

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016

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SHUT-IN of the Week

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

STUDENT of the Week

Miss Leslie Bunch
 3800 Hillsborough Street
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LITTLE GOOSE NEST

During the month of February, children of EBC members, siblings of former LGN students, and those who are presently enrolled in the 3 year old class, may register for the 2016-2017 school year.

A registration form is available in the church office. Payment of the \$115.00 materials fee will hold the student's spot. In March enrollment opens to the public.

Weekly Report

(2/7)

Offering

Budget Needed	10,036.88
Amt. Received	12,196.00
Over Budget	2,159.12

Other Monies Received

Wed. Night Supper	256.00
Memorial Fund	80.00
Community Missions	175.70
Baptist Men	300.00
Youth Fund	20.00
Global Missions	310.00
Reimbursements	1,045.98
CWJC	<u>200.00</u>
TOTAL	2,387.68

Attendance

Sunday School	97
Chowan River Nursing	<u>38</u>
SS TOTAL	135
Worship TOTAL	181

YTD Offerings (6 Weeks)

Amt. Required	60,221.28
Amt. Received	54,917.07
Under Budget	(5,304.21)

Looking Ahead...

- February 17 Wednesday Supper Prepared & Served by your Church Staff
- 23 Red Cross Blood Drive, 2:00-7:00pm
- 28 WMU Sunday
- March 19 Easter Egg Hunt, 2:00-3:00pm
- 21-25 Holy Week Services at EBC, 12:00noon
- 24 Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00pm



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 19
2:00-3:00pm

Mark your calendar for this year's egg hunt! Be sure to check your newsletter for more details in the coming weeks.

Candy is needed so that we can refill the hundreds of plastic eggs you have so faithfully given through the years. Donations may be left in the box provided in the back hallway.



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The First Sunday in Lent

"The Habit of Love"

1 Corinthians 13

And now these three remain:

FAITH,.....
& HOPE
Love.

..... But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Senior Adult Valentine Dinner

5:00pm



Hosted by EBC Youth Group • Reservations required

LECTIONARY READINGS

February 14, 2016 1st Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13



February 21, 2016 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-- 4:1
Luke 13:31-35

HOSPITAL REPORT (2/10)

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

Calendar of Activities

Sunday, February 14

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

Tuesday, February 16

7:00-Assoc. Pastor Search
Committee, Room 103

Wednesday, February 17

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, February 18

10:15-Bookbag Buddies
5:45-Handbells

Birthdays

Sunday, February 14

Tanner Leggett
Eddie Stallings

Monday, February 15

Rhonda Smith

Tuesday, February 16

Pam Bond

Wednesday, February 17

Christina Brown
Charlie Thomas
Thomas Ward III

Thursday, February 18

Donald Byers
Bruce Jones, Jr.

Friday, February 19

Michael Dowd II

Saturday, February 20

Kati & Kristi Griffin

Anniversaries

Monday, February 15

M/M Jim Kalbach

Thursday, February 18

M/M Sid White, Jr.

From the Pastor

As you know, we are just a little over one year away from celebrating the 200th anniversary of the founding of Edenton Baptist Church. Our beginnings are rooted in Bethel Baptist Church just a few miles east of Edenton. On November 9, 1816, Bethel Church granted permission for members of their church living in and near Edenton to form a Baptist church in town. Then, on March 8, 1817, Bethel Church gave 133 of their members permission to officially constitute the church in Edenton. Others joined with those 133, and Edenton Baptist Church was born on March 28, 1817 with 155 charter members.

Much has happened in the almost 200 years since our beginning, and we have much to celebrate. A Bicentennial Committee is actively making plans to help us rejoice in our past and recommit ourselves anew to faithfulness in the years to come. Committee members include John Barrow (co-chair), Sonya Rinehart (co-chair), Jackie Adams, Patrick Bass, Ruth Bass, David Brooks, Jesse Croom, Mary Anne Croom, Hazel Elliott, and Gary Stanley. From November 2016 through March 2017, we will be actively commemorating our bicentennial with special services and activities. Highlights include recognition of the many saints of our church who have gone before us; a "White Christmas" food collection in December; celebrating our musical heritage and our mission endeavors; and a 200th anniversary homecoming service on March 26, 2017.

As plans are being made, please do your part by sharing ideas with the committee. Pray for a true spirit of thanksgiving for our past and an eagerness to serve God today and in the future. Beginning next month, look for ongoing "Did You Know?" articles in *The Informer* that will help all of us to better appreciate our church and, thereby, prepare us for our bicentennial.

I am very thankful to be pastor of a church that has such a rich history in serving God. I am humbled to look back on all the great leaders who have gone before me, all the lives that have been transformed, and all the ways that God has used Edenton Baptist Church to share his good news. Most of all, I am thankful for you—the members who continue to carry the light of Christ that we have received from all those who have gone before us since 1817. I look forward to celebrating with you!

Grace and peace,
David

"SOUPER MONTHS" at Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry

During January and February, donate items used in making a hearty pot of soup, or canned tomato and/or chicken noodle soups.

The EBC staff wants to serve you! Join us Wednesday, February 17, for supper beginning at 5:30pm. If you need a reservation, call the office by Tuesday! On the menu is:

Slow Cooker Chicken Pot Pie
Congealed Salad
Apple or Cherry Delight

WMU Focus Week ~ February 22-28

"Purses for a Purpose" is our WMU Missions Project for the month. Fill a new or gently used purse with necessity items that anyone could use if they had to leave their home in a hurry. The purses will be given to the Domestic Violence or Homeless Shelter. Also consider filling a small purse for little girls or a bag with items for little boys. Suggested items include a toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap/body wash, hand cream, lip balm, comb/brush, tissues, pen and notepad, gum, socks, and female products. February 28th is the end date for this project. A drop off box is located in the back hallway.

"Paint and Create" a masterpiece on Saturday, February 27 from 9:00-11:30am. Ladies age 5 and up are invited to dress for a mess as we complete artwork to be shared with shut-ins and others with special needs. Please sign up if you plan to attend. Place a slip with your name and age into the envelope located in the back hallway. Look for the turquoise bow!

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the parents who organized and assumed leadership of the EBC Basketball program this year.

J. P. and Patricia Timberlake wish to express their sincere appreciation to members of our church for the many acts of kindness and prayers rendered in their behalf. A special thank you to our Baptist Men, for constructing a ramp at their home.



Dash for the Gold 5k

Fundraiser for Two Rivers Christian Women's Job Corp
Saturday, March 12

Register in the church office.