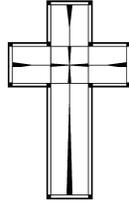


## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2015**

**DEACONS:** Casey Atstupenas & Elaine Ervin  
**BUS DRIVER:** Mark Dawley (482-6922)  
**BUS RIDER:** Elaine Ervin  
**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Casey Atstupenas  
**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Maurice Bunch  
**VIDEO OPERATORS:** Allen & Claire Mills



### *In Memoriam*

Stanley W. Pratt  
1949 - 2015

## **Birthdays**

### **Monday, August 10**

Jessica Buchanan  
Mary Jo Byrd

### **Tuesday, August 11**

Patrick Labbe  
Michael Wellons

### **Wednesday, August 12**

Pam Edwards

### **Thursday, August 13**

Mary Daniels  
Caroline Small

### **Friday, August 14**

Carolyn Meadows  
Gary Swanner

## **Anniversaries**

### **Monday, August 10**

M/M Jerry Caricofe

### **Wednesday, August 12**

M/M Tim Smith

### **Friday, August 14**

M/M Jim Elliott

### **Saturday, August 15**

M/M Michael Smith

## **Calendar of Activities**

### **Sunday, August 9**

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

### **Wednesday, August 12**

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

## **WEEKLY REPORT (8/2)**

### **Offering**

Budget Needed	10,349.15
Amt. Received	8,784.00
Under Budget	(1,565.15)

### **Other Monies Received**

Community Missions	139.70
Supper (7/29)	355.00
Memorial Fund	80.00
Reimbursements	602.00
VBS (for Global Missions)	<u>589.13</u>
TOTAL	1,765.83

### **Attendance**

Sunday School	102
Chowan River Nursing	<u>52</u>
SS TOTAL	154
Worship TOTAL	175

### **YTD Offerings (31 weeks)**

Amt. Required	320,823.65
Amt. Received	284,205.93
Under Budget	(36,617.72)

## ***From the Pastor***

Last week, I shared with you in this space a phrase from the well-known Serenity Prayer that has guided so many people in their walk with God. The phrase comes at the very end of the prayer as a hope for us as we trust in God every day and surrender to his will: *...that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with him forever.* Heaven will be a place of supreme joy and fulfillment and happiness, as we discussed last week. But our “supreme happiness” in heaven will come only as we are *with God.* We will not be in isolation. We will not wonder, as we so often do in this life, where God is or how God communicates with us. Instead, we will be in the full presence of God, face-to-face with God, surrounded by his presence and his loving kindness.

As a child, I enjoyed playing board games. I have fond memories of sitting at the kitchen table with my brother when I was about eight-years-old and he was ten. My mom popped a big bowl of popcorn, poured us some Kool-Aid, and proceeded to teach the two of us how to play Monopoly. And to this day, that is a vivid picture of my mother that I will hold dear forever. I don't remember much about how those games of Monopoly turned out—how much money I had, who bought Boardwalk, who won the game—but I do relish the memory of being with my family as we played together. I also remember times when no one wanted to play Monopoly with me, so I played by myself, setting up a mock player with his own money on the opposite side of the board. I rolled the dice, moved the playing piece, bought properties, and collected rent for both myself and that other imaginary player. The good thing was that I was always guaranteed to win! But those games by myself were never quite as fun or memorable as the times when I played *with* my family.

The joy of heaven that awaits us will truly be in the fact that we will be *with* God fully, and we will be *with* all those that have gone before us. We will not be alone. In next week's issue of *The Informer*, I will reflect with you upon the third part of this phrase about heaven: *forever.*

Grace and peace,

David

### **Shut-in of the Week**

Mrs. Virginia Byrum  
Chowan River Nursing  
PO Box 566  
Edenton, NC 27932

### **Hospital Report (8/5)**

Vidant Medical Center  
Martin Parker

## ***YOUTH NEWS***

Our fall retreat will be overnight Saturday and Sunday, September 19 and 20. A \$50 deposit is due to hold your spot. Woody will be leading our Bible studies and other details will be available soon.

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## *From our Associate Pastor*

Paul prays for young Christians to be "rooted and grounded in love" in the third chapter of Ephesians. This love he refers to is not only God's love within, but God's love as expressed to one another. This summer has provided lots of chances for our students to become more rooted and grounded in God's love. From beach camp to mission trip to Vacation Bible School to children's sermons with Woody on Sunday mornings, and all of the youth Bible studies and open gym days in between, the last nine weeks have been a chance for our students to grow in their understanding of who God is by participating in opportunities to be immersed in the study of his word, fellowship, and service. It has truly been a wonderful summer.

The challenge for us after we have these "mountaintop experiences" is to keep ourselves rooted and grounded in the love of God. The challenge for our youth and children in a new school year will be to continue to learn and to take advantage of the opportunities provided during the school year in order to spread their roots deeper into a personal relationship with Christ. These opportunities include but are not limited to: youth fall retreat (Sept. 19-20), CBF Children's Missions Day for 1st-6th graders (Nov. 21), choir and missions for children ages 4 years old through 6th grade on Wednesday nights, Youth HOLLA each Sunday night, and perhaps most importantly, Sunday School each Sunday morning.

As your Associate Pastor, I cannot stress enough to you the importance of Sunday School. We have very gifted teachers for children and adults at all ages and stages of life who have a clear passion for making God's word real and applicable in our lives. As you begin to plan for fall and the start of a new school year, remember that it's the start of a new Sunday School year as well. Make Sunday School a part of your weekly routine each Sunday morning at 9:45am just as you would include in your schedule a trip to the grocery store. Sunday School is that essential if we are going to be rooted and grounded in God's love and God's word, especially for children in their most formative years. I hope to see you next Sunday at 9:45am planting your family's roots a little deeper into God's love and into a community of care and nurture.

Blessings,  
Kelly

**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, AUGUST 9, 2015**

### **The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Sermon: *"In This Present Moment"*

Matthew 6:25-34



Observance of the Lord's Supper

### **LECTIONARY READINGS**

**AUGUST 9, 2015**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalms 130

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

**AUGUST 16, 2015**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost**

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Psalms 111

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

