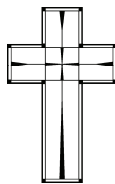


SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2015

DEACONS: Casey Atstupenas & Elaine Ervin
BUS DRIVER: Ben Rinehart, Jr. (482-2959)
BUS RIDER: Elaine Ervin
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Kelly Rhodes
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Joy Harvill
AUDIO OPERATOR: Bob Partin
VIDEO OPERATOR: Paul Stallings



JOY CLUB



All senior adults are invited to join us Tuesday, January 20, at 12 noon in the fellowship hall for a time of devotion and fun. Bring a sandwich and the rest will be provided for you.

Expression of Thanks

Gary & Susie Swanner would like to thank members of our church for the many acts of kindness and prayers rendered in their behalf.

Offering Envelopes

If you have not picked up your 2015 church offering envelopes, you may do so in the church office.

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.



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Winter Weather Policy for Wednesday Evenings

With winter months upon us, remember that our church has a winter weather policy for Wednesday evenings: For the safety of all, our Wednesday evening supper and all activities will be cancelled when Edenton-Chowan Schools are cancelled or dismissed early due to severe weather. This policy was adopted by the church in conference on March 19, 2014.



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.

YOUTH NEWS: We are on regular schedule this week with supper at 5:30pm and HOLLA from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. Be here and bring a friend! Please check your parent email this week for updates and instructions about our fundraiser this Sunday!

LECTIONARY READINGS

January 11, 2015

1st Sun. after Epiphany

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



January 18, 2015

2nd Sun. after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)
Psalm 139:1-6,13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2015

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Deacons Meeting, 8:00am



A Service of Deacon Ordination & Installation

Ordinands: Jackie Adams, Casey Atstupenas,
Bill Norvell, Gloria Voigt

Sermon: "Down to Earth"

Scripture: Mark 1:4-11

• SOUPER SUNDAY •

This Sunday, January 11, the youth group will serve taco chili and grilled cheese sandwiches, dessert, tea or water for lunch in the Fellowship Hall. There is no set cost, but donations will be collected at the door. All proceeds will offset the cost of youth trips this Spring and Summer. Thank you for your support of our youth!

Calendar of Activities

Sunday, January 11

8:00-Deacons Meeting
 9:45-Sunday School
 10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer
 11:00-Morning Worship
 12:00-Youth Fundraiser Lunch
 Basketball Practice (see below)
 2:00-WMU Facilitators
 5:30-Youth Supper
 6:00-Youth HOLLA

Tuesday, January 13

11:00-Combined WMU Meeting

Wednesday, January 14

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 15

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



Basketball Practice Schedule

Sunday, January 11 & 18:

1:30-3:00-Girls, Grades 7-12
 3:00-4:30-Boys, Grades 6-12
 4:30-5:30-Co-ed, Grades K-2
 5:30-6:30-Co-ed, Grades 3-5/6



Birthdays

Sunday, January 11

Mary Ann Barham
 B.J. Bass
 Chester Weikel

Monday, January 12

Virginia Byrum
 Aaron Knight
 Sylvia Nash
 Brenda Parks

Wednesday, January 14

Lois Ashley
 Gene Ashley
 Bobby Bunch
 Amanda Copeland

Thursday, January 15

Bray Mejorado

Friday, January 16

Leslie Bunch
 Jean Brown
 Claire Mills

Saturday, January 17

Tommy Bass, Jr.
 Tom Dail
 Haywood Phthisic III

Anniversaries

Friday, January 16

M/M Orvin Rud

SHUT-IN of the Week

Mrs. Evelyn Swanner
 Edenton Primetime
 PO Box 987
 Edenton, NC 27932

STUDENT of the Week

Mr. Bryant Warren
 802 Clement Hall
 Greenville, NC 27834



I read recently of how one man, Justin Peters, has been taking a picture of himself—a “selfie”—just about every day of his life since January 2010. His reasons for doing so included boredom, narcissism, and a life-long fondness for weird and unnecessary projects. After five years of these daily pictures, Peters confesses that he has not discovered anything earth-shattering or profound about himself. In fact, if anything, he has discovered just how mundane and ordinary his life is. He has taken 1,300 pictures of himself, and most of those pictures are taken in offices, at his home, or in transit in between the two. His hair remained about the same, as well as his facial expressions, his eyeglasses, and his wardrobe.

