

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015**

**DEACONS:** Mary Daniels & Paul Williams  
**BUS DRIVER:** Tommy Bass (482-1099)  
**BUS RIDER:** Mary Daniels  
**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Casey Atstupenas  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Joy Harvill  
**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Paul Williams  
**VIDEO OPERATOR:** Susie Swanner  
**YOUTH SUPPER:** Paul & Robin Stallings



**Set Your Clocks Ahead!**  
 Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday. Change those clocks Saturday night before you retire!

**HOSPITAL REPORT (3/4)**  
 At time of printing the office knew of no members in the hospital.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
 July 27-31  
 Vacation Bible School

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**WORLD MARKET 2015 - THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 7**  
**11:00AM-5:00PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL**



**LENTEN  
 WORSHIP  
 SCHEDULE**

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:

- ~ 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:

- ~ Mar 11 Special Service led by Virginia Tech students
- ~ Mar 18 Mar Church Conference
- ~ Mar 25 John 14:1-7 I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: Knowing God's Way
- ~ Apr 15 John 11:17-26 I Am the Resurrection and the Life: Knowing God's Possibilities

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VOL. XXXIII THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2015 NO. 10

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015**

**The Third Sunday in Lent**



Third of Six Lenten Sermons on the Passion of Jesus  
 Mark 14:53-72

**Wednesday**  
 Night Bible Study

**March 11 • 6:30pm • Sanctuary**  
 Worship will be led by students from the Wesley Fellowship of Virginia Tech

The week of March 7-14, a group of 48 from Virginia Tech will be housed at our church while on their Spring Break Mission Trip. While in Edenton, they will work on homes damaged in the tornados last spring. The group will be our guests at supper on Wednesday evening before leading our worship with the Wesley Singers and student speakers.

**Dash for the Gold 5K**  
 to benefit the Two Rivers Christian Women's Job Corp

**SATURDAY MARCH 14 9:00am**  
 Edenton Lake and Harbor

Come out and support the participants!  
 See Ruth Bass or Kelly Rhodes to volunteer as race staff.



**Easter Egg Hunt Candy Needed**  
 This year we are only asking for donations of candy or small prizes that we can stuff in the recycled plastic eggs from last year's hunt. A box will be in the back hallway for collection. Thank you for always giving so generously to this fun event!

## Calendar of Activities

### Saturday, March 7

11:00-5:00-World Market 2015,  
Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, March 8

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

### Monday, March 9

7:00-Son Beams Group,  
Julia Elmore

### Tuesday, March 10

11:00-Combined WMU Groups,  
Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, March 11

5:30-Supper (pork loin)  
6:00-Children's Choirs  
6:30-Adult Bible Study  
6:45-Children's Missions  
7:30-Adult Choir

### Thursday, March 12

12:00-Salt Shakers Group,  
Fellowship Hall  
10:30-Bookbag Buddies  
5:45-Handbells



## Anniversaries

### Wednesday, March 11

M/M Don Small

### Saturday, March 14

M/M Jim Chesson  
M/M Bill Norvell

## SHUT-INS of the Week

Orvin & Della Rud  
109 Jackson Street  
Edenton, NC 27932

## STUDENT of the Week

Miss Camille White  
Western Carolina University  
245 Memorial Drive  
Suite 8893  
Cullowhee, NC 28723

