

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015**

**DEACONS:** Jackie Adams & Jim Blount  
**BUS DRIVER:** Clyde Adams (482-4736)  
**BUS RIDER:** Jackie Adams  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Travis Ellis  
**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Keith Privott  
**VIDEO OPERATOR:** Susie Swanner  
**YOUTH SUPPER:** Gary & Sandra Stanley  
**No Children's Sermon this Sunday.**



*2nd Sunday  
in Advent*

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Edenton, North Carolina 27932

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Organist/Assistant Music Director

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**Lorraine B. Bass**  
Financial Secretary  
**Sherry S. Dowd**  
Preschool Coordinator

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015

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**Student of the Week**

Miss Camille White  
Western Carolina University  
245 Memorial Drive  
Suite 8863  
Cullowhee, NC 28723

**Expressions of Thanks**

The following wish to express their sincere appreciation to members of our church for the many acts of kindness and prayers rendered in their behalf:

- Lois Ashley
- Leonard & Wanda Small

**Shut-In of the Week**

Mrs. Mary Jo Byrd  
Chowan River Nursing  
PO Box 566  
Edenton, NC 27932

**HOSPITAL REPORT (12/3)**

**Vidant Medical Center**  
Charlotte V. Small  
**Vidant Chowan Hospital**  
Joan Boswell

**Advent and Christmas Events**

**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 Greens 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

**WELCOME**

*New Members*

We are happy to welcome Darren, BB, and Davis Halstead, who came Sunday to unite with our church. Darren came by transfer of his membership at Christ Episcopal Church in Elizabeth City, and is seeking baptism, along with son, Davis, who made a profession of faith. BB came by transfer of her membership at Warwick Baptist Church in Hobbsville. The Halstead family resides at 201 Schooner Landing Drive. Darren and BB also have a daughter, Caroline. Paul Williams is their family deacon.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015**



**MARKET STREET BRASS**

7:00pm

Church Sanctuary

*A love offering will be received to support  
the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry.*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015**

**The Second Sunday of Advent**

Deacons Meeting, 8:00am

Hanging of the Greens, 11:00am

*“Prepare the Way of the Lord”*

Luke 3:1-6

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

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

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

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

## LECTIONARY READINGS

**DECEMBER 6, 2015**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Baruch 5:1-9  
Luke 1:68-79  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6



**DECEMBER 13, 2015**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:7-18

### IN MEMORIAM

Leslie Kirby  
1934-2015

Doris Hardison  
1935-2015

Jack Doane  
1922-2015

### Congratulations!

On November 23, Troy, Candace and Tully Thompson welcomed Georgia Kate into their family. The little one weighed 6lbs. 10oz. and was 20 inches long.

Lynn and Jennifer Dale, along with Ethan and Madelyn, recently welcomed Evan Nash into their family. He weighed 8lbs. 5½oz. and was 21 inches long.

### WEEKLY REPORT (11/22)

#### Offering

Budget Needed	10,349.15
Amt. Received	7,804.00
Under Budget	(2,545.15)

#### Other Monies Received

Supper (11/18)	270.00
Memorial Fund	5.00
Thanksgiving Dinner	660.00
Reimbursements	240.00
Youth Fundraiser	220.50
World Market	48.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,443.50</b>

#### Attendance

Sunday School	99
Chowan River Nursing	42
<b>SS TOTAL</b>	<b>141</b>
<b>Worship TOTAL</b>	<b>164</b>

#### YTD Offerings (47 weeks)

Amt. Required	486,410.05
Amt. Received	448,679.36
Under Budget	(37,730.69)

### WEEKLY REPORT (11/29)

#### Offering

Budget Needed	10,349.15
Amt. Received	7,820.00
Under Budget	(2,529.15)

#### Other Monies Received

Memorial Fund	175.00
Thanksgiving Dinner	400.00
Reimbursements	2,141.50
EBC Baptist Men	800.00
Poinsettias	75.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,591.50</b>

