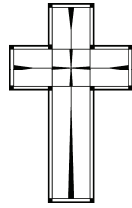


SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2015

DEACONS: Lowell Gieseke & Wanda Small
BUS DRIVER: David McCall (482-8667)
BUS RIDER: Lowell Gieseke
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Mary Anne Croom
AUDIO OPERATOR: Gary Swanner
VIDEO OPERATOR: Paul Stallings



WEEKLY REPORT (6/28)

Offering

Budget Needed	10,349.15
Amt. Received	8,009.00
Under Budget	(2,340.15)

Other Monies Received

Supper (6/24)	319.00
Memorial Fund	50.00
Reimbursements	200.00
TOTAL	569.00

Attendance

Sunday School	91
Chowan River Nursing	40
SS TOTAL	131
Worship TOTAL	165

YTD Offerings (26 weeks)

Amt. Required	269,077.90
Amt. Received	239,642.65
Under Budget	(29,435.25)

WEEKLY REPORT (7/5)

Offering

Budget Needed	10,349.15
Amt. Received	9,167.78
Under Budget	(1,181.37)

Other Monies Received

Community Missions	174.50
Annie Armstrong	116.78
Lottie Moon	116.78
Memorial Fund	15.00
Reimbursements	710.00
Global Missions	200.00
Cooperative Program	233.56
Interest Gen. Fund	14.28
Int. Wells Scholarship	7.42
Int. Griffin Scholarship	6.84
TOTAL	1,595.16

Attendance

Sunday School	96
Chowan River Nursing	40
SS TOTAL	136
Worship TOTAL	168

YTD Offerings (27 weeks)

Amt. Required	279,427.05
Amt. Received	248,810.43
Under Budget	(30,616.62)

FOOD PANTRY - No specific item has been requested this month, but please continue your generosity as you see fit.

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Church Staff Changes

- **Lorraine Bass** – Lorraine began working as our new Financial Secretary on Monday, July 6. She is a Chowan County native and active member at Macedonia Baptist Church. Please stop by the church office soon to meet Lorraine and welcome her.
- **Christopher Jernigan** – Chris will be serving as our interim Adult Choir Director for the month of July as our Music Committee continues their work in searching for our next Director of Music. Chris is a 2009 graduate of Chowan University and lives in Aulander. He began leading our Adult Choir in practice on Wednesday, July 8.



2015 YOUTH MISSION TRIP

The following students and adults will be departing Saturday, July 11, to work as part of the Carolina Mission Team in Savannah, Georgia. We will return Saturday, July 18. Thank you to our church family for supporting our youth group in all of their endeavors and to our prayer partners on this trip!

Students: Autumn Baker, Anna Bass, Morgan Bass, Caroline Brooks, Jessica Buchanan, Nicholas Gummere, Charles Maus, Dare Privott, Wes Privott, Jackson Ray, Ellie Rinehart, Nathaniel Stallings, William Stallings, Joe Ward, Katelyn Warren, Stanley White.

Chaperones: Trey Adams, April Bass, Laurie Brooks, David Buchanan, Woody Parrish, Kelly Rhodes.

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A Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Congregation

David B. Brooks
 Pastor

Kelly E. Rhodes
 Associate Pastor

Christopher Jernigan
 Interim Adult Choir Director

Jackie P. Copeland
 Organist/Assistant Music Director

Janet C. Skinner
 Church Administrator

Lorraine B. Bass
 Financial Secretary

Sherry S. Dowd
 Preschool Coordinator

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THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2015

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SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2015

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Deacons Meeting, 8:00am

Sermon: "Something to Dance About"

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19



Observance of the Lord's Supper

Wednesday Night Bible Study

This month, we continue our study of the New Testament book of Hebrews. Come for supper anytime between 5:30 and 6:30 (please call the office by noon on Tuesday to make your reservation). Then, stay for the Bible study in the fellowship hall at 6:30. Our schedule is as follows:

- July 8 Hebrews 10
- July 15 Hebrews 11
- July 22 Hebrews 12 and 13
- July 29 Church Conference

Christmas in



Don't forget to schedule your parties with the church office. The month of December fills up quickly on our calendar!

Calendar of Activities

Sunday, July 12

8:00-Deacons Meeting
9:45-Sunday School
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer
11:00-Morning Worship

Wednesday, July 15

1:00-Mustard Seeds Group,
Soda Shoppe
5:30-Supper
6:30-Adult Bible Study
7:30-Adult Choir Practice

New Addition!

