

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

By giving thirty minutes a week, you can make a huge difference in the life of a child in our community. White Oak Elementary School is in need of Cubbie Buddies and D. F. Walker Elementary School is asking for Book Buddies. Cubbie/Book Buddies agree to meet with a child in the school library for thirty minutes a week to talk, read, and learn about the child's life and concerns. It doesn't sound like much, but your time and friendship can make a difference in the life of a child who may not get much attention from friends and family. For more information, contact WOS at 221-4078 or DFW at 221-4151.

Birthdays

Sunday, October 19

Julia Elmore
Sally Rhodes Williams

Monday, October 20

Rebecca Bunch
Keith Spruill
Abigail Stanley

Tuesday, October 21

Anne Alston
Thelma Halsey

Wednesday, October 22

Dianne Babb

Thursday, October 23

Graham Cox
Jamie Skinner
Leonard Small, Jr.
Clay Tritt

Friday, October 24

Marvin Barham
Parker Clayton
Curtis Leary
Lou Neal

Saturday, October 25

Michael Stotesbury

Anniversaries

Tuesday, October 21

M/M Robert Halsey

Friday, October 24

M/M Michael Adams
M/M Samuel Cox



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 21

2:00-7:00pm

Fellowship Hall

*Sponsored by our
Baptist Men*

OCTOBER REQUESTS:

Food Pantry

canned soups

Operation Christmas Child

postage \$ to ship boxes
(\$7 per box; bring to office)

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Mrs. Pauline Griffin
Swain Apartments, #101
Edenton, NC 27932

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Miss Leslie Bunch
3800 Hillsborough Street
Oaks 2102
Raleigh, NC 27607

From the Pastor

“What is God’s future for our church?” is a question that our deacons have been intentionally discussing over the past two months. It’s a healthy and important question, and you will notice that the question emphasizes God’s desire for our future over our desire. We all have a picture of what we think our church should look like in days to come, but the more important question is, “What does God want our church to be and do in those days to come?”

To help us discover God’s answer to this question, I suggested that our deacons enter into a conversation with Dr. Greg Rogers from Greenville, NC. Greg is pastor of Oakmont Baptist Church in Greenville, and he is also an Associate Certified Coach with the International Coaching Federation. When we hear the word “coach” we typically think of athletics, but coaching can be offered in other areas of life as well. Greg is trained and experienced in coaching congregations to discover God’s specific direction for that congregation. He is not a consultant who uses a “top down” approach to make recommendations and give “expert” advice. Instead, as a coach, Greg recognizes that the congregation is the “expert” on itself, and he seeks to help the congregation through a “bottom up” approach to intentionally listen for God’s direction. He was quick to note that coaching is not an indication that there is something wrong with a congregation—not at all. In fact, coaching works best when a congregation is healthy, stable, and eager to follow God into the future that God has for us. The end result of the coaching process is a focused direction and specific “action steps” for a church to do what God has called that church to do.

After lengthy discussion, including a video conference call with Greg Rogers, our deacons are ready to recommend that our church enter into an intentional congregational coaching process, with Greg as our congregational coach. The process would take 3-4 months, and the participation of as many members of our church as possible is absolutely encouraged and crucial to the process. To begin learning more about congregational coaching and our deacons’ recommendation, please make every effort to be in attendance at our monthly church conference, next Wednesday, October 22, at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.

Your pastor,

David

Calendar of Activities

Saturday, October 18

7:00-Youth to Busch Gardens

Sunday, October 19

9:45-Sunday School

10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer

11:00-Morning Worship

4:00-Puppets

5:30-Youth Supper

6:00-Youth HOLLA

Tuesday, October 21

2-7:00-Blood Drive

5:00-TOPS, Room 117

6:00-Finance Committee

Wednesday, October 22

5:30-Supper (spaghetti)

6:00-Children’s Choirs

6:30-Church Conference

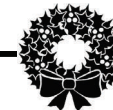
6:45-Children’s Missions

7:30-Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, October 23

10:30-Book Bag Buddies

5:30-Handbells, Room 200



Wreaths Across America

will be honoring the fallen veterans at Beaver Hill, Vine Oak and Providence burial grounds this year by placing wreaths on their graves. The ceremony will be held simultaneously across the country at noon on December 13. Wreaths can be sponsored for \$15.00 and grave specific requests are being taken in the event you cannot attend the ceremony. Please contact Barbara Graybill at 482-0569 for additional information.