#### Attendance

Sunday School	106
Chowan River Nursing	37
<b>SS TOTAL</b>	<b>143</b>
<b>Worship TOTAL</b>	<b>192</b>

#### YTD Offerings (48 weeks)

Amt. Required	496,759.20
Amt. Received	456,499.36
Under Budget	(40,259.84)

## From the Pastor

What are you doing to get ready for Christmas? Most of us have put up a Christmas tree by now and decorated it with lights and ornaments. We've got some shopping to do to find the right gifts for loved ones and friends. Christmas cards need to be sent, travel plans made, meals planned. Whether your list is long or short, we've all got some things to do to get ready for the celebration of Christmas. The most important aspect of our preparation is the preparation of our hearts and souls, and the observance of the four weeks of Advent helps us to do such preparation. There are various Advent disciplines and activities that can draw us closer to God as we approach Christmas:

- **Worship** – Be committed to coming to worship throughout this season—on Sunday mornings, for this Saturday's concert, and for Christmas Eve.
- **Repentance** – Confess your sins to God each day. Release a grudge you may have toward someone. Extend forgiveness. Love someone who is lonely. Turn toward God and his grace. Then, extend that grace to others.
- **Generosity** – Give generously to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's offering for Global Missions. Support the needs of our ministry budget with year-end giving. Give to local charities and organizations that make an impact in the lives of our neighbors who need us the most. Bless as God has blessed you.
- **Silence** – Lots of noise and commotion during the month of December! Carve out time to be still and reflective, calm and thankful, quiet and full of prayer for others.
- **Prayer** – Use an Advent devotional guide (available in the church office) or go to [www.d365.org](http://www.d365.org) to help you pray for various people and needs in our world.
- **Sing** – In worship, at home, in your car, in the shower, wherever! The music of this season can bring peace, comfort, and joy to our hearts. Find a Christmas song that speaks to you and helps you to love God and your neighbor more fully.

There's a lot to do to get our homes and our families ready to celebrate Christmas. Be sure you are actively preparing your heart for the coming of Jesus by practicing some or all of these Advent disciplines.

Grace and peace,  
David



**Our EBC Christmas card post office is open!** Leave cards to your church family in the drop-off box located in the back hallway. Our youth will sort the cards by last name and leave them in the appropriate "mailbox" for you to pick up. We ask that you contribute the price of postage in the appropriate box, to support our CBF Global Missions Offering.

**Our Angel Tree is up!** After making 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.

### Calendar of Activities

#### Saturday, December 5

7:00-Market Street Brass  
Concert, Sanctuary

#### Sunday, December 6

8:00-Deacons Meeting  
9:45-Sunday School  
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer  
11:00-Morning Worship  
12:00-Church Basketball Meeting,  
Fellowship Hall

5:30-Youth Supper  
6:00-Youth Gathering

#### Tuesday, December 8

11:00-Combined WMU Groups,  
Fellowship Hall

5:30-Basketball Practice, K-2  
6:00-Ball Practice, Gr. 3-5 Boys  
-Ball Practice, Gr. 3-6 Girls  
7:00-Ball Practice, Gr. 6-8 Boys

#### Wednesday, December 9

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 10

10:15-Bookbag Buddies  
12:00-Salt Shakers, Room 107  
6:00-Sunshine Class Party

### Birthdays

#### Sunday, December 6

Eric Bergevin  
Angela Kotel  
Patricia Sternecker

#### Monday, December 7

Laura White

#### Tuesday, December 8

Travis Ellis  
Elaine Ervin  
C. J. Jackson  
Harriet Sawyer

#### Wednesday, December 9

Marisa Ellis  
Wally Horner  
Keith Pierce

#### Thursday, December 10

Betty Cox  
Lyman Partin  
Brenda Sternecker

#### Friday, December 11

Sheryl Alligood  
Hazel Elliott

### Anniversaries

#### Friday, December 11

M/M Hawk Crummey  
M/M Jeff Thatcher

#### Saturday, December 12

M/M Daniel Smith