Congratulations to Jay and Debbie Swicegood on the birth of their granddaughter, Eva Grace, on June 17 in New Bern. The little one is the great-granddaughter of Pete and Mary Elizabeth Dail as well. Eva's parents are Brian and Elizabeth Edmundson Swicegood. She weighed 6lb. 3oz. and joins big sister, Mary Ella.

SHUT-IN of the WEEK

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

IN OTHER YOUTH NEWS...

There will be no Open Gym or Bible study the week of July 13-17. We will resume Open Gym and Bible study on July 21 and 22 with just a few weeks left to hang out with Woody!

Youth are needed as Vacation Bible School volunteers. If you are able to help, please let Kelly or Woody know.

Birthdays

Monday, July 13

Jo Ann Wheeler

Tuesday, July 14

Bill Norvell

Wednesday, July 15

Jimmy Fleetwood

Debbie Perry

Thursday, July 16

Alvin Bunch

Friday, July 17

Steve Brown

Saturday, July 18

Jack Henderson

Hannah Smith

Mary Ann Smith

Anniversaries

Sunday, July 12

M/M Wallace Evans

M/M Bill Vogedes

Tuesday, July 14

M/M Randy Hollowell

Wednesday, July 15

M/M Lynn Perry

Thursday, July 16

Rev/M David Brooks

M/M Fred Keeter, Jr.

HOSPITAL REPORT (as of 7/9)

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



In our monthly church conference on Wednesday, June 24, our church made an important decision to change our membership policy to allow committed Christians from other denominations to become full members of the church without having to be re-baptized. 63 people voted on the motion by secret ballot. 56 of those (89%) were in favor of the change and 7 (11%) were opposed. Since this was a vote to make a change to our church constitution and bylaws, a vote of 75% in favor of the change was required. With an 89% affirmative vote, the change was firmly supported by a majority of the members who were in attendance at the conference.

I am thankful that our church has made this change. While I, as a Baptist, personally feel that God calls us to be baptized by immersion after we make a profession of faith in Christ, I also recognize that there are fellow Christians in other denominations who come to faith in Christ through the means of infant baptism followed by their profession of faith at a later time in their lives. The question that our church answered with the 89% affirmative vote is whether or not we will recognize the Christian faith of people from other denominations who want to become members of EBC. Our decision confirms our belief that to ask such persons to be re-baptized is not in keeping with the New Testament teaching that baptism is to be administered only to newly professing believers, not believers who join our church after many years of practicing their faith as Christians in another denomination. At the same time, we have reaffirmed our insistence that any nonbeliever who comes to join our church by his/her initial profession of faith in Christ will be baptized by immersion as a sign of his/her commitment to Christ and his church.

While the practical implications of this decision are obvious (i.e., our membership requirements are now less restrictive), the theology behind this decision is what is most important. We are saying something about our belief in God with this decision, and it is this: our God is hospitable and welcoming to all. While we have decided to hold fast to our Baptist heritage and belief, we have also acted as we believe our Lord would act, making room for fellow Christian believers who might not otherwise join our church. We have chosen to show hospitality rather than exclusion, and our fellowship will be richer as we move forward in light of this decision.

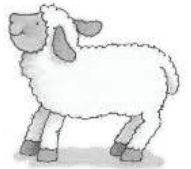
Grace and peace,

David

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 27-31 • 9:00am-12:00noon

"My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27



Children who are rising pre-k (4 years old) through rising 6th grade are invited to *Have U Herd?* VBS. Forms for registration are available in the church office and on our webpage. Invite friends!

Shepherds are needed to usher groups to different locations each day of VBS. Also, a Bible story teacher is needed for the pre-k/kindergarten class. Contact Kelly or Woody if you are available.

REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH THIS SUMMER

- Make it a top priority to be in worship and Sunday School when you are in town.
- Come and enjoy supper and Bible study on Wednesday nights.
- Try something new and join a Sunday School class or our Adult Choir.
- Give faithfully and generously to our Ministry Budget. We are behind in our budget needs by \$30,616.62, so consider giving an extra amount to help close the gap.
- Pray for our church daily, asking God to give our church direction to do his will and to follow his leading.
- Care for one another. Make a visit or phone call to our shut-ins. Send a card. Bring a friend to church!

LECTIONARY READINGS

JULY 12, 2015

7th Sun. after Pentecost

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

JULY 19, 2015

8th Sun. after Pentecost

2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56