

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015

DEACONS: Mary Anne Croom & Alton Elmore

BUS DRIVER: Gene Nixon (482-8281)

BUS RIDER: Alton Elmore

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Jackie Adams

AUDIO OPERATOR: Gary Swanner

VIDEO OPERATOR: Holly Smith



In Memoriam

Betsy Ashley-Jones
1939 - 2015

Birthdays

Sunday, August 16

Donald Byrum

Doris Ray

Jason Swicegood

Monday, August 17

Robin Gieseke

Cheryl Ward

Tuesday, August 18

Kevin Briggs

Melody Mejorado

Thursday, August 20

Quinn Lowe

Angela Thatcher

Priscilla Townson

Friday, August 21

Rebecca Lowe

Marguerite McCall

Saturday, August 22

Wayne Cale

Anniversaries

Tuesday, August 18

M/M Al Partin

Wednesday, August 19

M/M Dennis McIntire

Shut-in of the Week

Mrs. Denise Ellis
Primetime
PO Box 987
Edenton, NC 27932

Hospital Report (8/12)

Vidant Medical Center
Martin Parker

WEEKLY REPORT (8/9)

Offering

Budget Needed	10,349.15
Amt. Received	9,092.02
Under Budget	(1,257.13)

Other Monies Received

Supper (8/5)	178.00
Community Missions	120.00
Memorial Fund	270.00
Griffin Scholarship Fund	20.00
Global Missions	<u>210.00</u>
TOTAL	798.00

Attendance

Sunday School	98
Chowan River Nursing	<u>47</u>
SS TOTAL	145
Worship TOTAL	184

YTD Offerings (32 weeks)

Amt. Required	331,172.80
Amt. Received	293,297.95
Under Budget	(37,874.85)

From the Pastor

For the past two weeks, I've reflected on heaven with you in this column. I've asked you to consider a phrase at the end of the well-known Serenity Prayer: *...that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with him forever.* There are three realities about heaven that this prayer provides for us: 1) Heaven will be an experience of sheer joy and supreme happiness; 2) we will know this joy and happiness because we will be *with God* completely; and 3) our joyful existence with God will go on *forever.* We've discussed the first two realities, and now it is time to consider that third reality—that we will live *forever.*

It is difficult for our finite minds to fathom the reality of *forever.* Everything in life, it seems, has a starting and stopping point. We celebrate someone's beginning point every time we wish that person a happy birthday. We recognize the death of someone when we gather for his/her funeral and pay our respects. Businesses have grand openings and, unfortunately, they sometimes go out of business. A new school year begins in a just a couple of weeks and, before we know it, the last day of school will be upon us in June. Starts and stops. Beginnings and endings. It is the world in which we live.

But, according to Jesus and the writers of the New Testament, our lives that are found in him will never be extinguished. Our physical bodies will perish, but the reality of who we are as personal human beings created in God's image will continue without interruption. There was a beginning point to our lives when we were born, to be sure. We did not exist, as the ancient philosopher Plato suggested, as souls in heaven prior to the birth of our bodies. And our souls are not awaiting their escape from our sinful bodies. Not at all. Instead, we are holistic human beings—heart, body, mind, soul, spirit. When our physical bodies break down, the essence of who we are is held safe by God until that day when God resurrects his creation anew and we receive new spiritual bodies that will exist forever and ever (see 1 Corinthians 15). There was, indeed, a beginning point to our lives, but for those who are in Christ there will be no ending point. We will taste death in this life, but that experience will quickly pale in comparison to life forever with God.

To use an old adage, let us not be so heavenly-minded that we do no earthly good. At the same time, let the promise of our eventual "supreme happiness with God forever" give you comfort, hope, and encouragement every day.

Grace and peace,

David

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5th Sunday Sing at Macedonia Baptist Church

♪ Sunday, August 30 at 7:00pm ♪

Share in an evening of praise followed by fellowship and refreshments!

Congratulations and Best Wishes to...

- Mark & Megan Adams on the birth of their daughter, Saylor Hope, August 8 in Wilmington. She weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 in. long. Saylor is the granddaughter of Connie Scheel and the great-granddaughter of Wendell Hope Copeland.
- Paul & Jenny Williams on the birth of their son, Paul Collins III. Born August 10, Collins weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz. and was 22½ in. long. His grandparents are Jim & Sally Blount, and his proud sister is Sally Rhodes.
- Paul & Betsy Hicks on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Anne on August 11 in Greenville. She weighed 2 lbs. 12 oz. and was 15 in. long. Libba's grandparents are Bill & Ginger Vogedes and she is the great-granddaughter of Hattie Byrum.

Blessings to each of you!



Tuesday, August 18
2:00-7:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Calendar of Activities

Sunday, August 16

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

Tuesday, August 18

2-7:00-Red Cross Blood Drive
6:00-Finance Committee, Rm. 103

Wednesday, August 19

1:00-Mustard Seeds, Soda Shoppe
5:30-Supper (spaghetti)
6:30-Adult Bible Study
7:30-Church Conference

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: "Communicating with God"

Luke 11:1-11



LECTIONARY READINGS

AUGUST 16, 2015

12th Sun. after Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

AUGUST 23, 2015

13th Sun. after Pentecost

1 Kings 8 (1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

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