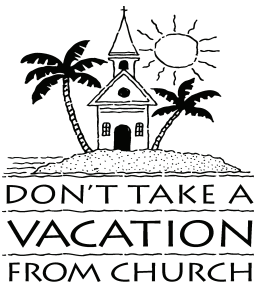




Join us July 28 - August 1 for our **WORKSHOP OF WONDERS** and be prepared to be **WOWed!**

Students who will be 4 years old by August 31 through rising 6th graders are invited to register. Forms are available in the office, or you may download them from our EBC website. Volunteers are needed! Please let Kelly Rhodes or Chrystal Parrish know if you are available to help in any way.



**Expression of Thanks**

A note of appreciation was received from Ray Wells of the Food Pantry, for our help in transporting the Book Bag Buddies food packs to White Oak and D.F. Walker schools this past school year.

**YOUTH NEWS**

Five youth and two adults will be departing this Sunday, June 22, for Passport Camp at Queens University in Charlotte. We covet your prayers for traveling mercies and for a wonderful and transformative week at camp. We will be traveling with the youth from Murfreesboro Baptist Church and look forward to making new friends. Our youth are: Morgan and Susan Bass, Caroline Brooks, Jessica Buchanan, and Kindsey Small. Cyndi Small and Kelly Rhodes are the chaperones. We will return Friday afternoon, June 27.



Last month, the Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI) published the results of a survey that was titled, "I know what you did last Sunday." Surveys about regular church attendance have been around for ages, but this survey was unique because it measured the "social desirability bias in self-reported religious behavior." The survey revealed that many Christians—and unbelievers, too—will exaggerate about attending worship in live phone interviews. However, when asked in an anonymous online questionnaire, people will answer more realistically. On the phone, 36 percent of Americans report attending religious services weekly or more, while 30 percent say they seldom or never go. But online, a smaller share (31 percent) of people surveyed said they attended church at least weekly, while a larger portion (43 percent) admitted they seldom or never go.<sup>1</sup>

As Americans, we want to appear to be religious even if we do not attend religious services as often as we claim. Over the phone, talking with a live person, there is social pressure to respond "correctly" or with an answer that we think the surveyor or our parents or our pastor wants to hear. But in an online survey, we can be much more anonymous and honest.

Whatever else this survey reveals, it tells us something about the power of personal interaction. It is easy to turn down an invitation to worship or Sunday School or any other church activity when the invitation is impersonal and not really connected to my life. But when someone I know and respect and value asks me to join them in worship or in their class, I am more willing to join them. Sceptically, we might call this "giving in to peer pressure." I prefer to think of it is a witness to the power of personal persuasion. And there is nothing wrong with that. After all, God himself chose to become one of us so that he could personally persuade us of his love and care for the world.

I wonder if there is someone in your life who needs to be personally persuaded by you to come to worship, to attend a Bible study, to serve God through our church. I have a feeling there is, and your invitation may be the key factor in helping your friend to know of God's personal love and care for his/her life.

Grace and peace,  
David

<sup>1</sup><http://www.religionnews.com/2014/05/17/christians-church-atheists-prri/>.



**Birthdays**

**Sunday, June 22**

Donna Kalbach

**Monday, June 23**

Lindsey Perry

Heather Williams

**Tuesday, June 24**

George Hill

Connie Scheel

**Wednesday, June 25**

Ginny Ashley

Betty Gard

Grayson Smith

Darryll Stallings

**Friday, June 27**

Kim Jackson

**Saturday, June 28**

Joseph Goodwin

**Anniversary Wishes**



**Sunday, June 22**

M/M Steve Brown

M/M Glenn Perry

**Tuesday, June 24**

M/M Jim Blount

**Thursday, June 26**

M/M Marvin Barham

M/M Eric Fisher

**Saturday, June 28**

M/M John Cuthrell

**CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday, June 22**

9:30-Youth Depart for Passport

9:45-Sunday School

10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer

11:00-Morning Worship

**Tuesday, June 24**

3-7:00-Red Cross Blood Drive,

Fellowship Hall

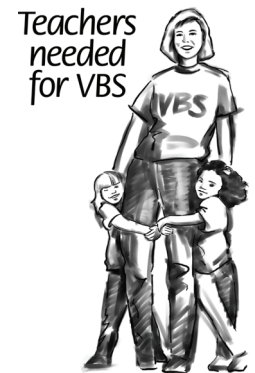
5:00-TOPS, Room 117

**Wednesday, June 25**

5:30-Supper

6:30-Adult Bible Study

7:30-Adult Choir Practice



**HOSPITAL REPORT** (6/18)

At the time of printing the office knew of no members in the hospital.

**Requests for June:**

**Food Pantry**

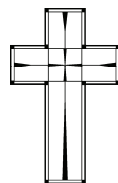
macaroni & cheese

**Operation Christmas Child**

socks or flip flops

**SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2014**

**DEACONS:** Allen Mills & Tim Phelps  
**BUS DRIVER:** Gene Nixon (482-8281)  
**BUS RIDER:** Tim Phelps  
**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Artie Nixon  
**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Bob Partin  
**VIDEO OPERATOR:** Holly Smith



*No Children's Church this Summer.*



Handbells will break for the summer months and resume in the Fall.

**Shut-In of the Week**

Mrs. Legion Britton  
Edenton Primetime  
PO Box 987  
Edenton, NC 27932

**LIBRARY NEWS**

A new book is available on Nook entitled "Choose Joy Because Happiness Isn't Enough" by Kay Warren. Come check it out!

**Devotion Books Needed for Christian Women's Job Corp**

A collection box located in back hallway. Thank you!



The flowers Sunday will be given to the glory of God, in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Charles and Ann Morgan, by their children. Their anniversary was June 18.

**WEEKLY REPORT (6/15)**

**Offering**

Budget Needed 10,048.54  
Amt. Received 6,826.00  
Under Budget (3,222.54)

**Other Monies Received**

Supper (6/11) 224.00  
Memorial Fund 135.00  
Reimbursements 125.00  
Money Market Interest 5.86  
TOTAL 489.86

**Attendance**

Sunday School 96  
Chowan River Nursing 42  
SS TOTAL 138  
Worship TOTAL 175

**YTD Offerings (24 weeks)**

Amt. Required 241,164.96  
Amt. Received 230,486.69  
Under Budget (10,678.27)

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**Wedding Congratulations**

We offer congratulations to several couples who have recently married:

- Ashley Jackson (EBC member) to Mark Hanger on April 5
- Leigh Vogedes (EBC member) to Daniel Hood on May 17
- Mary Scott Bunch (EBC member) to Zach Anderson on June 14

WITH *Gratitude*

*Thank you to the deacons and youth families for the gift given in honor of my fifth anniversary at EBC. I am humbled by and grateful for the generosity of our congregation and it has been a joy to serve with you for the past five years. Thank you!*

*Love,  
Kelly*

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**  
sponsored by our Baptist Men, Tuesday, June 24 from 3-7:00pm

**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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**SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2014**

**The Second Sunday after Pentecost**

*"The Fruit of the Spirit is Love"*

Galatians 5:22-23 • 1John 4:19-21



**Congratulations to Kelly Rhodes**

Last Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, marked Kelly's fifth anniversary as our Associate Pastor. She was recognized at the end of worship for her ministry among us and presented with a \$350 gift card from our deacons and our youth families. Please take some time this month to show your appreciation to Kelly for who she is and how she serves God through Edenton Baptist Church.