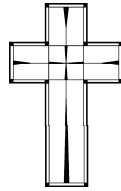


**SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2014**

**DEACONS:** Elaine Ervin & Michael Smith  
**BUS DRIVER:** Al Ward (482-2147)  
**BUS RIDER:** Michael Smith  
**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Casey Atstupenas  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Anita LaFon  
**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Paul Williams  
**VIDEO OPERATOR:** Paul Stallings



**Mark and Sara Williams, CBF Field Personnel,** will be our guests this Wednesday, May 28 at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Come hear about their ministry in South Africa.

**VBS Volunteers Needed!**

Help is especially needed to work with our Pre-K and Kindergartners, and to help with leading Bible Story and Discovery Time for our older children. We will also need volunteers to help groups move to learning stations throughout the morning. If you are willing and able to help July 28-August 1, contact Kelly.

**Shut-In of the Week**

Mr. Russell Wheeler  
 NC Veterans Home  
 Room C-213  
 2150 Hull Road  
 Kinston, NC 28504

**WEEKLY REPORT (5/18)**

**Offering**

Budget Needed	10,048.54
Amt. Received	6,053.00
Under Budget	(3,995.54)

**Other Monies Received**

Supper (5/14)	205.00
Homes & Hospitals	755.00
Preg. Resource Ctr.	186.74
EBC Baptist Men	100.00
Food Pantry	25.00
Reimbursements	42.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,320.46</b>

**Attendance**

Sunday School	93
Chowan River Nursing	41
<b>SS TOTAL</b>	<b>134</b>
Worship TOTAL	180

**YTD Offerings (20 weeks)**

Amt. Required	200,970.80
Amt. Received	193,580.19
Under Budget	(7,390.61)

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*Member*  
**DIRECTORY**

The new pictorial directory has finally arrived! One copy per family is available free of charge for those who had their picture made. Directories may be picked up Sunday, or anytime the church office is open. Additional copies may be purchased for \$5.00 each.

**YARD SALE FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday, May 31 in Parking Lot**  
**Starting at 8:00am**

*Ways you can help:*

- Donate your unwanted items by bringing them to the youth room for us to sell. If you would like to donate items but cannot get them to the church, give us a call and we will come collect them.
- Rent a space for \$20 and have your own sale. Keep what you earn or donate it to our fund.
- COME SHOP! Tell your friends and family about the yard sale and come shop with us. We will also have baked goods and cold drinks.

All proceeds from this sale will be used to help offset the costs of our EBC Youth summer camp and mission trip. Thank you for supporting our youth!

**THE INFORMER**

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 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, MAY 22, 2014

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**SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2014**

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Baptist Men's Breakfast, 8:30am

*"Never Alone and Never Forgotten"*

*John 14:15-21*



**Monday, May 26**

- Memorial Day Service, 11:00am at Veterans' Memorial
- Office closed for Memorial Day

## HOMES & HOSPITALS OFFERING

This Sunday is your last chance to give to this special offering for the ministries of the Baptist Children's Homes, the Baptist Retirement Homes, and the benevolence fund of the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. Special envelopes for this offering are located in the narthex and hallways. The total amount given so far is \$2,534.00.

## Youth News

We will not have youth group this week as it is a holiday weekend. We will be on regular schedule for our last night of Youth HOLLA this year next Sunday, June 1 with supper at 5:30pm and HOLLA from 6:00pm until 7:00pm. Our HOLLA time will include completing an outreach project. Be here and bring a friend!

On Sunday, June 8, we will meet at the Edenton Lake and Harbor Clubhouse following worship until 2:00pm for our End of Year Cookout and we will celebrate our high school graduates. Please let Kelly know which side item you can provide for lunch and bring your swimsuit and towel so you can enjoy the pool and beach.

There are still spots available for the summer mission trip to Savannah, GA. Let Kelly know if you would like to sign up!

Any youth who would like to go to the Norfolk Tides baseball game on Friday, May 30 can sign up with Kelly. The cost is \$15 plus you'll need money for dinner. We will leave at 5:00pm and return late (around 11:00pm).

