

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

DEACONS: Michael Smith & Gloria Voigt
BUS DRIVER: Gene Nixon (482-8281)
BUS RIDER: Michael Smith
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Jackie Adams
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Susan Biggs
AUDIO OPERATOR: Bob Partin
VIDEO OPERATOR: Paul Stallings



5th Sunday Sing

Sunday, January 31
 4:00pm
 Sanctuary

Invite your friends & family!

SHUT-IN of the Week

Mrs. Evelyn Swanner
 Edenton Primetime
 PO Box 987
 Edenton, NC 27932

STUDENT of the Week

Miss Sarah Daniels
 425 Hillsborough Street
 Apt. 9 C
 Chapel Hill, NC 27514

HOSPITAL REPORT (1/14)

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

WEEKLY REPORT (1/10)

Offering

Budget Needed	10,036.88
Amt. Received	9,030.30
Under Budget	(1,006.58)

Other Monies Received

Wed. Night Supper	240.00
Memorial Fund	10.00
Global Missions	320.00
Griffin Scholarship	50.00
Reimbursement	175.00
TOTAL	795.00

Attendance

Sunday School	58
Chowan River Nursing	56
SS TOTAL	114
Worship TOTAL	253

YTD Offerings (2 Weeks)

Amt. Required	20,073.76
Amt. Received	19,538.30
Under Budget	(535.46)

Expression of Thanks

Buddy Hyatt wishes to express his sincere appreciation to members of our church for the many acts of kindness and prayers rendered in his behalf.

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Our Goal of \$8,000 Has Been Met!

\$325 was given this week to the Global Missions Offering of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, bringing our total offering to \$8,001.78. Thanks to every person who gave any amount to this offering that supports the mission work of our 120 field personnel throughout the world who are being the presence of Christ and sharing his good news.



From the Interim Youth Pastor

Be sure to check out the bulletin board in the first floor back hallway across from the choir room. You'll see several gyotakus (Japanese for fish rubbings/prints) that the youth made as part of their study of Matthew 4:19 where we are called to follow Jesus and become fishers of men & women.

Remember our youth group and chaperones on Winter Retreat January 16-18.

Angel Choir News

The Pre-K-Kindergarten choir started off the spring semester with a 100% attendance for practice! Thank you so very much to the parents for making this possible. The high attendance award for the fall semester went to Holden Fuller. Holden only missed one day of practice. It would be wonderful if everyone in the choir could win the high attendance award for the spring. Let's make that a goal, for everyone to win!!!

Blessings and joy,
 Ms. Jack-A and Ms. Joan



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, JANUARY 14, 2016

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Deacon Ordination & Installation

Ordinands: Nancy Barrow and Jamie Bass



"The Gifts of the Spirit"

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

LECTIONARY READINGS

January 17, 2016

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11



January 24, 2016

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

2016 CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Things to remember:

- There will be no games this Saturday night due to our Youth Winter Retreat.
- Co-ed K-2, Girls Grades 3-6, Boys Grades 3-5, and Boys Grades 6, 7, 8, will have practice on Tuesday, January 19 in our gym. Times are listed in the Calendar of Activities.
- There is a \$15 fee due for uniforms per child.
- "Home Team" is listed first on the schedule, and is responsible for opening prayers, concessions, game balls, score-keepers, and clean-up after games.
- **Games on Jan. 23 will begin at 5:30pm**, not 4:30pm

Schedule:

Jan. 23 EBC vs. United Methodist at Holmes High School
Jan. 30 Ballard's Bridge vs. EBC at Ballard's Bridge Church
Feb. 6 EBC vs. Open Door at Northern Community Center

Game Times:

4:30pm Co-ed Grades K-2
5:00pm Boys Grades 3-5 & Girls Grades 3-6
6:00pm Boys Grades 6-8
7:00pm Girls Grades 7-12
8:00pm Boys Grades 9-12

Church Conference is Wednesday, January 20

Our study based on Adam Hamilton's book, *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus*, will continue on Wednesday, January 27. Our topic will be *The Healing Ministry: Capernaum*. Please join us in the fellowship hall at 6:30pm. Prior to the study, supper is served each week beginning at 5:30pm. If you do not have a reservation, call the church office and sign up!

From the Pastor

A few years ago, a conflict developed in a small Texas town between a church and some entrepreneurs who came together to build a bar across the road from the church. Instead of seeing the construction of the bar as an opportunity to befriend some folks who were not involved in the church, the leaders of the church became angry and began to pray passionately that God would intervene. One night, as the bar was under construction, there was a terrible storm. The building was struck by lightning and destroyed. The church leaders were delighted with the turn of events, and the owners of the bar were irate. The bar owners decided to sue the church because they knew the congregation had been praying for God to prevent the bar's construction. In court, the church leaders denied they had anything to do with the storm. The judge presiding over the case said, "I have never come across anything like this in my life. Here we have some bar owners who believe in the power of prayer and a whole church that doesn't!"¹

How about you? Do you believe that prayer is effective? Have you tried praying about what is going on in your life and in our world? Have you looked for ways that prayer is making a difference? As you ponder these questions, just remember that prayer is not the tool of a magician or the granting of all our wishes. Prayer is drawing close to God so that we can know God and do what God is calling us to do. As Shane Claiborne has written, "Prayer is not so much convincing God to do what we want God to do, as it is convincing ourselves to do what God wants us to do." I like that perspective. It makes prayer much more tangible and active for me. It helps me to see that prayer is not a list of requests that I make to God but a posture of availability to God so that God can work in my life and through my life to accomplish his will on earth as it is in heaven.

Praying for you,

David



¹Trevor Hudson, *Invitations of Jesus* (Nashville, TN: Upper Room Books, 2014), 57.

Calendar of Activities

Sunday, January 17

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

Monday, January 18

3:00-Laura Harrell Class,
Edenton Primetime

Tuesday, January 19

Basketball Practice:
5:30-Co-ed Grades K-2
6:00-Boys Grades 3-5, Girls 3-6
7:00-Boys Grades 6, 7, 8

Wednesday, January 20

1:00-Mustard Seeds Group,
Soda Shoppe

5:30-Supper

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

Thursday, January 21

10:15-Bookbag Buddies
5:45-Handbells
7:00-Bicentennial Committee

JOY CLUB

Belated Christmas Lunch

12:00pm
Tuesday, January 26
Fellowship Hall

Bessie Perry must have a head count for this party. Call her at 482-2002 if you plan to attend. There is no charge, and nothing to bring but yourself!

Birthdays

Sunday, January 17

Tommy Bass
Tom Dail
Haywood Phthisic III

Monday, January 18

Helen Elliott
Keith Harrison
D.J. Small

Ann Webster
Stanley White

Tuesday, January 19

Kelly Adams
Darren Halstead

Thursday, January 21

Debra Phelps
Mike Spruill
Gary Stanley

Friday, January 22

David McCall

Saturday, January 23

Chris Stallings

Anniversaries

Sunday, January 17

M/M James Ellis



"SOUPER MONTHS" at Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry

During January and February, please donate items used in making a hearty pot of soup:

- canned vegetables
- rice (1lb. bags)
- dried beans
- noodles
- or canned tomato and/or chicken noodle soups.