

YOUTH NEWS

THANK YOU to April, Patrick, Susan, and Morgan Bass for hosting our third annual youth family bonfire. A great time was had by all and we are grateful for their wonderful hospitality!

We are on regular schedule for youth HOLLA this week with supper at 5:30pm and Bible study from 6:00pm until 7:00pm. Be here and bring a friend!

Our youth family Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 14 at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. More information will follow in parent emails.

Birthdays

Sunday, November 16

Jim Bass
Lucy Bunch
Mary Carol Chesson
Sharon Keeter
Lauren Muse
Bob Partin
Shannon Ray
Emily Rowe

Monday, November 17

Betty Bunch
Wanda Fenz
Bessie Perry

Tuesday, November 18

Gail Davenport
Brandon Patsel
John Williams

Wednesday, November 19

Susan Bass

Thursday, November 20

Melvin Baker
David Dail, Jr.

Friday, November 21

Jack White

Saturday, November 22

Jim Leggett
Mary Ann White

Anniversaries

Friday, November 21

M/M Bobby Lane

Saturday, November 12

M/M Pete Manning

ONE WARM COAT

Donations of clean, gently used coats & jackets will be taken through Wednesday, November 19. This collection is part of the Senior Project of Holmes High student Brock MacIntosh. The coats will be given to the Boys and Girls Club of Edenton for distribution as needed. A drop-off box is in our back hallway.



FROM THE PASTOR

What are your dreams for Edenton Baptist Church? What do you think are the most important areas of focus for our future? How is God leading us today as a church and where will God lead us in the future? These are the kinds of questions that I've been pondering in the past few months as our church considers the possibility of a congregational coaching process. If these are not questions that are on your mind, I invite you to do some intentional praying and thinking about these topics. If we do decide to participate in congregational coaching together, your prayerful and thoughtful input will be invaluable to the process.

Speaking of congregational coaching, it is time for our congregation to make a decision about this possibility. At our October 22 church conference, our deacons recommended to the church that we invite Dr. Greg Rogers, pastor of Oakmont Baptist Church in Greenville, to come and lead EBC through the coaching process to help us determine God's future for our church. We as members of EBC have had several weeks to consider this recommendation, and we are due to make the decision next Wednesday, November 19, at church conference. Please come with your questions and suggestions. We need the input of everyone. If we should decide to enter into the coaching process, I expect that our deacons will lead the congregation to begin sometime in the first half of 2015.

As your pastor, I want you to know that I am in full support of the congregational coaching process. I know that it is a new concept for many of us, but I believe it has the potential to help our church to become much more intentional and focused in listening for the leadership of God's Holy Spirit and acting upon what we hear. That excites me and energizes me. It causes me to be very hopeful about how God will speak to us, what God will say, and where God will lead us to do his work and his will.

Your pastor,

David

Calendar of Activities

Sunday, November 16

9:45-Sunday School
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer
11:00-Morning Worship
4:00-Puppets
5:30-Youth Supper
6:00-Youth HOLLA

Monday, November 17

3:00-Laura Harrell Class,
Edenton Primetime

Tuesday, November 18

5:00-TOPS, Room 117

Wednesday, November 19

5:30-Supper
6:00-Children's Choirs
6:30-Church Conference
6:45-Children's Missions
7:30-Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, November 20

10:30-Book Bag Buddies
5:45-Handbells, Room 200

Coming Sunday, Nov. 30

- Baptist Men's Breakfast
- Guest Speaker for CBF Missions Emphasis
- Advent Wreath Workshop



Anyone who would like to submit pictures for the Thanksgiving slide show should email Kelly before Wednesday, Nov. 19.

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Mrs. Mary Jo Byrd
Edenton Primetime
PO Box 987
Edenton, NC 27932

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Mr. Woody Parrish
104 Country Club Drive
Stacy Room 304, UNC-CH
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

NewsLetter
DEADLINE
5:00pm Monday

WEEKLY REPORT (11/9)

Offering

Budget Needed	10,048.54
Amt. Received	10,456.75
Over Budget	408.21

Other Monies Received

Supper (11/5)	359.25
Memorial Fund	25.00
Harvest Offering	150.00
Initial Offering	2.00
Reimbursements	165.00
TOTAL	669.65

Attendance

Sunday School	128
Chowan River Nursing	43
SS TOTAL	171
Worship TOTAL	215

YTD Offerings (45 weeks)

Amt. Required	452,184.30
Amt. Received	438,780.95
Under Budget	(13,403.35)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2014

DEACONS: Mary Daniels, Lowell Gieseke, & Carlton Jackson
BUS DRIVER: Tommy Bass (482-1099)
BUS RIDER: Carlton Jackson
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Artie Nixon
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Kelly Rhodes
AUDIO OPERATOR: Paul Williams
VIDEO OPERATOR: Susie Swanner
YOUTH SUPPER: Bass/Atstupenas Families



**Wreaths Across America
December 13, 2014**

Deadline to purchase wreath is Thursday, November 20. Contact Artie Nixon.

NOVEMBER REQUEST:

Food Pantry

sweet potatoes/yams

HOSPITAL REPORT

No one hospitalized, to our knowledge, at this time.

Expression of Thanks

Mrs. Elizabeth Ashley wishes to express her sincere appreciation to church members for the many acts of kindness and prayers rendered in her behalf.



Church-Wide THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday, November 23 • 5:00pm

\$5.00 per person

(no more than \$20 per immediate family)

Our church family and their guests are invited to join in this time of fellowship and devotion. Please contact the church office with your reservations or complete the form below and place in the offering plate on Sunday. You may pay in advance in the church office or pay at the door.

Name _____

No. of Reservations _____

Transportation Needed _____

Deadline is Wed. Nov. 19

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**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
RELAY CENTER**

Beginning Monday, November 17 Edenton Baptist will be receiving shoeboxes from other churches. There is a form on the Missions bulletin board in the back hallway where you can sign-up.

We have 15 spots reserved to work in the Operation Christmas Child processing center in Charlotte for Friday, December 5th. Our time slot is in the evening (finishing up by 10). We also are on the waiting list for Saturday morning, December 6th.

If you would like more information, or to sign up, call Jamie Bass at 482-1099.

From the Finance Committee: A Tax Savings Opportunity

As we approach the end of the year and what is traditionally thought of as the "season of giving", we want to let you know of a potential tax savings opportunity. If you own appreciated stock that you have held for over a year, you may want to consider giving the stock to your charity of choice or church instead of cash. By giving the stock, you will generally receive a charitable contribution deduction for the fair market value of the stock on the date that it is given, and you do not have a recognize (or pay tax on) any gain in the value of the stock since you acquired it. If you are interested in donating stock to Edenton Baptist Church at any time, please contact Sue Dawley in the church office, and she will be happy to assist you. Since everyone's tax situation is unique, you may also want to discuss this potential tax saving opportunity with your tax advisor.

THE INFORMER

Edenton Baptist Church
Edenton, North Carolina 27932

A Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Congregation

David B. Brooks
Pastor

Kelly E. Rhodes
Associate Pastor

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, NOVEMBER 13, 2014

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2014

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon: "When God Trusts Us"



The Parable of the Talents

LECTIONARY READINGS

November 16, 2014

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 23, 2014

Christ the King Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-14
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46