

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015

DEACONS: John Barrow & Bill Norvell
BUS DRIVER: Tommy Bass (482-1099)
BUS RIDER: John Barrow
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Sandra Stanley
AUDIO OPERATOR: Bob Partin
VIDEO OPERATORS: Allen & Claire Mills



HOSPITAL List (5/20)

Vidant Medical Center
 Wallace Evans
 Stanley Pratt

Calendar of Activities

Sunday, May 24
 9:45-Sunday School
 10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer
 11:00-Morning Worship

Memorial Day, May 25
 Church Office Closed
 2:00-Helen Hughes Group,
 Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 27
 5:30-Supper
 6:30-Adult Bible Study
 7:30-Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, May 28
 10:30-Bookbag Buddies
 5:45-Handbells

WEEKLY REPORT (5/17)

Offering
 Budget Needed 10,349.15
 Amt. Received 6,898.00
 Under Budget (3,451.15)

Other Monies Received
 Supper (5/13) 274.00
 Memorial Fund 160.00
 Albe. Pregnancy Ctr. 91.00
 Homes & Hospitals 305.00
 WMU-NC 100.00
 Interest 6.21
TOTAL 936.21

Attendance
 Sunday School 102
 Chowan River Nursing 43
 SS TOTAL 145
 Worship TOTAL 172

YTD Offerings (20 weeks)
 Amt. Required 206,983.00
 Amt. Received 188,697.58
 Under Budget (18,285.42)

May Food Pantry Request: spaghetti

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Please join us in expressing thanks to Bertha Blanchard for her years of service as our Little Goose Nest Lead Teacher! There will be a drop-in reception for Bertha from 2:00 - 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 31 and we encourage families of current and former students, as well as church members, to attend and wish Bertha well in her next chapter.

MEMORIAL DAY

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25.

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 \$1,880.00.

THE INFORMER

Edenton Baptist Church
 Edenton, North Carolina 27932

A Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Congregation

David B. Brooks
 Pastor

Kelly E. Rhodes
 Associate Pastor
Daniel Palimetakis
 Interim Music Director
Jackie P. Copeland
 Organist/Assistant Music Director

Janet C. Skinner
 Church Administrator
Sue C. Dawley
 Financial Secretary
Sherry S. Dowd
 Preschool Coordinator

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SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015

Pentecost Sunday

"While We Wait"
 Acts 2:1-21
 Romans 8:22-27

Remember to wear red to church on Pentecost Sunday!

LECTIONARY READINGS

MAY 24, 2015 <u>Pentecost Sunday</u> Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15		MAY 31, 2015 <u>Trinity Sunday</u> Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17
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*Gifts have been received
in memory of...*

Mr. West Byrum

by: M/M Alton Elmore

Miss Jean Linebarger

by: M/M Jim Copeland
M/M Alton Elmore
Isa B. Klenke & Family
M/M Johnny Layton
Thelma Smith
M/M Terry Jones
M/M Pete Manning
M/M Craig Laughton
M/M Glenn Perry
M/M Bill Vogedes
M/M Tom Ward
Joan Collins
Mark & Barbara Condra
M/M Carlton Jackson
M/M Jim Kalbach
Salt Shaker Group
Ruth Whichard

Mr. John Floars

by: Edith & Sean Floars

Mr. Jimmy Barger

Mr. Doug Cale

Mr. Jim Dail

Mr. Fred Keeter

by: M/M Marvin Barham

Mrs. Edna Shaw

by: M/M Wallace Evans
Elizabeth Stallings
M/M Gene Nixon
M/M Leonard Small

Birthdays

Monday, May 25

Bobby Brown

Tuesday, May 26

Paul Bunch

Ginny Daniels

Skip Sykes

Wednesday, May 27

Tyler Leary

Sarah Nixon

Karen Parks

Della Rud

Thursday, May 28

Clyde Adams

Casey Atstupenas

Vincent Byrum

Brandon Stallings

Friday, May 29

Clara Ward

Saturday, May 30

Reagan Privott

Jay Swicegood

Anniversaries

Monday, May 25

M/M Gary Stanley

Expression of Thanks

The following wish to express their sincere gratitude to our members for the many acts of kindness and prayers rendered in their behalf:

