

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015**

**DEACONS:** Lowell Gieseke & Wanda Small  
**BUS DRIVER:** David McCall (482-8667)  
**BUS RIDER:** Lowell Gieseke  
**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Mary Daniels  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Susan Biggs  
**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Paul Williams  
**VIDEO OPERATOR:** Holly Smith



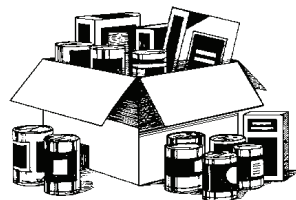
**BAPTIST MEN'S  
 BREAKFAST**  
 Sunday at 8:30am

**Anniversary Reception**

In honor of the 65th wedding anniversary of our parents, Yates and Mary Julia Parrish, Faye, C.Y., Linda, Jean and Jane request the pleasure of your company at a reception Sunday, March 1, 2015 from 2:00-5:00pm in the EBC Fellowship Hall. No gifts please.

**FOOD PANTRY REQUEST**

Please donate items that make a hearty pot of soup. Canned tomato or chicken noodle soups are also being collected. The donation box is in the back hallway as usual.



**WEEKLY REPORT (2/15)**

**Offering**

Budget Needed 10,349.15  
 Amt. Received 7,045.00  
 Under Budget (3,304.15)

**Other Monies Received**

Supper (2/11) 254.00  
 Memorial Fund 210.00  
 Initial Offering 2.00  
 Heck Jones Offering 350.00  
 Valentine Banquet 2,457.96  
 CWJC 2,520.00  
 Reimbursements 300.00  
 TOTAL 6,093.96

**Attendance**

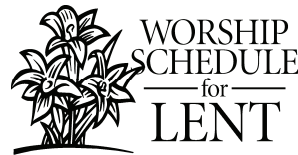
Sunday School 109  
 Chowan River Nursing 40  
 SS TOTAL 149  
 Worship TOTAL 211

**YTD Offerings (7 weeks)**

Amt. Required 72,444.05  
 Amt. Received 62,701.05  
 Under Budget (9,743.00)

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Throughout Lent, we will be focusing on the passion of Jesus—specifically the final hours of his life on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Use this guide as you prepare for worship during Lent:

- ~ Feb 22 Mark 14:12-25 The Last Supper
- ~ Mar 1 Mark 14:32-50 The Garden of Gethsemane
- ~ Mar 8 Mark 14:53-72 Jesus Condemned by the Righteous
- ~ Mar 15 Mark 15:1-15 Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate
- ~ Mar 22 Mark 15:15-23 The Torture and Humiliation of Jesus
- ~ Mar 29 Mark 15:24-39 The Crucifixion of Jesus

Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall for mid-week Bible study. Currently we are studying the "I Am" sayings of Jesus in John's Gospel, learning how we can know God better in 2015. The study is based on Rob Fuquay's book, *The God We Can Know*. Our schedule is as follows:

- ~ Feb 25 Church Conference
- ~ Mar 4 John 14:1-7 I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: Knowing God's Way
- ~ Mar 11 Special Presentation for Virginia Tech student mission team
- ~ Mar 18 Church Conference
- ~ Mar 25 John 11:17-26 I Am the Resurrection and the Life: Knowing God's Possibilities

**THE INFORMER**

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*A Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Congregation*

**David B. Brooks**  
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 Associate Pastor  
**Dan Palimetakis**  
 Interim Music Director  
**Jackie P. Copeland**  
 Organist/Assistant Music Director

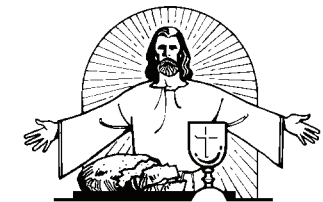
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**Sherry S. Dowd**  
 Preschool Coordinator

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015**

**The First Sunday in Lent**

Baptist Men's Breakfast



*"The Lord's Supper: A Meal that Defines Us"*

Mark 14:12-25

First of Six Lenten Sermons on the Passion of Jesus

Observance of the Lord's Supper

**LECTIONARY READINGS**

**February 22, 2015**

1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17  
 Psalm 25:1-10  
 1 Peter 3:18-22  
 Mark 1:9-15

**March 1, 2015**

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
 Psalm 22:23-31  
 Romans 4:13-25  
 Mark 8:31-38



## Calendar of Activities

### Sunday, February 22

8:30-Baptist Men's Breakfast  
9:45-Sunday School  
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer  
11:00-Morning Worship  
1:30-Music Committee

### Monday, February 23

2:00-Helen Hughes Group,  
Gloria Voigt

### Tuesday, February 24

2-7:00-Red Cross Blood Drive,  
Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, February 25

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

### Thursday, February 26

10:30-Bookbag Buddies  
5:45-Handbells

## American Red Cross

### Blood Drive

Tuesday, February 24  
2:00-7:00pm  
Fellowship Hall



## TASTE OF YEOPIM 250th Anniversary Cookbook

The Women On Missions of Yeopim Baptist Church are offering a collection of recipes and memories in a beautiful cookbook for \$15. See Janet in the office to purchase one.

