

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015

DEACONS: Mary Daniels & Paul Williams
BUS DRIVER: Mac Privott (482-3690)
BUS RIDER: Paul Williams
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Joy Harvill
AUDIO OPERATOR: Keith Privott
VIDEO OPERATOR: Paul Stallings



HOSPITAL List (5/13)

Vidant Medical Center
Wallace Evans
Edna Shaw

Vidant Chowan Hospital
Wendell Copeland

Expression of Thanks

Betsy Ashley-Jones wishes to express her sincere gratitude to our members for the many acts of kindness and prayers rendered in her behalf.

Flowers
In Memory Of...

Sunday's flowers will be given in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. R. West Leary, to commemorate their wedding anniversary (May 19, 1928), by their daughters – Charlotte Small, Jo Ann Domb, and Barbara Elbualy.

WEEKLY REPORT (5/10)

Offering

Budget Needed	10,349.15
Amt. Received	9,392.00
Under Budget	(957.15)

Other Monies Received

Supper (5/6)	186.00
Memorial Fund	125.00
Global Missions	200.00
Homes & Hospitals	600.00
Reimbursements	100.00
TOTAL	1,211.00

Attendance

Sunday School	97
Chowan River Nursing	43
SS TOTAL	140
Worship TOTAL	305

YTD Offerings (19 weeks)

Amt. Required	196,633.85
Amt. Received	181,819.58
Under Budget	(14,814.27)

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Special thanks to all of our children's choir and mission group leaders for their dedication throughout this school year. We are grateful for the ways you teach, nurture, and love the children of Edenton Baptist Church!



Home of Jimmy & Karen Fleetwood
 118 Cove Drive (Sandy Point)

We will gather for a spring picnic after worship this Sunday, May 17, at 1:00pm. Our hosts will graciously provide BBQ chicken for everyone, and the social committee will provide beverages. Everyone else is asked to bring side dishes such as vegetables, breads, or desserts.

HOMES & HOSPITAL OFFERING

During the month of May we take this special offering for the ministries of the Baptist Children's Homes, Baptist Retirement Homes, and the benevolence fund of Wake Forest Medical Center in Winston-Salem. Special envelopes are located in the narthex and hallways. The total amount given so far is \$1,575.00.

THE INFORMER

Edenton Baptist Church
 Edenton, North Carolina 27932

A Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Congregation

Kelly E. Rhodes Associate Pastor	David B. Brooks Pastor	Janet C. Skinner Church Administrator
Daniel Palimetakis Interim Music Director		Sue C. Dawley Financial Secretary
Jackie P. Copeland Organist/Assistant Music Director		Sherry S. Dowd Preschool Coordinator

VOL. XXXIII THURSDAY, MAY 14 2015 NO. 20

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

"The Other Lord's Prayer"
 John 17:6-21



Church Picnic

1:00pm



Home of Jimmy & Karen Fleetwood

LECTIONARY READINGS

MAY 17, 2015
 7th Sun. of Easter
 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
 Psalm 1
 1 John 5:9-13
 John 17:6-19



MAY 24, 2015
 Pentecost Sunday
 Acts 2:1-21
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
 Romans 8:22-27
 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Calendar of Activities

Sunday, May 17

9:45-Sunday School
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer
11:00-Morning Worship
1:00-Church Picnic

Monday, May 18

10:00-Little Goose Nest 4 yr. old
End-of-Year Program
3:00-Laura Harrell Class,
Edenton Primetime

Tuesday, May 19

10:00-Little Goose Nest 3 yr. old
End-of-Year Program

Wednesday, May 20

1:00-Mustard Seeds Group,
Soda Shoppe
5:30-Supper
6:30-Church Conference,
Fellowship Hall
7:30-Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, May 21

10:30-Bookbag Buddies
5:45-Handbells

SHUT-IN of the Week

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

Birthdays

Sunday, May 17

Betsy Ashley-Jones
Lin Hurdle

Lindsey Robinson
Troy Thompson

Monday, May 18

Howard Hodges
Brandon Hughes

Tuesday, May 19

Davis Halstead

Wednesday, May 20

Jamie East
Susan Furlough
Ruth McIntire
Brenda Small

Friday, May 22

Campbell Brown
Katherine Smith
Debra Waff

Anniversaries

Sunday, May 17

M/M Daniel Hood

Monday, May 18

M/M Darren Halstead

Tuesday, May 19

M/M Ferrell Pavlich
M/M Douglas Smith

Wednesday, May 20

M/M Tom Bass, Sr.
M/M Jed Record

M/M Paul Williams

Thursday, May 21

M/M John Tipton

Saturday, May 23

M/M Keith Warren

From the Pastor

By now you should have received a letter from our deacons that explains a unanimous recommendation from our deacons in regards to our membership policies. While your pastors and deacons feel very strongly that the New Testament model of baptism is through the immersion of believers in water after they have made profession of faith in Christ as Lord, we also recognize that many Christians come to faith in Christ following their baptism as infants and as they live into the meaning of that baptism later in life. Typically, such persons make their professions of faith in their teenage years as they learn more about the Christian faith, serving God, and being a part of the church. To ask such persons to be re-baptized by immersion in order to join our church communicates to them that their earlier Christian experience was not valid or on par with the experience of Christians who are already members of Edenton Baptist Church. Therefore, our deacons are bringing the recommendation to you that our church no longer require the immersion of Christians from other denominations who have been baptized by another mode and who have previously professed their faith in Christ.

What will **not** change if the deacons' recommendation is affirmed by the church is our practice of baptizing new believers by immersion. We will not practice any form of baptism other than baptism by immersion unless a new believer has physical limitations that preclude him/her from entering the baptismal pool and being immersed. Such limitations may be the result of disability, injury, age, etc. In such cases, new believers will still be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, using an alternative mode such as the sprinkling or pouring of water over the head.

I hope you will take time to prayerfully consider the deacons' statement and recommendation regarding the changes to our church membership policies. I believe this can be a faithful step forward for our church as we seek to welcome people into our fellowship, even as we remain true to our convictions as Baptist Christians. Please come to our monthly church conference next Wednesday, May 20, at 6:30pm to hear from our deacons about their recommendation.

Your pastor,

David



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

Our schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows:

Sunday, May 24:

No HOLLA (Memorial Day Weekend)

Sunday, May 31:

HOLLA at the Clayton's (Black Rock) - swim, cookout, and a special devotion to end the year.

Sunday, June 7:

Youth Sunday in 11:00am worship; End of Year Family Celebration at Lake Phelps following worship.

And don't forget to sign up for summer trips:

Sunday, June 14 - Friday, June 19:

Beach Camp! Sign up with Kelly if interested.

Saturday, July 11 - Saturday, July 18:

Carolina Mission Team, Savannah, GA! Sign up with Kelly.

Activity Center Closing

The EBC gym will close this Sunday, May 17, to allow the Little Goose Nest staff an opportunity to set up for their end-of-year programs scheduled for Monday and Tuesday of next week. The gym will re-open Tuesday, May 19 by 3:00pm.

National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI advocates on behalf of individuals and families affected by mental illness, offering services, treatment, support, and research. NAMI of the Albemarle Region will offer an informative program on Wednesday, May 20, at 6:00pm in the cafeteria of Holmes High School.

PENTECOST

Sunday, May 24

Remember to wear **red** to church on Pentecost Sunday.