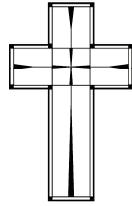


SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015

DEACONS: John Barrow & Bill Norvell
BUS DRIVER: Jim Parrish (333-9071)
BUS RIDER: Bill Norvell
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Kelly Rhodes
AUDIO OPERATOR: Paul Williams
VIDEO OPERATOR: Paul Stallings



Please let your church office know when any of your contact information changes. Many families have discontinued their home phones (land lines) and use only cell phones now. Please notify us if that is the case and make sure we have your cell number. If your email address changes, we need to know. Let's keep in touch!

**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**

HOSPITAL REPORT (7/29)

Vidant Medical Center
 Martin Parker

SHUT-IN of the WEEK

Mrs. Pattie Byrum
 Edenton Primetime
 PO Box 987
 Edenton, NC 27932

Remember the Food Pantry



WEEKLY REPORT (7/26)

Offering

Budget Needed	10,349.15
Amt. Received	11,615.50
Over Budget	1,266.35

Other Monies Received

Supper (7/22)	347.00
Griffin Scholarship	50.00
Reimbursements	40.63
TOTAL	437.63

Attendance

Sunday School	98
Chowan River Nursing	48
SS TOTAL	156
Worship TOTAL	195

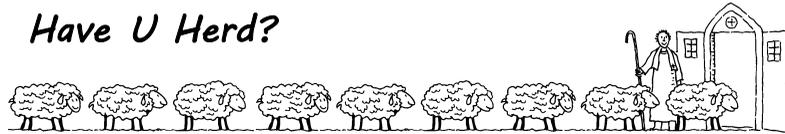
YTD Offerings (30 weeks)

Amt. Required	310,474.50
Amt. Received	275,421.93
Under Budget	(35,052.57)

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Have U Herd?



VBS 2015 was a wonderful week in the life of our church! It would not have been possible without the many volunteers who came to help: Mary Daniels, Dianne Cinkovich, Thelma Halsey, Anna Copeland, Caroline Brooks, Dare Privott, Susie Swanner, Molly Catherine White, Autumn Baker, Nick Gummere, Ellie Rinehart, Jessica Buchanan, Katelyn Warren, Marisa Ellis, Anna Bass, Sara Alligood, Jackson Ray, Wes Privott, Joe Ward, Stanley White, Jacob Brooks, Mary Anne Croom, Laurie Brooks, Chrystal Parrish, BB Halstead, Julie Privott, Abigail Stanley, Erin Bembridge, Gloria Voigt, Betty Cox, Charles Swanner, Harriet Sawyer, Carole Zembraski, Elaine Ervin, Jackie Adams, and our church staff members: Jackie Copeland, Woody Parrish, and David Brooks. We are also grateful to our office staff, Building and Grounds Committee, and to all who helped prepare Friday lunch. Thank you for shepherding and nurturing our children in another great week of VBS! Blessings, Kelly

LECTIONARY READINGS

AUGUST 2, 2015

10th Sun. after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
 Psalm 51:1-12
 Ephesians 4:1-16
 John 6:24-35



AUGUST 9, 2015

11th Sun. after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
 Psalm 130
 Ephesians 4:25-5:2
 John 6:35, 41-51

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Lorraine B. Bass
 Financial Secretary

Sherry S. Dowd
 Preschool Coordinator

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THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2015

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: "A Father's Love"

1 John 4:7-12

Woody Parrish

LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER FOR
 LOVE COMES FROM GOD.

