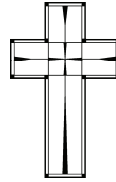


## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2015**

**DEACONS:** John Barrow & Bill Norvell  
**BUS DRIVER:** David McCall (482-8667)  
**BUS RIDER:** John Barrow  
**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Mary Anne Croom  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Joy Harvill  
**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Keith Privott  
**VIDEO OPERATORS:** Allen & Claire Mills



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## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2015**



### **Epiphany Sunday**

*"The Search is On"*  
Matthew 2:1-12

**Observance of the Lord's Supper**

#### **Take Note...**

Wednesday activities resume on January 7.  
Deacons meeting will take place on January 11.

#### **Looking Ahead...**

January 11	Deacon Ordination & Installation
January 18	Baptism of Perris Clayton
January 25	Baptist Men's Day

### **CBF Offering for Global Missions**

Goal: \$8,000.00

Received to Date: \$6,795

### ***Expression of Thanks***

Mrs. Legion Britton would like to thank members of our church for the many acts of kindness and prayers rendered in her behalf.



**CHILDREN'S NEWS:** Mark your calendars now! All 1st-6th graders are invited to join us for ice skating on Monday, January 19. We will depart mid-morning and return in the afternoon. Friends are welcome, and children in Pre-K/K may join us if a parent chaperones. Sign up with Kelly.

### **SOUPER SUNDAY Youth Fundraiser Jan. 11**



The youth will be serving lunch on Sunday, January 11 in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Our meal will be taco chili, grilled cheese sandwich, tea, water, coffee, and dessert. You do not have to purchase a ticket, but we ask that you make a donation for your meal which will

help offset the cost of trips for our students in the coming semester, including ski trip, beach camp, and mission trip. Please join us, and feel free to invite friends and family from other churches!

### **NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES REMINDER**

If you have not picked up your 2015 church envelopes, please note that they will remain in the back hallway until this Sunday, January 4, for you to do so. Destroy any old envelopes you may have left from 2014, as the numbers have changed.

### **LECTIONARY READINGS**

#### **January 4, 2015**

Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12



#### **January 11, 2015**

1st Sun. after Epiphany

Genesis 1:1-5  
Psalm 29  
Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

### ***FOOD PANTRY REQUEST***

**January & February are "Souper Months"**

Please donate these "chill-remover" items that make a hearty pot of soup:

- Kidney Beans
- Northern Beans
- Black Beans
- Black Eye Peas
- Rice (one pound bags)
- Dried Beans
- Canned Tomatoes
- Canned Carrots, Corn, Green Beans
- OR -



Plain ole Tomato or Chicken Noodle Soup

Donation box is in the back hallway.

## Calendar of Activities

### Sunday, January 4

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

### Wednesday, January 7

5:30-Supper  
 6:00-Children's Choirs  
 6:30-Adult Bible Study  
 6:45-Children's Mission Groups  
 7:30-Adult Choir

### Thursday, January 8

10:30-Bookbag Buddies  
 12:00-Salt Shakers Group,  
 Fellowship Hall



There will be a meeting of all WMU Group Facilitators at 2:00pm on Sunday, January 11. Please try to be present!



We will resume HOLLA on regular schedule this Sunday, January 4 with supper at 5:30pm and Bible study from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. Be here and bring a friend!

Please check parent email for information regarding the fundraiser lunch on Sunday, January 11.

## Birthdays

### Sunday, January 4

Linda Banks  
 Bryan Hurdle

### Monday, January 5

Lydia Virzi

### Tuesday, January 6

Artie Nixon  
 Joni Saner  
 Emma Tritt

### Wednesday, January 7

George Moore, Jr.  
 Deborah Sauter  
 Jim Ward

### Thursday, January 8

Brenda Phelps

### Friday, January 9

David Brooks  
 Michael Perry  
 David Pittman  
 Boni Sawyer

### Saturday, January 10

Lynn Bassett  
 Chris Williams

### No known anniversaries.

Please let the office know if you do not see your birthday and/or anniversary. We may not have that information.

