

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016

DEACONS: Casey Atstupenas & Alton Elmore

BUS DRIVER: Mac Privott (619-0616)

BUS RIDER: Alton Elmore

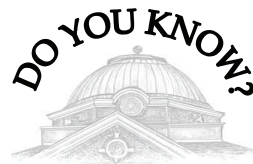
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Casey Atstupenas

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Sandra Stanley

AUDIO OPERATOR: Keith Privott

VIDEO OPERATORS: Allen & Claire Mills

YOUTH SNACK: Youth Parents



As our Bicentennial approaches in March 2017, let's have some fun getting ready and learning some interesting details about the history of Edenton Baptist Church. Periodically, some trivia questions will be included in the *Informer*, and the answers can be found elsewhere in the same issue. Just look for the "Do You Know?" question and the beautiful drawing of our sanctuary dome that was created by EBC member, Laney Layton. Here is the first trivia question:

Who was the mother church of EBC and when was it constituted? A. Yeopim Baptist in 1816

B. Bethel Baptist in 1817

C. Macedonia Baptist in 1817

SHUT-IN of the Week

Mr. Daniel Surratt
120 Emperor Landing Road
Edenton, NC 27932



STUDENT of the Week

Miss Ginny Daniels
924 Bryan Place, A-4
Garner, NC 27529



YOUTH NEWS

SUNDAY, MARCH 6:

Combined Youth
EBC & EYC

EBC Activity Center
5:30pm

Games • Snacks • Devotion

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CAMPBELL CHOIR TO PERFORM
March 8 at 7:00pm

The Campbell University Choir is the principal vocal ensemble of the Music Department in the College of Arts and Sciences at CU. In addition to students who major or minor in music, choir personnel includes students from a variety of academic majors, all sharing equally in the music-making process. The Spring 2016 tour is a Murphy-to-Manteo North Carolina tour. Recent international tours have taken the choir to Central Europe, Ireland and Italy.

This spring's program consists of repertoire both sacred and secular. Make plans to attend this wonderful concert at 7pm on Tuesday, March 8 in our sanctuary, and bring your friends and neighbors!

CANDY NEEDED

Candy and cupcakes are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt on March 19. Candy donations may be left in the box provided in the back hallway. Call the office if you can provide cupcakes.

Food Pantry Request
for March:
pork n' beans

HOSPITAL REPORT (3/2)
There were no known members in the hospital.

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, MARCH 3, 2016

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SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Deacons Meeting, 8:00am

"Because God is For Us...No Condemnation"

Romans 8:1-17



Last Sunday we welcomed Abigail Stanley, who came on profession of her faith, seeking baptism. The daughter of Gary and Sandra Stanley, Abigail is a senior at John A. Holmes High School. The Stanley's reside at 205 W. Eden Street. Nancy Barrow serves as their family deacon.



Our "Paint & Create" was a tremendous success. We had 29 ladies and girls participating. The paintings will brighten the lives of 29 people. A huge thank you to Leanne Clayton for your guidance. Everyone had a great time!

A very special thank you to all of the ladies who helped with the WMU Focus Sunday Service on February 28. What an awesome service it was! Our church is filled with great ladies who are willing to serve. Beautiful voices filled the choir, Sandra delivered a powerful message, and the skit reminded us to prioritize daily to include a quiet time with God and to serve those who we are in contact with each day. We feel very blessed to have the opportunity to work with such an awesome congregation!

Mark 8:34 - Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

All for You: Surrender, Sacrifice, Serve
Lisha and Karen, WMU Co-Directors

Calendar of Activities

Sunday, March 6
8:00-Deacons Meeting
9:45-Sunday School
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer
11:00-Morning Worship
5:30-Youth Group

Tuesday, March 8
11:00-Combined WMU Groups
7:00-Campbell Univ. Choir

Wednesday, March 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, March 10
10:15-Bookbag Buddies
5:45-Handbells

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 19
2:00pm

This year's Easter egg hunt will take place on the 200 block of W. Eden Street, which will be blocked off for the event by Edenton Police. Children up to 6th grade are invited to bring a basket and a friend! Our neighbors on W. Eden Street will be sharing their yards with us for our hunt. After all the eggs are gathered, we will enjoy refreshments.

FROM THE PASTOR

Because God is For Us

In Romans 8:31, Paul asks one of the most important questions that has ever been asked: "If God is for us, who is against us?" Paul doesn't ask this question in doubt, wondering whether or not God cares for us, loves us, or is there for us. Instead, Paul uses this question to reassure us that God is always present to us and always there to help us when we are troubled and in need. We often take this reality for granted, but we shouldn't. There are plenty of circumstances and voices in life that persuade us to believe that God does not care, that God is not present, or that God is working against us. But in those moments when we question if God is for us, Romans 8 is a good place to turn. Very few chapters of the Bible speak more plainly about how God is always on the side of life, not death. God is never the author of pain or sickness, tragedy or sorrow, abuse or abandonment. Instead, God is for us and with us.

Throughout the month of March, take time every day to consider what it means for you personally to know that God is for you and not against you. Read Romans 8. Listen for the good news in Paul's words. Then, come to worship on Sundays as we reflect on Paul's promise in Romans 8 that God is always for us. Each Sunday, from now through Easter, our focus will be as follows:

Because God is For Us

- March 6 4th Sunday in Lent
Because God is For Us...No Condemnation
Romans 8:1-17
- March 13 5th Sunday in Lent
Because God is For Us...No Despair
Romans 8:18-25
- March 20 Palm Sunday
Because God is For Us...No Lostness
Romans 8:26-30
- March 27 Easter Sunday
Because God is For Us...No Separation
Romans 8:31-39

Expressions of Thanks

Mrs. Hattie S. Byrum wishes to express her sincere appreciation to members of our church for the many acts of kindness and prayers rendered in her behalf at the loss of her brother.



Bethel Baptist Church in 1817
133 members were dismissed from Bethel to begin a new church in the town of Edenton.

Weekly Report (2/28)

Offering

Budget Needed	10,036.88
Amt. Received	9,631.00
Over (Under) Budget	(405.88)

Other Monies Received

Griffin Scholarship	20.00
Heck Jones Offering	370.00
Global Missions	10.00
Baptist Men	100.00
Reimbursements	54.00
Alb. Pregnancy Resource	<u>5.66</u>
TOTAL	559.66

Attendance

Sunday School	113
Chowan River Nursing	<u>35</u>
SS TOTAL	148
Worship TOTAL	238

YTD Offerings (9 Weeks)

Amt. Required	90,331.92
Amt. Received	81,247.72
Under Budget	(9,084.20)

LITTLE GOOSE NEST

It is open enrollment time for the 2016-2017 school year. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis, and payment of the \$115.00 materials fee will hold the student's spot for next year.

Birthdays

Sunday, March 6
Worth Rinehart

Monday, March 7
Janice Criddle
Molly White

Tuesday, March 8
Greg Harmon
Joe Hollowell
Linda Kight
Barbara Stillely

Wednesday, March 9
R.H. Partin

Thursday, March 10
Martha Mitchell
Jim Parrish
David Parrish
Judy Ross

Saturday, March 12
Jonathan Bassett
Ann Brown
Sandra Stanley

Anniversaries

Sunday, March 6
M/M David Buchanan

Friday, March 11
M/M Don Small