-1 JOHN 4:7^{A ORO}



A MESSAGE OF THANKS

The youth and parents of EBC would like to express our thanks to **Woody Parrish** for a wonderful summer. Woody has been prayerful, thoughtful, and insightful in leading our youth and children this summer. He's been a huge help in coordinating and chaperoning youth trips and has provided extra activities for our youth to keep them connected to church and to one another. He's also done a wonderful job in his children's sermons and with leadership in VBS. Thank you, Woody, for being you! Good luck with starting your junior year of college. With love, the Youth Family of EBC

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Calendar of Activities

Sunday, August 2

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

Wednesday, August 5

5:30-Supper
6:30-Adult Bible Study
7:30-Adult Choir Practice

Birthdays

Sunday, August 2

Stephanine Grizzard
Molly Harvill
Sonya Rinehart

Monday, August 3

David Askew
Ashley Hanger
Sarah Leary
Mary Julia Parrish
Woody Parrish

Wednesday, August 5

John Keeter
Betty Manning

Friday, August 7

Thomas Bateman

Saturday, August 8

Jean Barger
Eric Byrum

Anniversaries

Sunday, August 3

M/M J. M. Parrish

Monday, August 4

M/M Maurice Bunch

Saturday, August 8

M/M Bob Partin

FROM THE PASTOR

Trevor Hudson has written a little book on the Serenity Prayer.¹ Do you know that prayer? It goes like this:

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardships as the pathway to peace, taking this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that he will make all things right if I surrender to his will—that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with him forever.

This prayer has been helpful for many people over the years as a way to live each day trusting in God. As I prayed this prayer recently, the phrase to which I kept being drawn was the last one: "supremely happy with him forever." While the Serenity Prayer asks us to live in the present, it also holds great hope for our future. The longer I live and the more funerals I attend and lead, the more I think about heaven. When I think of my mother, of course, and when I think of other loved ones who have died, I think about heaven and what it is like. This Serenity Prayer tells us that heaven will be that place where we are "supremely happy with him forever."

Take some time to reflect on that three-part phrase: supremely happy...with him...forever. First, supremely happy. That makes me smile. The prospect of being supremely happy brings me joy. Think of a moment in your life when you were really happy. The birth of your child, your wedding day, Christmas morning, a vacation, an accomplishment, a well-earned reward, fill in the blank: _____. Now multiply that experience of happiness many times, and you will be scratching the surface of what it will be like to live together with God in heaven. Whatever else heaven is and will be, it will be deeply joyful, sharing in a supreme happiness that we can only begin to imagine right now. Take a moment to thank God for that promise.

In next week's issue of *The Informer*, I will reflect with you upon the second part of this phrase about heaven: *with him*.

Your pastor,

David

¹Trevor Hudson, *The Serenity Prayer: A Simple Prayer to Enrich Your Life*. Nashville: Upper Room Books, 2012.

A Farewell from Woody

In a few short weeks I will move back to Chapel Hill and start my junior year of college. Soon my life will once again consist of losing intramurals, scrambling to finish assignments, and trying to get actual words to come out when I'm around a pretty girl. Inevitably, upon seeing all of the friends I haven't seen for months, the same couple of questions will be asked. How was your summer? What was the best part? I feel blessed that I will be able to honestly tell them that my summer was amazing. And I will be able to tell them that the best part was all of you. You made this summer one that I will never forget. So thank you. Thank you for allowing me to be part of worship every Sunday morning. Thank you for allowing me to use the gym to perfect my jump shot and throw dodge balls at your kids. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to dive deep into scripture with those same kids to look at Jesus Christ our Lord. Thank you for always greeting me with a warm smile and graciously reminding me of your name for the third or fourth time. Thank you for going out of your way to make me feel welcome and valued all summer long. From talks with Mama J to jokes shared with the youth; from Kelly's gentle guidance to Stanley's kind words Wednesday evening, this summer has been more than I could have asked for. I feel more confident now than ever that God is calling me to full-time ministry. That confidence is a wonderful blessing and I can't thank you enough for the part you played in it. I do not know what the next chapter will hold in God's plan for me, but I do know that I am immensely grateful that part of His plan brought me here to be with you. Thank you again for an incredible summer.

With love,

Woody

Note from the Finance Committee

"The main reason we practice the discipline of giving our money is not because God needs to have it but because we need to give it. We need to remind ourselves that nothing is ultimately ours to keep."

-Judson Edwards,
Formations Commentary, July 19, 2015

REMINDER: Youth parents should check their email for weekly updates.