## SHUT-IN of the Week

Mr. John Rogerson  
 TLC Adult Group Home  
 186 Pirate Cove Way  
 Hertford, NC 27944

### HOSPITAL REPORT (1/1)

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



A new calendar year began this week on Thursday. I am amazed that we are halfway through the second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. And when I think in terms of decades and centuries, I am reminded of how brief our lives in this earthly realm really are. I, like most of you, take some time every New Year to think about what happened in the last year. I have some regrets, but also many reasons to rejoice. I miss dear loved ones, like my mom, and I grieve for the members of Edenton Baptist who died in 2014. I look back through pictures and journals to see how God was at work in my life. Then, I take some time to pray and ask God to show me what he would like for me to maintain in my life and what needs changing.

With a new year, we are also reminded that every one of us has the same amount of time every day to serve God. We all have 24 hours or 1,440 minutes—no more and no less. Some days we are pressed for time. Other days we have time to kill. But no one's clock ticks any faster or slower than anyone else's. God's gift of time to us is truly precious, and we are asked by God to be very good stewards of every minute we have.

Last Sunday, as you were worshipping here in Edenton, I was worshipping with my family in Jacksonville, Florida at Deermeadows Baptist Church. In his sermon, the interim pastor, Rick Wheeler, noted that in days gone by, most churches either had exterior clocks or would chime the top of the hour with their bells. In that way, citizens could keep up with the time of day. Nowadays, in most towns and cities, we are much more likely to see the time of day displayed digitally on a bank sign instead of chimed from houses of worship. What does that say about our society? One thought I had is that in our society, we are much more likely to say, "Time is money" than "Time is God's gift to us."

A new year has begun. If you have time, give thanks to God. And if you have time to give thanks, then know that you are wealthy beyond your imagination. God has granted you this day to live, to serve, to spend your time honoring God with all that you are and all that you have.

Thanks be to God!

David

### WEEKLY REPORT (12/21)

#### Offering

Budget Needed	10,048.54
Amt. Received	15,165.47
Over Budget	5,116.93

#### Other Monies Received

Supper (12/17)	261.00
Memorial Fund	475.00
Global Missions	2,130.00
Griffin Scholarship	350.00
CWJC 5k	75.00
Reimbursements	266.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,557.66</b>

#### Attendance

Sunday School	112
Chowan River Nursing	36
SS TOTAL	148
Worship TOTAL	250

#### YTD Offerings (51 weeks)

Amt. Required	512,475.54
Amt. Received	499,751.62
Under Budget	(12,723.92)

### WEEKLY REPORT (12/28)

#### Offering

Budget Needed	10,048.54
Amt. Received	18,153.43
Over Budget	8,104.89

#### Other Monies Received

Book Angel Tree	509.13
Memorial Fund	990.00
EBC Baptist Men	100.00
Griffin Scholarship	50.00
Global Missions	1,235.00
Reimbursements	39.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,923.13</b>

#### Attendance

Sunday School	73
Chowan River Nursing	39
SS TOTAL	112
Worship TOTAL	166

#### YTD Offerings (52 weeks)

Amt. Required	522,524.08
Amt. Received	517,905.05
Under Budget	(4,619.03)



The following were inadvertently omitted from the poinsettia list. Please accept our apologies.

### In Honor Of:

Jimmie Parrish

### Given By:

J.M. & Anne Parrish

### In Memory Of:

Debbie Jordan  
 Evelyn Keeter  
 Fred Keeter  
 Marie King  
 Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Leary  
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert West Leary  
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert West Leary  
 Jack & Vivian Mooney  
 Jim P. Partin  
 Jim P. Partin  
 Paul & Eleanor Partin  
 Mr. & Mrs. George H. Privott

### Given By:

Sue Bunch  
 Sue Bunch  
 Allen & Claire Mills  
 Joan Boswell  
 J.M. & Anne Parrish  
 Barbara L. Elbualy  
 Charlotte L. Small  
 Clyde & Jackie Adams  
 Doug, Annette, & Taylor Cedeno  
 Mary Partin  
 Doug, Annette, & Taylor Cedeno  
 Jay & Debbie Swicegood