## Birthdays

### Sunday, March 8

Greg Harmon  
Joe Hollowell  
Linda Kight  
Roger Morgan  
Barbara Stilley

### Monday, March 9

Kermit Nixon  
R.H. Partin

### Tuesday, March 10

Martha Mitchell  
Jim Parrish III  
David Perry  
Judy Ross

### Thursday, March 12

Jonathan Bassett  
Ann Brown

### Friday, March 13

Stephen Chesson  
Dalton Furlough  
Robert Kenny

### Saturday, March 14

Merritt Chesson

## FROM THE PASTOR

I was listening to a podcast recently that featured Gary Arndt, a world traveler from Wisconsin who sold his house in March 2007 and set out to visit as many countries as he could (see [www.everything-everywhere.com](http://www.everything-everywhere.com)). He originally planned to travel for a year or two, but his journeys continue to this day, and he says that there is no end in sight. He's been on all seven continents and visited over 170 countries and territories around the world. In the podcast, the interviewer asked Arndt about the safety of some of the places he's been, and Arndt admitted that there are obviously some places in the world where you should not go right now. By the same token, Arndt said, many of our fears are self-imposed because of our unfamiliarity with the people, the culture, and the customs of far away places. We prefer to stick with what is familiar to us.

Most of us do prefer familiarity over the unexpected. While we may say we want to try something new or venture out, the comforts of home and the routines of daily life become a security blanket for us. And the longer we live, the more familiarity becomes our friend. But familiarity can also become an enemy, especially in our spiritual lives. For those of us who have grown up in the church, our familiarity with the stories of the Bible, the words of the hymns, and the routines of church activity can numb us to the incredible good news of what God has done and continues to do through Jesus. We become like the well-worn path in Jesus' parable of the soils, and God's seed that is sown in our lives every day has no means of taking root and growing.

Maybe Lent can be for you a time to experience and see God's grace to you in a new light. The hymns will be the same, the words of the Bible will not change, and the church will be here for you like it always has been. But the difference will be in you. How will you approach those things in your walk with God with which you are overly familiar? Will it be more "ho-hum" or will you approach old routines with new eyes, an eagerness to learn, and an openness to grow? I hope you choose the latter.

A member of our church told me on Sunday about a conversation she had many years ago with her beloved father who was a faithful member of Edenton Baptist Church. "I didn't get anything out of the sermon today," she once told her father on a Sunday afternoon. And her wise father asked in reply, "Well, what did you put into it?" Not a bad question for us to ponder when familiarity threatens.

Grace and peace,

David

## WEEKLY REPORT ( 2/22)

### Offering

Budget Needed	10,349.15
Amt. Received	8,456.00
Under Budget	(1,893.15)

### Other Monies Received

Memorial Fund	145.00
Heck Jones Offering	352.00
Valentine Banquet	204.00
Bapt. Men's Breakfast	37.00
EBC Bapt. Men	25.00
Reimbursements	<u>295.00</u>
TOTAL	1,063.67

### Attendance

Sunday School	96
Chowan River Nursing	<u>40</u>
SS TOTAL	136
Monthly Average	148
Worship TOTAL	180

### YTD Offerings (8 weeks)

Amt. Required	82,793.20
Amt. Received	71,157.05
Under Budget	(11,636.15)

## WEEKLY REPORT ( 3/1)

### Offering

Budget Needed	10,349.15
Amt. Received	11,422.40
Over Budget	1,073.25

### Other Monies Received

Memorial Fund	196.00
Memorial Fund	100.00
Heck Jones Offering	330.00
CWJC	850.00
Initial Offering	4.00
Griffin Scholarship Int.	55.00
Reimbursements	<u>2,978.00</u>
	4,513.00

### Attendance

Sunday School	110
Chowan River Nursing	<u>40</u>
SS TOTAL	150
Worship TOTAL	182

### YTD Offerings (9 weeks)

Amt. Required	93,142.35
Amt. Received	82,579.45
Under Budget	(10,562.90)

## Chowan Baptist Association WMU Prayer Retreat

Saturday, March 14 in EBC Fellowship Hall

Registration: 9:30am

Program: 10:00am - 12:00noon

*A light breakfast will be provided.*

## YOUTH NEWS

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

**Lenten Bible Study** is held for youth each Wednesday night of Lent (March 4, 11, 18, and 25) with the theme of "Downtime." Free of distractions, we will be discussing the challenges of prayer and engaging in prayer experiences in the hopes that youth will find a way to pray that offers them a stronger connection to God.