That's not very different for any of us, really. We have some moments of excitement and exhilaration. There are particular occasions of tragedy or loss or intense pain. We may experience something incredibly dramatic on any given day. But for the most part, our days blend into one another—easily forgotten and indistinguishable. That's one of the reasons Peters took all those pictures: he wanted, in his words, “to create points of reference for the days that I'd normally forget, to find something worth remembering in every day.”¹

I don't know that I'm going to start taking daily selfies of myself anytime soon, but I like the challenge that Peters gives to us: find something worth remembering in every day. There is something about this day that you need to remember, something for which you need to give God thanks, something worth noting. So say a prayer of thanks. Write down a memory from this day. Take a picture, print it, and label it. Then, weeks or months or years from now, I have a feeling that you will be able to look back and see very clearly the hand of God at work in your life and in his world. Maybe this is what the Psalmist was thinking when he prayed, “*Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom*” (Psalm 90:12).

Grace and peace,

David

¹Justin Peters, “5 years of daily selfies: Did I learn anything?” *The News & Observer*, January 5, 2015, 2C.

YEAR END REPORT (12/31)

Offering

Amt. Received 4,668.70

Other Monies Received

Book Angel Tree	240.00
Memorial Fund	175.00
EBC Baptist Men	1,000.00
Baptist Children's Homes	1,000.00
Global Missions	200.00
Lottie Moon Offering	115.84
Annie Armstrong Off.	115.84
Cooperative Program	231.67
CWJC	1,500.00
TOTAL	4,578.35

YTD Offerings (whole year)

Amt. Required	522,524.08
Amt. Received	522,573.75
Over Budget for year	49.67



HOSPITAL REPORT (1/7)

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

2014 Christmas Candlelight Tour

We are happy to report that this year's Candlelight Tour was a great success. Our ushers and docents welcomed approximately 1,984 visitors to our church on Friday and Saturday. Of course, we could not have done any of this without our volunteer docents and ushers. We want to thank Ginny Ashley, David McCall, Bonita McCall, Worth Rinehart, David Dail, Marguerite McCall, Elaine Ervin, Merrill Perry, Tim Smith, Bob and Carole Zembraski, Steve Biggs, Mike Spruill, Pansy Elliott, Brenda Spruill, Don Small, and Wade Privott. And thanks also to our musicians, Chris Bunch, Rodney Trueblood, and Rachel Gragson. The visitors love to sit and relax in our sanctuary and listen to the beautiful music. I also want to thank the huge crew of ladies from the Sunshine Class that decorate our church. All the visitors commented on how beautiful the church looked so a big thank you to those ladies. I would also like to thank our church staff for all their support and help. Janet was a huge help in sending out reminder letters to serving docents, ushers, and musicians. God's blessings and a very Happy New Year to everyone!

Jackie Adams and Elaine Ervin

WEEKLY REPORT (1/4)

Offering

Budget Needed	10,349.15
Amt. Received	8,303.00
Under Budget	(2,046.15)

Other Monies Received

Community Missions	148.31
Book Angel Tree	13.94
Memorial Fund	110.00
Griffin Scholarship	50.00
Initial Offering	160.00
TOTAL	482.25

Attendance

Sunday School	101
Chowan River Nursing	39
SS TOTAL	140
Worship TOTAL	188

YTD Offerings (1 week)

Amt. Required	10,349.15
Amt. Received	8,303.00
Under Budget	(2,046.15)