## For Our 1st-6th Graders

Plans are to go to the Norfolk Tides baseball game in Norfolk, weather permitting, on Friday, May 30. Our back-up plan will be dinner and bowling.

We will depart the church at 5:00pm and return late that night (11:30-ish). The cost per person is \$15, plus you will need money for dinner and snacks. Parents and older siblings/youth are welcome to join! Sign up with Kelly or Travis Ellis.

## From the Pastor

In a recent article, Samuel Wells, former Dean of Duke Chapel, says there are two conventional ways to pray for our friends and family when they are diagnosed with a grave illness or when they face declining health. The first way of prayer, Wells says, is resurrection. It is a call for a miracle. We pray for divine healing. We ask God to use the same power that he used to raise Jesus from the dead to restore the health of our loved one. Who doesn't want this prayer to be granted? We all pray this prayer, in some form, when we hear news of a terminal illness or life-threatening tragedy. But within each of us is the realization that in most grave circumstances life takes its course and death is part of life.

The other conventional kind of prayer, according to Samuel Wells, is the prayer of incarnation. It is a call for God's presence through the Holy Spirit to be with our loved one or friend who is suffering. The prayer of incarnation says, "God, in Jesus you shared our pain...; you took on our flesh with all its needs and clumsiness and weakness. Visit my friend, my loved one; give them patience to endure what lies ahead, hope for every trying day, and companions to show them your love."<sup>1</sup> While the resurrection prayer expects God to do all the work, the incarnation prayer stirs us into action ourselves. We agree to participate with God in answering this prayer that we pray. We become the companions that our friends and loved ones need.

Both of these prayers are useful and powerful, but there is a third kind of prayer, says Wells—a prayer of transfiguration. In it, we ask God to transfigure all pain and sickness, trial and tragedy into "a glimpse of God's glory, a window into God's world." We pray to God for ourselves and for our loved one or friend who is beset with great trouble: "Let us see your face, sense the mystery in all things, and walk with angels and saints. Bring us closer to you in this crisis than we ever have been in calmer times. Make this a moment of truth, and when, like your disciples, we cower in fear and feel alone, touch us, raise us, and make us alive like never before. Amen."<sup>2</sup>

Praying with you and for you,

David

<sup>1</sup>Samuel Wells, "A different way to pray," in *The Christian Century*, April 30, 2014, Vol. 131, No. 9, p. 51.

<sup>2</sup>*Ibid.*

## LECTIONARY READINGS

**MAY 25, 2014**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31

Psalms 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21



**JUNE 1, 2014**

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14

Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

## HOSPITAL REPORT <sup>(5/21)</sup>

At time of printing, there were no known members in the hospital.

## Birthdays

**Sunday, May 25**

Bobby Brown

**Monday, May 26**

Paul Bunch

Ginny Daniels

Skip Sykes

**Tuesday, May 27**

Tyler Leary

Sarah Nixon

Karen Parks

Della Mae Rud

**Wednesday, May 28**

Clyde Adams

Casey Atstupenas

Brandon Stallings

**Thursday, May 29**

Clara Ward

**Friday, May 30**

Reagan Privott

Jay Swicegood

**Saturday, May 31**

Christopher Bunch

Robbie Sykes

Reba Wynns

## Anniversaries

**Sunday, May 25**

M/M Gary Stanley

**Tuesday, May 27**

M/M Fred Bunch

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

**Sunday, May 25**

8:30-Baptist Men's Breakfast

9:45-Sunday School

10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer

11:00-Morning Worship

**Monday, May 26**

Church Office Closed

2:00-Helen Hughes Group,

Linda Evans

**Tuesday, May 27**

5:00-TOPS, Room 117

**Wednesday, May 28**

5:30-Supper

6:30-Mark & Sara Williams

7:30-Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 29**

10:50-Book Bag Buddies

5:30-Handbell Practice,

Room 200

## Expression 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:  
-Family of Harry Spruill