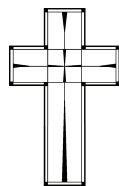


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 2015

DEACONS: Casey Atstupenas & Elaine Ervin
BUS DRIVER: Jim Parrish (333-9071)
BUS RIDER: Casey Atstupenas
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Casey Atstupenas
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Travis Ellis
AUDIO OPERATOR: Maurice Bunch
VIDEO OPERATORS: Allen & Claire Mills
YOUTH SUPPER: Ben & Sonya Rinehart



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015

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Flowers

In Memory Of...

Flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, October 18 will be given in loving memory of Mrs. Lucille W. Stalls by her family, in remembrance of her birthday, October 6.

Birthdays

Sunday, October 18

Lori Garrett

Lynn Perry

Russell Wheeler

Monday, October 19

Julia Elmore

Sally Rhodes Williams

Tuesday, October 20

Rebecca Bunch

William Goodwin, Jr.

Abigail Stanley

Wednesday, October 21

Anne Alston

Thelma Halsey

Thursday, October 22

Dianne Babb

Friday, October 23

Graham Cox

Jamie Skinner

Leonard Small, Jr.

Clay Triitt

Artimesia Yuen

Saturday, October 24

Marvin Barham

Parker Clayton

Curtis Leary

Lou Neal

Joy Club Trip on November 11

Veterans Day Tribute at COA
Tickets are \$16.50 ~ See Bessie.

CHOWAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION OCTOBER 20

The Annual Missions Celebration of our Chowan Baptist Association will be at Edenton Baptist Church on Tuesday, October 20th. Registration begins at 2:00pm, and the meeting begins at 3:00pm. Supper will be served at 5:15pm, and the evening session begins at 6:20pm. Join with fellow Baptists from across our region to worship, to learn about our various ministries, and to fellowship with one another.

HARVEST SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 25TH

- Let's join together in our effort to close the gap between our current ministry budget needs (\$413,966.00) and our gifts to date (\$372,215.28)—a difference of \$41,750.72. Please bring an extra offering with you to worship on Harvest Sunday to help support the various ministries of our church.
- LET'S STOCK THE FOOD PANTRY! As we prepare for Thanksgiving, the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry has requested that our church contribute candied yams, sweet potatoes, and cranberry sauce. Remember to bring non-perishable food with you to church throughout this month, but especially on Harvest Sunday.

Election of Deacons

On December 31, 2015, seven of our active deacons will complete their current three year term. Filling the vacancies on the diaconate will be seven persons elected by the congregation to serve for 2016-2018. The seven nominees are as follows: Nancy Barrow, Jamie Bass, Hazel Elliott, Allen Mills, Artie Nixon, Michael Smith, and Al Ward. Election of these new deacons will take place at the conclusion of worship on October 25.

HOSPITAL REPORT (10/14)

Sentara Norfolk General

Heath Ellis

SHUT-IN of the WEEK

Mrs. Betsy Chesson
118 W. Queen Street
Edenton, NC 27932

STUDENT of the WEEK

Mr. Stephen Chesson
207 B Spring Street
Charleston, SC 29403

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015 The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

"Give as Jesus Gave"

Mark 10:35-45

THE GREATEST
SERVANT
OF ALL

WELCOME

New Members

On Sunday we welcomed Wes, Rene, and Peyton Mattera into our church family. Wes came on promise of letter from Providence Baptist Church in Shawboro, NC. Rene and Peyton came on profession of faith and will be baptized on November 15. The Mattera's reside at 118 Emperor Landing Road. Serving as their family deacon is Casey Atstupenas.

LECTIONARY READINGS

OCTOBER 18, 2015
21st Sun. after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)
 Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
 Hebrews 5:1-10
 Mark 10:35-45



OCTOBER 25, 2015
22nd Sun. after Pentecost

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)
 Hebrews 7:23-28
 Mark 10:46-52

Expressions of Thanks

Glenn and Jean Perry wish to thank church members for the many acts of kindness and prayers rendered in their behalf.

