

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2015

DEACONS: Tommy Bass & Bobby Lane
BUS DRIVER: Jim Parrish (333-9071)
BUS RIDER: Tommy Bass
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Casey Atstupenas
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Travis Ellis
AUDIO OPERATOR: Bob Partin
VIDEO OPERATOR: Paul Stallings
YOUTH SUPPER: Al & Anne Ward



YOUTH NEWS

This Sunday we will meet at our regular time (5:30 - 7:00pm) for supper, youth room clean-up, and game night.

Next Sunday, September 6, we will not meet due to the Labor Day holiday.

Sunday, September 13 we will meet at the home of Cyndi and Don Small for an afternoon pool party (weather permitting) starting at 3:30pm. The Smalls will serve supper and we will have a devotion time before departing at 6:30pm. In the event of inclement weather we will meet at the church on regular schedule.

Our fall retreat is an overnight retreat Saturday and Sunday, September 19-20. We will stay at Camp Oak Hill in Oxford. The total cost is \$85 per person, and parent chaperones are needed. Woody will lead our Bible studies throughout the weekend. Parents, please check your email for updates!

New Bible Study on Wednesdays in Fellowship Hall

6:30-7:30pm

~ Questions God Asks Us ~

This fall, join others for Bible study that will focus on questions God poses to various individuals in the Bible. The study is based on *Questions God Asks Us*, a short and very readable book by Trevor Hudson. While it is not necessary to read the book to participate in the study, copies of the book will be available for purchase on Wednesday night, or other times in the church office, for \$10.

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OUR MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN

This Sunday is **Promotion Day in Sunday School**. At 10:15am a bell will ring signaling the promotion of students.

A new year of **Children's Choirs and Missions** begins Wednesday, September 9 (4 years-6th grade). Choirs will meet from 6:00-6:45pm and mission groups will meet from 6:45-7:30pm. Families are invited to join us for our fellowship meal at 5:30pm before the children's activities begin. Please call the church office to make reservations.

ADDRESSES NEEDED!

Our college students have now returned to campus for the start of another semester of learning. Parents are urged to contact the church office with addresses of students, so their church family can send them notes of encouragement throughout the year.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Miss Leslie Bunch
3800 Hillsborough Street
Oaks 1106
Raleigh, NC 27606



It is time for staff & committee chairpersons to examine budget needs for the 2016 church year. All requests should be in writing, and in the office, by September 15.

SHUT-IN of the WEEK

Mrs. Jane Nowell
Edenton House
323 Medical Arts Drive
Edenton, NC 27932

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A Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Congregation

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Financial Secretary

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Preschool Coordinator

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2015

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2015

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Baptist Men's Breakfast, 8:30am

Sunday School Promotion

"God's Generosity and Ours"

James 1:17-27

The 1st Sermon in a 5-part series—*"Less Talk, More Action"*—
From the book of James

5th Sunday Sing at Macedonia Baptist Church

Tonight, join our Adult Choir and friends in our community at 7:00 at Macedonia Baptist Church, for singing, fellowship, and refreshment.

New Members

We happily welcome Tyler and Emily Leary into our church family. Tyler comes on his profession of faith seeking baptism, and Emily by transfer of her letter from Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church in Ayden. The Leary's reside at 121 Mulberry Hill Lane with their infant son, Tripp. Elaine Ervin is their family deacon.

LECTIONARY READINGS

AUGUST 30, 2015

14th Sun. after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2,6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

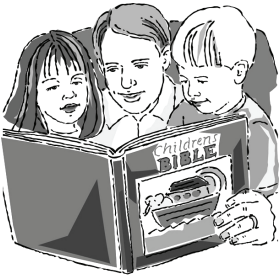
15th Sun. after Pentecost

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

Flowers



Flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday will be given in loving memory of Stanley Pratt by his wife, Tani, on the occasion of his birthday, August 30.