-Melvin Baker

-Terry Davis, Sherry Dowd,
Travis, Heath & Dane Ellis,
Michael Dowd

From the Pastor

I can still remember planting a bean in a Dixie cup in Happy Times preschool at First Baptist Church of South Miami, Florida. I put some soil in the cup, pushed the bean down into the soil, and gave it some water. Then, my classmates and I put our cups on the windowsill so the sun could shine on the cups. We came back to school the next day, but nothing had changed. Nothing happened the next day either. But by the third or fourth day, we finally saw little green sprouts breaking through the surface of the soil. Day by day we saw the sprouts grow a little more and reach upward toward the sun.

As long as I live, I don't think I will ever lose my fascination with how tiny seeds can sprout and grow into a beautiful garden. This time of year, I always plant a few tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and peppers. I rarely get a bumper crop, but I love to watch the plants grow and bring forth their produce. As those plants slowly mature, I am reminded of how vegetables cannot be rushed in their growth. No matter how hard I work at it, those ripe tomatoes and crisp cucumbers always take about the same amount of time every summer to get to my dinner plate.

So it is with the fruit that God wants to produce through our lives. We may have a desire to be more faithful or patient or loving or diligent or kind. We want to see the fruit of our devotion to God. But like a garden, the fruit of the Christian life develops over time, not instantly. And like a gardener who tends to the garden every day, we must be consistent in tending to our relationship with God every day. As each day goes by, we grow a little bit, even if we don't feel it or notice it. And over time, if we will remain faithful to Christian practices like worship, prayer, reading the Bible, serving others, and extending forgiveness, God will produce fruit in our lives.

Don't see many results these days of your faithfulness to God and his church? Be patient. Keep gardening. Keep trusting. Keep at it. And know that in time the fruit of your life will ripen.

Grace and peace,

David



SHUT-IN of the Week

Mrs. Corinne Thorud
Edenton Primetime
PO Box 987
Edenton, NC 27932

Youth News

Due to the holiday weekend, we will not have youth HOLLA this Sunday. Enjoy the long weekend with your family!

Next Sunday, we will have our HOLLA time at Parker Clayton's in Black Rock. Students may arrive at 4:00pm to swim and fellowship before the Claytons provide us a cookout supper. We will close the evening with a special devotion to end the year since this is our last HOLLA. Youth should be dropped off (any time between 4:00pm and 5:30pm) and picked up (7:00pm) at the Claytons. If you need directions, please ask!

Youth summer trip sign-up will soon come to a close. If you'd like to sign up for a trip, please do so with Kelly as soon as possible. Beach Camp is June 14-19 and the cost is \$200 per person and Mission Trip is July 11-18 and is \$185 per person. Friends are welcome to join!

Opening at Edenton Baptist Church for Financial Secretary (approx. 28 hrs/wk). Experience in QuickBooks/Excel/Payroll. Send resumes by June 12 to EBC, Attn. Personnel Committee Chairman, 200 S Granville St, Edenton, NC 27932 or to edentonbaptist@yahoo.com

Check out these bulletins posted by our members:

St. John's United Methodist Church, Sarasota FL
Kingswood United Methodist Church, Buffalo Grove IL
visited by Bob & Carole Zembraski

First Presbyterian Church, Charleston SC
Betty Bunch

Surfside United Methodist Church, Surfside Beach SC
Barbara Elbualy and Charlotte Small

First Baptist Church, Farmville NC
Brian, Karen, Sarah and Anna Long

Murfreesboro Baptist Church, Murfreesboro NC
Janet Skinner

Sandy Cross Baptist Church, Hobbsville NC
Jesse and Mary Anne Croom

Church of the Nativity, Burke VA
Gene and Artie Nixon

