

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015

DEACONS: Casey Atupenas & Elaine Ervin
BUS DRIVER: Jim Parrish (333-9071)
BUS RIDER: Casey Atupenas
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Dorothy Bunch
AUDIO OPERATOR: Bob Partin
VIDEO OPERATOR: Paul Stallings
YOUTH SUPPER: Travis Ellis
No Children's Sermon this Sunday.



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Preschool Coordinator

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015

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American Red Cross Blood Drive



Tuesday, December 15
2:00-7:00pm
Fellowship Hall



Sponsored by our Baptist Men

Advent and Christmas Events

Sunday, Dec 13 – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Sunday, Dec 20 – 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- Lighting the Candle of Love

Thursday, Dec 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

- 6:00PM – Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

Calendar of Activities

Sunday, December 13

9:45-Sunday School
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer
11:00-Morning Worship
5:30-Youth Supper
6:00-Youth Gathering

Tuesday, December 15

2-7:00-Red Cross Blood Drive
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 16

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

Thursday, December 17

10:15-Book Bag Buddies
5:45-Handbells, Room 200

CBF Offering for Global Missions and Mary's Tree

Remember to pray for the work of our Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries as they share the good news through word and deed. Support these missionaries financially by giving to the Offering for Global Missions. So far our church has given \$760.00 toward our goal of \$8,000. For every \$500 that is given, a world globe ornament will be placed upon *Mary's Tree*—our Chrismon Tree in the fellowship hall that is named in loving memory of our long-time organist and assistant music director, Mary Smith. So far there is one globe on the tree. Let's give generously to see all sixteen globes on *Mary's Tree*.

Church Conference on December 16

We will be voting on recommended amendments to our Constitution and By-laws this Wednesday. If you were not at the November conference and would like to view these proposals, come by the church office for a copy.



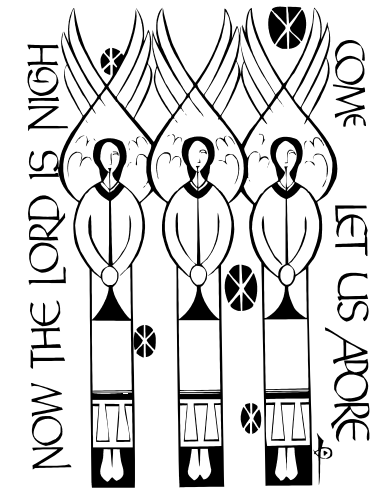
Offering envelopes for 2016 will be available for pick-up beginning Monday, December 14, in the back hallway, near the church office. The envelopes will remain there for the rest of the month.. Most people will have a new number, so it is important not to use them until January.

Shut-In of the Week

Mrs. Denise Ellis
Chowan River Nursing
PO Box 566
Edenton, NC 27932

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015

The Third Sunday of Advent



Festival of Lessons & Carols

11:00am

LECTIONARY READINGS

DECEMBER 13, 2015
3rd Sunday of Advent

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



DECEMBER 20, 2015
4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-2-5a
 Luke 1:46b-55
 Hebrews 10:5-10
 Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

Birthdays

Sunday, December 13

Alma Taylor

Monday, December 14

Janet Caricofe
 Susan Nixon

Tuesday, December 15

Ron Hendricks

Thursday, December 17

Betsy Chesson
 Jim Mills
 West Small

Friday, December 18

Lynn Chesson
 Michael Covington
 David Cross
 Morgan Ellis

Saturday, December 19

Andrew Cox
 Freddie Ferguson
 Louis Francis
 Emma Parrish
 Jed Record
 Evelyn Stallings
 Dot White

Anniversaries

Wednesday, December 16

M/M Brian Harvill

Saturday, December 19

M/M Tommy Bass
 M/M Chip Wynns

WEEKLY REPORT (12/6)

Offering

Budget Needed	10,349.15
Amt. Received	15,346.97
Over Budget	4,997.82

Other Monies Received

Community Missions	183.00
Wed. Supper (12/2)	202.00
Memorial Fund	890.00
Global Missions	760.00
Reimbursements	35.00
EBC Baptist Men	550.00
Missions Extrav.	800.00
Poinsettias	210.00
TOTAL	3,630.00

Attendance

Sunday School	100
Chowan River Nursing	39
SS TOTAL	139
Worship TOTAL	252

YTD Offerings (49 weeks)

Amt. Required	507,108.35
Amt. Received	471,846.33
Under Budget	(35,262.02)



HOSPITAL REPORT (12/9)

At the time of printing there were no known members in the hospital.

From the Pastor

We are not even halfway through December, and this month has already afforded us some of the most joyful worship experiences any of us could ask for! The Market Street Brass Quintet was such a delight in concert on Saturday night and in our Hanging of the Greens service on Sunday. Michael Morgan has been singing the praises of Market Street Brass since his first conversation with our Music Committee in August, and the quintet did not disappoint. They were every bit as wonderful as advertised, and I hope to host them again sometime in the future. Michael did a fantastic job coordinating the concert, our adult choir, and the congregational music on Sunday. We give special thanks to our choir for all the time they've spent in rehearsal; for Lynne Layton as she coordinated the Hanging of the Greens; for Jackie Copeland for directing our children as they decorated the sanctuary with poinsettias; for the many volunteers who hung our garland and offered readings; and for Linda Evans, Gloria Voigt, Ruth Bass, Jamie Bass, and Gary & Susie Swanner as they put all of our decorations in place in the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

As we continue in the season of Advent, we have even more opportunities to praise God in worship. This Sunday, we will celebrate a Festival of Lessons and Carols in morning worship, led by our Adult Choir and featuring our Children's Choir (1st-6th graders) and scripture readers of various ages. The following Sunday, December 20, is the fourth Sunday of Advent, and then our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion service will be at 6:00pm on Thursday, December 24.

There is enough going on in December to fill most of our calendars with something every day: family gatherings, meals, parties, shopping, school events, volunteering, wrapping presents, getting ready for company. I hope you will take part in all of these wonderful traditions of Christmas, but be sure to place the worship of God with the people of God as your highest priority this month. The reward will be a richer, fuller experience of the One who became one of us: Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. And best of all, God will be glorified when we worship together.

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.

These members have shared bulletins from churches they have visited. Remember to drop one by the office whenever you worship elsewhere!



First Presbyterian Church, Edenton
Mike Griffin

Salem United Methodist, Morganton NC
Betty Bunch

First Presbyterian Church, Morehead City NC
Richard & Barbara Hollowell

First Baptist Church, Charleston SC
Ocracoke Church, Ocracoke NC
Mike & Margaret Adams

First Baptist Roswell, Roswell GA
Bob & Carole Zembraski

Greystone Baptist Church, Raleigh NC
Unity Presbyterian Church, Fort Mill SC
St. Andrew By-The-Sea, Hilton Head Island SC
Clyde & Jackie Adams

First Baptist Church, New Bern NC
Bogue Banks Baptist Church, Atlantic Beach NC
Jay & Debbie Swicegood

Duck United Methodist Church, Duck NC
Blount & Williams Families

First Baptist Morehead City, Morehead City NC
Jesse & Mary Anne Croom

Potecasi Baptist Church, Potecasi NC
Powells Point Baptist Church, Powells Point NC
Mary Anne Croom

Yeopim Baptist Church, Edenton
Melvin & Marie Baker

Woodland Baptist Church, Woodland NC
Cliff & Anna Copeland