WEEKLY REPORT (10/5)

Offering

Budget Needed 10,048.54
Amt. Received 10,514.00
Under Budget 465.46

Other Monies Received

Community Missions 148.15
Supper (10/1) 271.00
Memorial Fund 575.00
NC Missions 50.00
Griffin Scholarship Fund 50.00
Global Missions 200.00
Reimbursements 173.00
TOTAL 1,467.15

Attendance

Sunday School 113
Chowan River Nursing 31
SS TOTAL 144
Worship TOTAL 220

YTD Offerings (40 weeks)

Amt. Required 401,941.60
Amt. Received 373,830.49
Under Budget (28,111.11)

WEEKLY REPORT (10/12)

Offering

Budget Needed 10,048.54
Amt. Received 7,621.25
Under Budget (2,427.29)

Other Monies Received

Supper (10/8) 288.00
Memorial Fund 495.00
NC Missions 50.00
NC Cyclist Fundraisers:
Youth 2,970.00
Baptist Men 2,226.00
Pastor Loan Pmt. 2,290.00
Reimbursements 974.00
TOTAL 9,293.00

Attendance

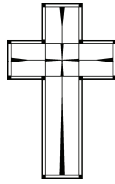
Sunday School 108
Chowan River Nursing 31
SS TOTAL 139
Worship TOTAL 191

YTD Offerings (41 weeks)

Amt. Required 411,990.14
Amt. Received 381,451.74
Under Budget (30,538.40)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014

DEACONS: Michael Adams & Tommy Bass
BUS DRIVER: Gene Nixon (482-8281)
BUS RIDER: Michael Adams
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Mary Anne Croom
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Susan Biggs
AUDIO OPERATOR: Gary Swanner
VIDEO OPERATOR: Susie Swanner
YOUTH SUPPER: David & Laurie Brooks



HOSPITAL REPORT (10/15)

Vidant Medical Center

Elizabeth Ashley

Vidant Chowan Hospital

Carlton Jackson

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY

Join us in the fellowship hall at 6:30 for our study, *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*, based on a book of the same title written by Adam Hamilton. Only a few copies of *The Journey* are still available for purchase for \$10 in the church office.

YOUTH NEWS

We will be on regular schedule this Sunday with supper at 5:30pm and HOLLA from 6:00pm until 7:00pm. Be here and bring a friend!

We will depart from the church parking lot at 7:00am Saturday morning for our annual trip to Howl-O-Scream at Busch Gardens. We will return late (midnight-ish) and will call/text on the way home with an arrival time.

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:

-Glenn & Jean Perry



Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday will be given by the family and friends of Mrs. Gayle O. Gieseke in remembrance of her birthday, October 3.

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The **DEACON NOMINEES** will be listed in this week's Sunday bulletin. At time of printing the list was not complete.

Trunk or Treat



Trunk-or-Treat will be held in the church parking lot (weather permitting) on Sunday, October 26 from 4:00-5:30pm. This is not only a chance for fellowship as church family, but a great way to provide a fun, safe, trick-or-treating environment for the families in our community.

Trunks are needed!!!

If you would like to provide a game/trunk, or if you'd like to join in the fun but need a game, please call Dianne Cinkovich. A box is in the back hallway if you'd like to donate candy to be used by those providing trunks and games. The rain location is our Fellowship Hall.

LECTIONARY READINGS

October 19, 2014

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 26, 2014

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

THE INFORMER

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Edenton, North Carolina 27932

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David B. Brooks
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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, OCTOBER 16, 2014

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Harvest Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon: "Our Gift to God"

This Sunday is Harvest Sunday

- Use the envelope included in this newsletter for our Harvest Sunday Offering that will be received as we sing our Hymn of Commitment at the conclusion of worship. This offering will help us to close the gap between our ministry budget needs and our year-to-date giving.
- Please bring canned goods and non-perishable food to the service to donate to the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry. Food supplies are very low.