Put these words of mine in your heart and soul
Teach them to your children
Deuteronomy 11:18-29, NRSV

WEEKLY REPORT (8/23)

Offering

Budget Needed	10,349.15
Amt. Received	9,182.85
Under Budget	(1,166.30)

Other Monies Received

Supper (8/12)	262.00
Memorial Fund	745.00
Community Missions	50.00
Bookbag Buddies	52.00
Reimbursement	8.00
TOTAL	1,117.00

Attendance

Sunday School	117
Chowan River Nursing	50
SS TOTAL	167
Worship TOTAL	210

YTD Offerings (34 weeks)

Amt. Required	351,871.10
Amt. Received	309,873.15
Under Budget	(41,997.95)

LOOKING AHEAD...

September 6	Deacons Meeting; Communion
7	Office closed for Labor Day
8	Combined WMU groups lunch meeting
9	Wednesday children's activities resume
15	Budget requests for 2016 are due
19	Fall Youth Retreat
21	Laura Harrell class ministry at Primetime
22	Finance Committee meeting

From the Pastor... Back on Track

I'm sure you have taken note of the fact that we are behind in our overall giving in support of our church's ministry budget. As you can see in the financial report printed in this issue of *The Informer*, we trail behind our current budget needs by \$41,997.95. Of even greater concern is the fact that for six of the past eight months we have spent more than we have given, and we are currently \$15,400.60 behind in our offerings as compared to our overall expenses. Regardless of the year, summer always brings with it a dip in giving, and fall is a good time for us all to take stock of how we have been giving financially to support the ministries of Edenton Baptist Church. If summer travel, vacations, time away from church, or any other reasons have kept you from giving regularly, please consider "catching up" with your giving and getting back on track for the rest of the year.

Regardless of the season of the year, I encourage you to view your giving as a regular discipline of your walk with God. Just as God asks us to pray, to serve, to worship, and to love others, God also asks us to give regularly as a sign of our devotion to him and his church. We would not want to go a day without eating, more than a few moments without breathing, or a single moment without the assurance that God is with us and sustaining us. Likewise, offering a portion of our income back to God is an essential act of trust in God. It is a statement of faith—a means by which we tell God and the world that we believe in what God is doing in the world through the life of our church. Giving shapes us to become generous people instead of being so focused on holding on tightly to what is not really ours to begin with.

If you are already giving as faithfully and as generously as you can, keep it up! If, however, there is room for you to grow in your financial stewardship to EBC, why not make a renewed commitment to give more or more regularly? If Edenton Baptist Church is a vital part of your life, then be sure to make our church a priority in what you do with your income each month. Be wise in spending and saving, but also be generous in what you give back to God through the offering plate each Sunday.

Your pastor,

David

HOSPITAL REPORT (8/27)

Vidant Medical Center

Martin Parker

Calendar of Activities

Sunday, August 30

8:30-Baptist Men's Breakfast
9:45-Sunday School
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer
11:00-Morning Worship
5:30-Youth Supper
6:00-Youth Room Clean-Up & Game Night

Monday, August 31

6:00-Little Goose Nest Open House, 4 year olds

Tuesday, September 1

6:00-Little Goose Nest Open House, 3 year olds
7:00-Joyful Noisemakers, Edenton Primetime

Wednesday, September 2

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

Thursday, September 3

10:30-Bookbag Buddies, EBC Parking Lot



Volunteers are needed at the Edenton Visitor's Center. If interested, contact Sharon Keeter at 482-2637.

BOOKBAG BUDDIES

Our Bookbag Buddies program will start delivering on September 3, and volunteers are always needed. Please let Kelly know if you can help.

Birthdays

Sunday, August 30

Kristi Nixon
Anna Privott

Tuesday, September 1

Maddy Groves
Kelsey Jackson
Jean Norvell
Betty B. Ward

Wednesday, September 2

Bobby Ashley
Pansy Elliott
William Stallings

Thursday, September 3

Marie Baker
Legion Britton
Gus Hughes, Jr.
Joe Stokely

Friday, September 4

Bob Barrett
Wade Privott

Saturday, September 5

Betty Bateman
Shelly Cabellero
Betty H. Ward

Anniversaries

Tuesday, September 1

M/M Freddie Oldham