

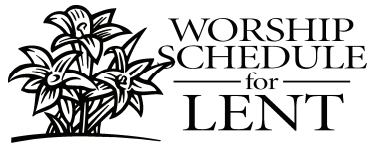
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015

DEACONS: John Barrow & Bill Norvell
BUS DRIVER: Ben Rinehart, Jr. (482-2959)
BUS RIDER: Bill Norvell
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Mary Anne Croom
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Joy Harvill
AUDIO OPERATOR: Keith Privott
VIDEO OPERATOR: Paul Stallings
YOUTH SUPPER: Sid & Norma White



Little Goose Nest News

As many of you may know, Mrs. Bertha Blanchard will be retiring as our Lead Teacher of the Little Goose Nest preschool at the end of this school year. The Little Goose Nest Committee is working to try to fill this position, so if you or someone you know would like to apply, please have them email a resume to edentonbaptist@yahoo.com or speak with Vicky Warren or Kelly Rhodes before 5:00pm on Monday, March 16.



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 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 18 John 14:1-7 I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: Knowing God's Way
- ~ Mar 25 John 11:17-26 I Am the Resurrection and the Life: Knowing God's Possibilities

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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!

We need volunteers beginning at 8:00am at the Edenton Lake and Harbor clubhouse.

Chowan Baptist Association



WMU Prayer Retreat

This Saturday, March 14, please join us for the 2015 Chowan Baptist Association WMU Prayer Retreat in our fellowship hall. We will begin with registration and a light breakfast at 9:30am followed by the program. This year our speaker will be from Albemarle Hospice. We are collecting toiletries for Day Break Adult Day Health Center in Elizabeth City, and we will take an offering for Albemarle Hospice.

THE INFORMER

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 Edenton, North Carolina 27932

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THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

"Jesus or Barabbas?"

Fourth of Six Lenten Sermons on the Passion of Jesus

Mark 15:1-15

Expressions of Thanks

Thank you so much for the many cards and prayers. I am slowly healing and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Dan Palimetakis

Thanks so much to all who helped with the World Market. If you helped with the planning, set-up, clean up, working the event, or shopping, know that your help was greatly appreciated. Also, if you were unable to help in a "hands on" way, please know that your prayers helped to make the event a success. We finished the day feeling that God blessed us in so many ways. The response to the event was tremendous and we are so very thankful for all of the support. We have over \$5,500.00 to send to the organizations that were represented. We look forward to another great event in November.

Mary Swanner and Lisha Sparks

Calendar of Activities

Saturday, March 14

9:00-Dash for the Gold 5K,
Edenton Lake & Harbor
9:30-WMU Prayer Retreat,
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 15

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

Monday, March 16

3:00-Laura Harrell Class,
Edenton Primetime

Wednesday, March 18

1:00-Mustard Seeds Group,
Soda Shoppe
5:30-Supper (pork loin)
6:00-Children's Choirs
6:30-Adult Bible Study
-Youth Lenten Bible Study
6:45-Children's Missions
7:30-Adult Choir

Thursday, March 19

10:30-Bookbag Buddies
5:45-Handbells



Candy Donations

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 collection box is in the hallway. Thank you for always giving so generously!

SHUT-IN of the Week

Mr. Daniel Surratt
102 Emperor Landing Road
Edenton, NC 27932

STUDENT of the Week

Mrs. Angela Thatcher
2716 Arlington Avenue
Apartment 205
Greenville, NC 27843

Birthdays

Sunday, March 15

Steve Biggs

Monday, March 16

Jean Bunch
Jim Cleavenger
Barbara Rinehart

Wednesday, March 18

Mark Alligood
Jimmy Lambeth
Jonathan Winslow

Thursday, March 19

Jesse Croom
Tony Gieseke

Friday, March 20

Janet Chesson
Charles Mustian
J.M. Parrish

Saturday, March 21

Kenny Lowe

Anniversaries

Thursday, March 19

M/M Tony Siano
M/M Gary Swanner



Among the terrible things that happened on the final night of Jesus' life was Peter's denial of Jesus. While Jesus faced the Sanhedrin in a trial that was anything but fair, Peter joined the temple guards in warming himself by a fire in the courtyard of the high priest's house. We are quick to paint Peter as a coward, and ultimately he *was* a coward as he denied Jesus a total of three times. But he also had some courage, some bravery, some loyalty to Jesus because he was willing to enter into that courtyard and risk being arrested. Let's give Peter *some* credit, at least.

When the cock finally crowed, however, Peter had fulfilled Jesus' threefold prediction, and he cried like a man in mourning. Jesus was about to die on a cross, but through his denial of Jesus, Peter was already saying, "This man is dead to me." Then, in the moments after that rooster crowed, a grief and sorrow came over Peter which he never would forget.

We know now that Peter did not let that horrible memory destroy him. Instead, he let it motivate him to never deny Jesus again. Tradition tells us that after starting the church on the day of Pentecost and boldly proclaiming the gospel for many years, Peter was eventually crucified upside down for his faith.

How about us? When we read the story of Peter's denial, we have a choice. We can shake our heads in judgment, disappointed that the most loyal of Jesus' disciples denied Jesus in his moment of greatest need. Or we can nod our heads at Peter's tragic denial to acknowledge that "we've been there and done that." In more ways than we care to imagine or describe, we have denied Jesus time and again. But like Peter, we too can be redeemed. We, like Peter, can receive grace, and that grace can renew us, pick us up from our failures, and lead us to acknowledge Jesus as our Lord once more.

Nodding my head,

David

Senior Fest 2015

A Senior Adult Event

Tuesday, March 24, 2015
Chowan University

Featured this year will be Pepper Choplin, humorist, composer, & musician. The breakout sessions include:

- ~Cancer Care-Hope for Tomorrow...Targeted Therapy for Cancer
- ~ Fun and Fitness
- ~ Red and Yellow, Black and White
- ~ Where There's a Will... There's a Way
- ~ Before We Forget! Writing Our Family Stories
- ~ A Closer Walk With Thee

Registration fee is \$14.00 per person, which includes program and lunch. Descriptions of the breakout sessions can be found on the information board in the back hallway. Contact Bessie Perry to sign up. Reservations must be made ASAP!

YOUTH NEWS

We are on regular schedule this Sunday for HOLLA with supper at 5:30pm and Bible study from 6:00 - 7:00pm. Join us as we continue to journey through Lent together, and bring a friend!

Our last night for our Lenten Youth Bible Study on Wednesday nights will be next Wednesday, March 18. We will continue our discussion of the joys and challenges of prayer and practice types of prayer together.

Please check your parent email for weekly updates and information!

WEEKLY REPORT (3/8)

Offering

Budget Needed	10,349.15
Amt. Received	9,145.75
Under Budget	(1,203.40)

Other Monies Received

Supper (3/4)	284.00
NC Sales Tax Refund	1,186.56
Memorial Fund	60.00
Global Missions	200.00
CWJC	500.00
Initial Offering	2.00
Pregnancy Resource Ctr.	14.23
World Market	5,510.00
Reimbursements	380.00
TOTAL	8,136.79

Attendance

Sunday School	119
Chowan River Nursing	40
SS TOTAL	159
Worship TOTAL	181

YTD Offerings (10weeks)

Amt. Required	103,491.50
Amt. Received	91,725.20
Under Budget	(11,766.30)

HOSPITAL REPORT (3/11)

Vidant Chowan Hospital

Jean Perry