

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 2015**

**DEACONS:** Gene Nixon & Waldo Winslow  
**BUS DRIVER:** Mark Dawley (482-6922)  
**BUS RIDER:** Waldo Winslow  
**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Mary Anne Croom  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Sandra Stanley  
**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Maurice Bunch  
**VIDEO OPERATORS:** Allen & Claire Mills



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 2015**

**DEACONS:** Lowell Gieseke & Wanda Small  
**BUS DRIVER:** Ben Rinehart, Jr. (482-2959)  
**BUS RIDER:** Lowell Gieseke  
**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** David Brooks  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Susan Biggs & Paula Rinehart  
**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Gary Swanner  
**VIDEO OPERATOR:** Susie Swanner

**REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

**Week of Nov. 22-28**

Mrs. Legion Britton  
Edenton Primetime  
PO Box 987  
Edenton, NC 27932

**Week of Nov. 29-Dec. 5**

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



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, complete the form below and place in the offering plate, or mail to the church office, along with your payment. Cost is \$5.00 per plant. **Order deadline: Sunday, December 6.**

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed at \$5.00 per plant \_\_\_\_\_

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**Double Informer this week!** Be sure to hold onto this two-week edition of *The Informer*. Your next newsletter will be mailed December 3.

**Advent and Christmas Events**

**Sunday, Nov 29 – 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- Lighting the Candle of Hope
- CBF Global Missions Emphasis begins
- 5:00PM – Advent Wreath Workshop in Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, Dec 5**

- 7:00PM – Market Street Brass Quintet Concert

**Sunday, Dec 6 – 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- 11:00AM – Hanging of the Green in 11:00AM worship
- Lighting the Candle of Peace

**Sunday, Dec 13 – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- 11:00AM – Festival of Lessons & Carols
- Lighting the Candle of Joy

**Sunday, Dec 20 – 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- Lighting the Candle of Love

**Thursday, Dec 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE**

- 6:00PM – Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

**MI CASA SU SASA**

This Saturday, November 21, youth are invited to the home of Gary and Sandra Stanley (205 W. Eden Street) for dinner at 6:00pm. Plan to eat and hang out until around 7:30pm.

**THE INFORMER**

**Edenton Baptist Church**  
Edenton, North Carolina 27932

*A Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Congregation*

**David B. Brooks**  
Pastor

**Gary P. Stanley**  
Interim Youth Minister  
**Michael W. Morgan**  
Director of Music

**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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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2015**

**Christ the King Sunday**

*“The Ultimate Lookout”*  
Philippians 2:12-13  
Rev. Charles Swanner

Vote on 2016 Ministry Budget

**CHURCH-WIDE THANKSGIVING DINNER**  
**5:00pm in Fellowship Hall**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2015**

**First Sunday of Advent**

Baptist Men's Breakfast, 8:30am  
Beginning of CBF Global Missions Emphasis

**ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP**  
**5:00pm in Fellowship Hall**

*Please bring garden shears & a plate or pie pan.*

## LECTIONARY READINGS

**NOVEMBER 22, 2015**

**Christ the King Sunday**

2 Samuel 23:1-7  
Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)  
Revelation 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37

**NOVEMBER 29, 2015**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

## Calendar of Activities

**Saturday, November 21**

6:00-Youth *Mi Casa Su Casa*,  
Stanley Home

**Sunday, November 22**

9:45-Sunday School  
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer  
11:00-Morning Worship  
5:00-Thanksgiving Dinner

**Monday, November 23**

2:00-Helen Hughes Group,  
Mary Elizabeth Dail

**Wednesday, November 25**

12:00-Office closes for holiday  
No supper or activities

**Thursday, November 26**

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Friday, November 27**

Office closed

**Sunday, November 29**

9:45-Sunday School  
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer  
11:00-Morning Worship  
5:00-Advent Wreath Workshop

**Tuesday, December 1**

7:00-Joyful Noisemakers,  
Edenton Primetime

**Wednesday, December 2**

5:30-Supper  
6:00-Children's Choirs  
6:30-Adult Bible Study  
6:45-Children's Missions  
7:30-Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday, December 3**

6:30-Deacon Christmas Dinner

## Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary on November 29 will be given in loving memory of Bill and Virginia Wells, by their family, in remembrance of their wedding anniversary November 27.