Calendar of Activities

Sunday, October 18

8:15-Bicentennial Committee,
 Youth Room
 9:45-Sunday School
 10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer
 11:00-Morning Worship
 5:00-Youth Supper
 6:00-Youth HOLLA

Monday, October 19

3:00-Laura Harrell Class,
 Edenton Primetime

Tuesday, October 20

2:00-CBA Annual Meeting,
 Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 21

1:00-Mustard Seed Group,
 Soda Shoppe
 5:30-Supper (chicken & pastry)
 6:00-Children's Choirs
 6:30-Church Conference
 6:45-Children's Missions
 7:30-Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, October 22

10:30-Book Bag Buddies
 5:45-Handbells, Room 200

WEEKLY REPORT (10/11)

Offering

Budget Needed	10,349.15
Amt. Received	8,819.23
Under Budget	(1,529.92)

Other Monies Received

Supper (10/7)	232.00
Reimbursements	3,050.00
WMU Red Box	28.00
Baptist Men	100.00
WMU NC	50.00
TOTAL	3,460.00

Attendance

Sunday School	91
Chowan River Nursing	40
SS TOTAL	131
Worship TOTAL	194

YTD Offerings (41 weeks)

Amt. Required	424,315.15
Amt. Received	381,034.51
Under Budget	(43,280.64)

Anniversaries

Sunday, October 18

M/M Alvin Bunch

Wednesday, October 21

M/M Robert Halsey

Friday, October 23

M/M Kevin Briggs

Saturday, October 24

M/M Michael Adams

M/M Samuel Cox

From the Pastor

I have a confession to make: I never get everything done. A pastor's work is never completed, really. There is always one more visit I could make, more time that I could spend preparing to teach or preach, and one more program that needs my attention. Maybe you are willing to make a similar confession: at the end of each day you always have things left to do on your "To Do" list. There just aren't enough hours in the day to do all the things that we intend to do. Loose ends and unfinished business are a part of life.

But our uncompleted tasks and loose ends can actually be a good thing—a very good thing. They remind us of our human limitations. We cannot do everything we want to do or even need to do. Our bodies and minds and souls need rest and inactivity—a reality that God himself modeled for us as he rested on the seventh day of creation. And our limitations also remind us that while we cannot do everything for every person, we can do something every day for someone. As Charles E. Poole observed so truthfully, **"If you and I wait until we can do everything for everybody before we do something for somebody, then we will never do anything for anybody."**¹ My guess is that every one of us has a long list of good things that we intend to do for lots of people every day. And while our human limitations keep us from doing all of those good things, we *can* do at least one of those things for someone each day. Over time, each of those small acts of love and care quickly add up to a consistent display of God's love through our lives.

So do not let the fact that you cannot do everything for everyone keep you from doing something good for someone each day. Go ahead and make the phone call, send the letter, order the flowers, spend the money, have the conversation, speak the word, take the time, go out of your way, act on God's leading. Then rest well each night, knowing that one of your good intentions came to fruition. And tomorrow you can do the same thing again. And the next day. And the next.

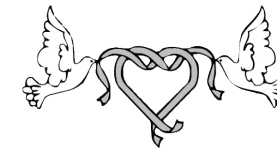
Grace and peace,

David

¹ Charles E. Poole, *Is Life Fair? Good Words for Hard Times* (Macon, GA: Peake Road, 1996) 63.

A Good Day

Last Sunday was a very full day of Bible study, worship, and fellowship (not to mention, good food!) as we hosted Dr. Tony Cartledge for Fall Renewal Sunday. The sessions on Revelation were very well-attended, and Tony's teaching was informative, inspiring, and helpful to everyone who desired a clearer understanding of the oftentimes confusing book of Revelation. Tony's teaching on Revelation will be published in January in book form and can be purchased at www.nurturingfaith.net. Special thanks are given to our Baptist Men and WMU for providing breakfast on Sunday morning and to our Social Committee for serving a delicious supper on Sunday evening.



*Please join us
 to celebrate with*

**KELLY RHODES
 & TREY ADAMS**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015
 THREE UNTIL FIVE O'CLOCK**

**EDENTON BAPTIST CHURCH
 FELLOWSHIP HALL**

GIVEN BY FRIENDS

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Join us for Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 31 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm in the church parking lot. Decorate your car trunk or truck bed, and wear a fun costume! This is a great way for us to reach out to our community and provide a fun, safe, trick-or-treat experience for Edenton kids. Contact Gary Stanley if you can help in any way.

Candy is needed! A box has been placed in the back hallway for your donations. The generosity of our church family is key to making this event a success each year!

October is



PRINTS FOR SALE!

A new portrait of our beloved church building has been completed by Betsy Campen Bierowski, and is on display in the church office. Prints of this are available for purchase in two sizes. The 7½ x 12 inch is \$20 and the 10 x 16 inch is \$30. Prints are signed, with a certificate of authenticity. They are available in the church office during regular office hours.