## SHUT-IN of the Week

Mrs. Betsy Chesson  
118 W. Queen Street  
Edenton, NC 27932

## STUDENT of the Week

Miss Elizabeth Leary  
1503 Honor Circle  
Greenville, NC 27858

## HOSPITAL REPORT (2/19)

At time of printing there were no known members in the hospital.

## *Birthdays*

### Sunday, February 22

Leslie Fuller  
Sarah Goodwin  
Freddie Oldham

### Tuesday, February 24

Christina Keeter

### Wednesday, February 25

Dot Small  
Pat Thornton

### Thursday, February 26

Katie Klein  
Marian Mankin  
Jan Mustian  
Jason Weeks

### Friday, February 27

Ray Davis

### Saturday, February 28

Ruth Bass  
Jenny Williams  
Virginia Williams

## *Anniversaries*

### Thursday, February 26

M/M Yates Parrish

## From the Pastor

Several years ago, Eugene Peterson wrote a book entitled *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society*. I must admit that while I've never read the book, I've always been intrigued by the title. It is simple, yet deeply true and profound. Following Jesus as disciples is most fruitful and effective when we are obedient to Jesus for more than just a few days or weeks at a time. And while there are myriad distractions along the path of discipleship, following Jesus is a matter of pressing on, saying "no" to temptations, and staying on the same path that leads to God.

As the season of Lent begins this week, maybe you've veered off the road of discipleship. You haven't lost your faith or intentionally turned your back on God. But you've been distracted by a hectic schedule or a newfound obsession. Or maybe you've never even gone down the path of discipleship very far. You consider yourself a Christian. You've been baptized and you would say that your faith is an important part of your life. But when you take an honest look at how you practice your faith, you're still in the shallow end, still in elementary school, still using training wheels.

Lent is the perfect opportunity for each of us to go deeper in faith, to walk farther along the path of obedience in the same direction, to become more like Jesus. Granted, growing as Christians and practicing our religion more faithfully should be something that we do every day, week, and month of the year. But Lent gives us a fresh opportunity to get back on track, to turn down distractions, to lift up our heads and get focused on our leader whom we are following along the path.

Peterson's "long obedience in the same direction" refers to a lifetime of discipleship habits and practices. But let's start simpler. Let's take Lent—the next six weeks—to start, develop, or renew one or two faithful habits or practices that draw us closer to Jesus and help us to love others. Maybe it is an inward practice that we need to take up: prayer, meditating on Scripture, practicing silence, intentionally listening for God. Or maybe for you, it is an outward habit that needs to be developed: attending Sunday School and worship, serving others in need for an hour or two each week, showing patience and practicing forgiveness. Whatever your Lenten discipline may be, I pray that it will deepen your faith and make you more like Jesus.

Grace and peace,  
David

## WORLD MARKET 2015

March 7 • 11:00am - 5:00pm

On Saturday, March 7 our church will offer the opportunity to shop for products made by artisans from all over the world from the comfort of our own fellowship hall. The artisans represented are primarily girls and women of all ages. The sale of their products are, for many, their only source of income. Help to empower women who are victims of domestic violence, abuse, and human trafficking to get out of that lifestyle and make a better life for themselves and their families. EBC will not make any money on this sale.

## *Dash for the Gold 5K*

to benefit the Two Rivers Christian Women's Job Corp

Saturday, March 14 9:00am

Edenton Lake and Harbor

Register online or in the church office.

Anyone who wishes to volunteer your time that day should contact Kelly Rhodes at [ebc.ker@gmail.com](mailto:ebc.ker@gmail.com) or 482-3217.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to make WMU Focus Sunday a time of blessing.

**THANK YOU** to all who purchased tickets and attended our Valentine Banquet. Special thanks to all of the youth parents for their hard work in preparation of the meal and to our youth for being fantastic servers. We are also grateful to our game contestants for their participation. It was a wonderful night and we appreciate your support of our youth!

## YOUTH NEWS

Parents, please check your email for the latest youth updates! There is no HOLLA this week, as we will return from the ski trip Sunday.

Next Sunday, March 1, all youth who plan to help with the Missions Marketplace should attend training from 4:30-5:30pm. We will be on regular schedule for HOLLA (supper and Bible study) following the training.