## FOOD PANTRY REQUEST

Yams/Sweet Potatoes,  
Cranberry Sauce

## WEEKLY REPORT 11/15

### Offering

Budget Needed	10,349.15
Amt. Received	7,102.60
Under Budget	(3,246.55)

### Other Monies Received

Supper (11/11)	268.00
Memorial Fund	50.00
WMU NC	51.00
Reimbursements	589.28
World Market	6,426.51
TOTAL	7,384.79

### Attendance

Sunday School	105
Chowan River Nursing	45
SS TOTAL	150
Worship TOTAL	248

### YTD Offerings (46 weeks)

Amt. Required	476,060.90
Amt. Received	440,875.36
Under Budget	(35,185.54)

## From the Pastor

In my 8-plus years as your pastor, one of the greatest joys that I have experienced every year has been our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. It is always one of the most well-attended and heart-warming events in the life of our church. Our social committee excels in their gifts of cooking, hospitality, and service as they serve turkey, dressing, sides, and dessert. Good bakers in our church pitch in to provide the desserts. Our music directors and choir members treat us to beautiful and moving music that enables us to express our gratitude to God. With a slideshow of pictures, we take some time to reflect on how we have served God and how lives have been changed in the past year through the ministries of our church. And I am privileged to offer a meditation with reflections on how we can give thanks and for what we should be thankful.

In some respects, this Sunday's annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be no different. We'll have a full fellowship hall with friends, neighbors, and relatives; we'll enjoy the good food and have some laughs; and we will certainly give thanks to God. In other ways, though, this year's dinner will be different from all others in the past. The primary difference will be in the number of new families and individuals who have become an active part of the Edenton Baptist Church family in the past year. **Did you know that since last Thanksgiving, we have welcomed 22 individuals into our fellowship?!** Seventeen have joined as members, while five are children whom we pray will one day make their own professions of faith in Jesus as Lord and thereby join our church. These new faces and friends will make this year's Thanksgiving Dinner unlike any in years past. And for that I am grateful!

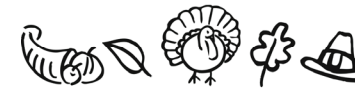
How about you? When you consider the life and ministry of Edenton Baptist Church, for what are you thankful? Have you been challenged to follow Jesus more closely through a sermon, a Sunday School lesson, or a mission trip? Give thanks. Have you felt God's love for you as others in our church have loved you? Give thanks. Have you found fulfillment as you've served in a ministry of our church? Give thanks. Have you been ushered into the presence of God through beautiful music and worship? Give thanks. Have you been equipped by God through our church to share your faith, to show kindness, to make peace with your neighbor, to be generous? Then give thanks to God and rejoice. For with thanksgiving comes great joy, and when there is joy in our lives we are assured that God is with us.

Thanks be to God!

David

## PRINTS FOR SALE!

A new portrait of our church building is on display in the church office. Prints of this are available for purchase during regular office hours.



