ann Barham
-Legion Britton

Youth News

We will not have our regularly scheduled youth supper and HOLLA this week but all youth are encouraged to participate in our church-wide Mardi Gras celebration starting at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite cajun or creole dish and a "shoe-box float" for our miniature float parade. Don't forget your mask! See you Sunday!

A Note from Rev. Mari Wiles

Thank you for having me in Edenton last weekend. I enjoyed spending time with your congregation and pray that God's spirit works within us, among us and around us.

Thank you for your continued support of Chowan University and her mission. Dianne, the honeybuns are GONE!

Go Boldly,
Mari

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MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

**Sunday, March 2 at 5:30pm
Fellowship Hall**

Come learn about Mardi Gras traditions tied to our Christian faith. Remember to bring a Cajun or Creole dish and wear your purple, gold, and green! Think creatively and bring a miniature Mardi Gras float made from a shoebox to compete for prizes.

CHURCH BASKETBALL SEASON ENDS

Our last church basketball games will be this Saturday at the Old DF Walker gymnasium. Due to scheduling conflicts we will not have a Family Night this year, but all students will be awarded their trophies by their coaches after their game Saturday and team photos will be taken. See you Saturday!



The silent auction that was held in conjunction with the Missions Weekend February 21-21 was a huge success due to your efforts and generosity. The total raised was \$1,191.25. A special thank you to Debra Phelps for being our committee chair. On behalf of the WMU, we thank all who donated or purchased items during the auction. These funds will go to support CWJC (Christian Women's Job Corp) in aiding the women of our state and community.

With grateful hearts,
Joan and Dianne

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, FEBRUARY 27, 2014

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SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2014

Deacons Meeting, 8:00am



Ordinance of the Lord's Supper

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5 at 6:30pm
Sanctuary

WEEKLY REPORT (2/23)**Offering**

Budget Needed	10,048.54
Amt. Received	7,554.05
Under Budget	(2,494.49)

Other Monies Received

Supper (2/19)	274.00
Memorial Fund	10.00
Reimbursements	2,392.00
Initial Offering	4.00
Heck Jones Offering	1,655.00
Interest	5.96
WMU NC	50.00
TOTAL	4,390.96

Attendance

Sunday School	98
Chowan River Nursing	0
SS TOTAL	98
Monthly Average	137
Worship TOTAL	160

YTD Offerings (8 weeks)

Amt. Required	80,388.32
Amt. Received	73,708.50
Under Budget	(6,679.82)

HOSPITAL REPORT (2/26)**Vidant Chohan Hospital**

Bob Taylor
Fred Bunch

**Food Pantry Request
for March:**
pork-n-beans

**Operation Christmas Child
Request for March:**
toothbrush & toothpaste



**Vacation Bible School
July 28 - August 1**



My grandfather, serving in the 28th infantry division of the army during World War II, was captured in Luxembourg as the Battle of the Bulge began in December 1944. He was held in a German POW camp for five months. Such a close, personal connection to that war has always caused me to dig deeper and learn more about that era of our history. And the more I learn, the more I realize how chaotic the world was then.

There have been other chaotic eras in the world's history: famines, natural disasters, attacks by terrorists, stock market crashes, slavery, various wars, and the like. And there are personal times when our own lives are seemingly turned upside down. Stress, grief, demands, deadlines, worry, fear, etc. can cause us to question and wonder about life's purpose and whether or not God cares. Chaos rules the day instead of God's peace and presence. Everything is out of rhythm.

In chaotic times of life—whether on a global or personal scale—we turn to the opening chapter of the Bible. Reading Genesis 1 can restore our hope in the order of things. It was written during one of the most chaotic times of Israel's history—the Babylonian exile or captivity. In the midst of the Israelites' suffering and questioning, they are given this poem of creation that we read in Genesis 1. And the main purpose of the poem is to convey that God is the author of creation, and there is an order and rhythm to what God has created: "And God said...and it was so...and there was evening and morning...and it was good." Those words are repeated six times, and are all followed by a day of rest. There is an order to how God created, and it is a pattern for how we can live our lives in the midst of any chaos that we may face.

Whatever chaos you may be facing, be sure to look to God. Read the story of our faith in the Bible. Pray for God's guidance. Listen for his voice. And believe that God wants to give direction, purpose, and order to our lives. There is a rhythm to life with God, and we can tune in to that rhythm. And that song can lead us through the most difficult days.

Grace & peace,

David

LECTIONARY READINGS**MARCH 2, 2014**

Transfiguration Sunday
Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

MARCH 9, 2014

1st Sunday in Lent
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**Saturday, March 1**

Basketball:

EB/UM-OD at old DF Walker Gym

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

Sunday, March 2

8:00-Deacons Meeting
9:45-Sunday School
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer
11:00-Morning Worship
5:30-Mardi Gras Celebration,
Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 4

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

Wednesday, March 5

5:30-Supper
6:00-Children's Choirs
6:30-Ash Wednesday Service,
Sanctuary
6:45-Children's Missions
7:30-Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, March 6

5:30-Handbells, Room 200

*Birthdays***Sunday, March 2**

Robbie Brooks
Dave Dowdy
Catherine Reaves

Monday, March 3

Madelyn Dale

Tuesday, March 4

Kathy Cale
Justin Spruill

Wednesday, March 5

Rodney Harrell

Thursday, March 6

Worth Rinehart

Friday, March 7

Janice Criddle
Molly White

Saturday, March 8

Greg Harmon
Joe Hollowell
Linda Kight
Roger Morgan
Barbara Stillely

*Anniversaries***Tuesday, March 4**

M/M Alton Elmore

Thursday, March 6

M/M David Buchanan

Albemarle Pregnancy Resource Center Boutique Needs

- Large gift bags for layettes
- Ziploc bags (gallon or sandwich size)
- Size 4T diapers/pull ups
- 3T/4T Clothing for Winter/Spring
- 12-18 month onesies
- Baby lotion/shampoo/body wash
- Vaseline
- Baby bottles; sippy cups; pacifiers; teething rings



There is a box designated for this cause in the back hallway. The deadline for donations is March 14. All items will be taken to the Prayer Retreat at Cale Retreat and Conference Center on March 15.