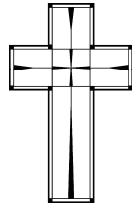


**SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2015**

**DEACONS:** Jim Blount & Jackie Adams  
**BUS DRIVER:** Clyde Adams (482-4736)  
**BUS RIDER:** Jackie Adams  
**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Woody Parrish  
**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Gary Swanner  
**VIDEO OPERATOR:** Susie Swanner



**Gifts have been received**



**Mr. West Byrum**  
by: M/M Tilmon Keel

**Miss Jean Linebarger**  
by: M/M Tilmon Keel

**Mrs. Eva Mae Forehand**  
by: M/M Leonard Small, Jr.

**Mr. Doug Cale**  
by: M/M W. Clark Everett

**Mrs. Edna Shaw**  
by: M/M Tom Ward  
Robert L. Bunch, Jr.  
Denise Ellis  
M/M Clyde Adams  
Alma Taylor  
Ted Hardison

**Mrs. Dorothy Daniels**  
by: Laura Harrell SS Class  
M/M Leonard Small, Jr.

**Mrs. Peanie Smith**  
by: M/M Wallace Evans

**Mr. Morris Small, Jr.**  
by: Patsy Taylor  
Charlotte L. Small

**SHUT-IN of the WEEK**

Mrs. Legion Britton  
Edenton Primetime  
PO Box 987  
Edenton, NC 27932

*NewsLetter*  
**DEADLINE**

5:00pm Monday

**WEEKLY REPORT (7/12)**

**Offering**  
 Budget Needed 10,349.15  
 Amt. Received 6,108.00  
 Under Budget (4,241.15)

**Other Monies Received**  
 Supper (7/8) 192.00  
 Memorial Fund 20.00  
 Reimbursements 1,422.20  
 TOTAL 1,634.20

**Attendance**  
 Sunday School 122  
 Chowan River Nursing 43  
 SS TOTAL 165  
 Worship TOTAL 174

**YTD Offerings (28 weeks)**  
 Amt. Required 289,776.20  
 Amt. Received 254,918.43

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**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 22 Hebrews 12 and 13
- July 29 Church Conference



*Can you help shepherd our precious sheep at VBS?*

**NC Missions Celebration Rally**

**Tuesday, August 25**

**Cashie Baptist Church in Windsor**

The region 1 Missions Celebration Rally will highlight the NC Missions Offering and the excellent mission work NC Baptists are doing in our state, nation, and around the world. Featured will be worship, testimony, mission video, and a prayer time for missions. Everyone interested in missions is encouraged to attend—men, women, and youth.

At 6:00pm a meal is provided at no charge, but reservations are necessary to ensure an accurate meal count. The cut-off date for reserving a meal is one week prior to the event. Register by calling Mary Alice Landis at 800-395-5102, extension 5596 or at [baptistsonmission.org/events/region-rallies](http://baptistsonmission.org/events/region-rallies). The missions program begins at 6:50pm.

**THE INFORMER**

**Edenton Baptist Church**

Edenton, North Carolina 27932

*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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**SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2015**

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Sermon: "When God Has Other Plans"

2 Samuel 7:1-14

**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 \$34,857.77, 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!

## Calendar of Activities

### Sunday, July 19

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

### Tuesday, July 21

1:00-Open Gym for Youth  
6:00-Finance Committee,  
Room 103

### Wednesday, July 22

1:00-Youth Bible Study,  
Youth Room  
5:30-Supper  
6:30-Adult Bible Study  
7:30-Adult Choir Practice

## Birthdays

### Sunday, July 19

MarDell Barrett  
Deanna Darnell  
Alton Elmore  
David Shaw

### Monday, July 20

Pete Dail  
Branson Dunn  
Robert Keeter  
Peggy Shrewsbury

### Tuesday, July 21

Ronnie Davenport  
Ken Hopkins  
Emily Leary

### Wednesday, July 22

Patti Cahours  
Joan Collins  
George Nixon  
Nicole Roberson  
Helen Small

### Thursday, July 23

Evelyn Boyce  
Marc Cozzens  
Caroline Halstead  
Susan Record

### Friday, July 24

Esther Brabble

### Saturday, July 25

Josh Harvill  
Susan Partin

## From the Pastor

At our Bible study last Wednesday evening, I asked folks to share a time when they were privileged to get a "sneak peak" at something or "go behind the scenes" of an event or concert or sporting event. One person spoke up and said she had been behind the scenes at Buckingham Palace in London. Another shared that she was privileged to go backstage at a *Beach Boys* concert one time. Several others shared similar experiences, and I expressed my desire to go on a backstage tour of Walt Disney World one day to see the famed underground "utilidors" and hear the details of how the "magic" happens day in and day out. All of this "backstage" talk was in the context of a point I was making about how we always have access to God through Christ. We are never just spectators or out in the audience of life. By sending Jesus to be one of us, God extended to us an "all access" pass to him at all times. And that is good news for us.

All of our talk about things going on behind the scenes also got me to thinking about the many acts of love and ministry that take place through our church. Some of those ministries are well-publicized and celebrated, but many others don't receive much recognition at all. I doubt that many people participate in such ministries for the fanfare, but we should take time to realize just how many good and Godly things are taking place through our church that often go unnoticed. Here are a few: Fellowship-to-go meals delivered on Wednesday nights; Bookbag Buddies during the school year; suppers prepared for the Boys & Girls Club; Sunday School classes singing hymns and leading devotions at Primetime; Sunday School ministry at Chowan River Nursing Center; deacons delivering DVDs of Sunday worship to shut-ins; Baptist Men building wheelchair ramps; WMU circles caring for our shut-ins and keeping in touch with our college students. There are many other "behind the scenes" ministries taking place in our church, not the least of which are the individual acts of love and mercy performed on a daily basis by members of our church.

For all of these acts of Christian love and ministry, thank you. I know I have not mentioned some of those easily overlooked ministries, so please take time to tell me what they are. Better yet, take time to get involved in those ministries and thank those who are serving in them so faithfully.

Grace and peace,  
David

## Don't Forget!

Sign and post your bulletins when you visit other churches, like these members did!

### Jay & Debbie Swicegood

~First Baptist Church, New Bern  
~First Baptist, Morehead City

### Jesse & Mary Anne Croom

~Sandy Cross Baptist Church,  
Hobbsville  
~The First Baptist Church,  
Ahoskie

### Cherry Bracy

~White Memorial Presbyterian,  
Raleigh

### Gary & Susie Swanner

~Cross Road Baptist Church,  
Asheboro

### Mike Griffin

~First Presbyterian Church,  
Edenton



### Chowan Hospital

Essie Perry

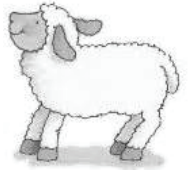
### Carteret General Hospital

Steven Byrum

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Anniversaries

### Monday, July 20

M/M Benny Rinehart  
M/M Lin Scheel

M/M Jay Swicegood

### Thursday, July 23

M/M John Williams

### Saturday, July 25

Rev/M Charles Swanner



Don't forget Open Gym on July 21 and Bible study on July 22, both at 1:00pm. There are 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.

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

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### **JULY 19, 2015**

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost

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



### **JULY 26, 2015**

#### 9<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:1-15  
Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21