## Birthdays

**Sunday, November 22**

Jim Leggett  
Mary Ann White

**Monday, November 23**

Barbara Elbualy  
Chip Wynns

**Tuesday, November 24**

Linda Cook  
Hawk Crummey  
Steve Leary

**Wednesday, November 25**

Cathy Cleavenger  
Ann Morgan  
Martha Pennington

**Thursday, November 26**

Samuel Cox  
Barbara Hollowell  
James Skinner

**Friday, November 27**

Richard Elliott  
Joan Perry  
Mary Swanner  
Sid White

**Saturday, November 28**

Sara Alligood  
Anna P. Bass  
Nathan Surratt

## Anniversaries

**Sunday, November 22**

M/M Pete Manning

**Tuesday, November 24**

M/M Skip Sykes

**Friday, November 27**

M/M Joseph Goodwin

**Saturday, November 28**

M/M Johnny Layton

**Tuesday, December 1**

M/M Jim Parrish

## Birthdays

**Sunday, November 29**

Don Small  
Tim Smith  
Paul Stallings

**Monday, November 30**

Leanne Clayton  
Chris Perry  
Nell Perry

**Tuesday, December 1**

Billy Francis  
Toni Kuykendall

**Wednesday, December 2**

Karen Fleetwood

**Thursday, December 3**

Kimberly Fisher

**Friday, December 4**

Tom Bass, Sr.  
Ann Buchanan  
Betsy Jackson  
Larry Smith

Kim Stille

Anne Ward

**Saturday, December 5**

Hannah Bergevin  
Scott Evans

## HOSPITAL REPORT (11/19)

**Sentara Norfolk General**

Heath Ellis

**Vidant Medical Center**

Doris Hardison

## ♪ A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

Thanksgiving. It's something that we talk about during the year on occasion but really talk about it this time of year. There are several hymns that we think about especially during this season—*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come; We Gather Together; Count Your Blessings*; and several others. I would like to share the origin of one of these famous Thanksgiving hymns.

The hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*, was written by Henry Alford in rural England in the mid-nineteenth century, when the life of the village during the winter depended on the bounty of the autumn harvest. While the first stanza of this hymn rejoices over the harvest, the last three stanzas expound on the reminder this image gives of the Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds in Matthew 13. The hymn concludes with a prayer that the final harvest at His Second Coming would happen soon (*from hymnary.org*).

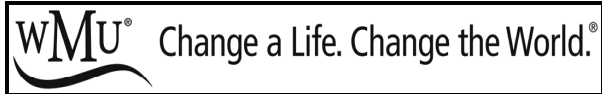
As we approach Thanksgiving this year, what is it that you are thankful for? What “harvest” has happened in your life over the past year that you are grateful for? While many of us are mindful of the “harvest” of farming, “harvest” can also come in other shapes and forms. Good health, recovery from a disease, safe travels—the list can go on with our “harvest.”

But in singing this powerful hymn, do we fully understand what we are asking when we sing “Even so, Lord, quickly come...”? In just one week, we start the season Advent—that time of year when we anticipate the birth of Christ. But Advent has another meaning as well. It is the time of year when we anticipate and prepare for the Second coming of Christ. It is a time that we should reflect about the “harvest” of Christ gathering his people together.

So, this Thanksgiving season, let us give thanks for the abundant gifts that we are given each and every day that we so often take for granted. Let us also prepare for Advent—that time of preparation for the ultimate harvest.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Michael



- December is the time of year that we focus on Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) Global Mission Emphasis and Offering. When you support the CBF Offering for Global Missions, you make ministry possible by supporting CBF personnel. Your gifts provide much needed materials and support to enrich the lives of children and families through life-changing ministries both in the United States and around the world. Your gifts support glimpses of the Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven as these ministries share Christ's great love for us all. CBF gift giving envelopes will be in your next edition of *The Informer*.
- Everyone enjoys receiving Christmas Cards. Our EBC Christmas card post office will open on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please drop off the cards that you plan to send to your Church family and friends in the drop off box located in the back hallway and our youth will sort the cards. Contribute the money that you would normally spend on postage and your donation will support our CBF Global Missions Offering. By doing so, you can make a BIG difference.
- Our Angel Tree goes up on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Let's reach out to our local schools and students again this year by supplying needed books. What a great way to share God's love through this literacy ministry. Each slip on the tree will list the book title, the teacher, school and the cost per book. This year, a few iPad apps and \$5.00 coupons have been included to be used for a Foundation Choice of book. Once you have made your selection, take your book slip to the Church office, along with the needed funds to purchase the book. Please leave the Angels on the tree. *I will teach all your children, and they will enjoy great praise. (Isaiah 54:13)*

### REMEMBER OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

#### Week of Nov. 22-28

Miss Katlyn Small  
131 Greenbriar Drive  
Radford, VA 24141



#### Week of Nov. 29-Dec. 5

Miss Jessica Buchanan  
NCSSM Box B112  
1219 Broad Street  
Durham, NC 27705