

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016

DEACONS: Hazel Elliott & Bill Norvell
BUS DRIVER: Ben Rinehart, Jr. (482-2959)
BUS RIDER: Bill Norvell
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Casey Atstupenas
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Dorothy Bunch
AUDIO OPERATOR: Bob Partin
VIDEO OPERATOR: Holly Smith
OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Kevin Briggs



★NATIONAL★ DAY of PRAYER

Tuesday, May 5th

There will be a service in the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse at 12:00 noon.



VOLUNTEER POSSIBILITIES

- **Bookbag Buddies** - Help deliver bags of food from the Food Pantry to our elementary schools for children who may otherwise have little or nothing to eat over the weekend.
- **Fellowship to Go** - Make someone's day by delivering a Wednesday night meal to one of our shut-ins.
- **Boys & Girls Club** - Join the group who prepares and serves a simple meal to children at the Boys & Girls Club once a month.
- **Wednesday Night Cook Team** - There is a great need for another cook team. Right now one team is responsible for 2 Wednesdays per month. Can you help?
- **WMU** - Our Women's Missionary Union is made up of 6 different groups of mission-minded ladies seeking to glorify His name. There is a place for you!
- **Baptist Men** - Men of all ages make up this group that lends their talents wherever they are needed. Our Baptist Men are well known for building ramps.

If you are interested in any of these service opportunities, contact the church office for more information.

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Homes & Hospitals Offering

Throughout the month of May, we can help our neighbors across the state by giving generously to this annual offering. We can pray for and financially support the benevolence ministries of Baptist Children's Homes of NC, Baptist Retirement Homes of NC, and NC Baptist Hospital. Every dollar we give will help hurting children, provide quality of life for deserving senior adults whose retirement funds have been exhausted, and assist families and patients who cannot afford to pay their hospital bills. Please use the envelope included in this issue of *The Informer* to give from your heart to support our NC Baptist homes and hospitals.



Please note the following important dates in May:

- 1 Deacons Meeting
- 1 Observance of the Lord's Supper
- 8 Parent-Child Dedication on Mother's Day
- 15 Dr. Michael Blackwell of Baptist Children's Homes will be our pulpit guest
- 18 End of year missions presentations by our children
- 22 Youth Spaghetti Fundraiser following worship
- 29 Service of Baptism

THE INFORMER

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Edenton, North Carolina 27932

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THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016

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SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Deacons Meeting, 8:00am

"Dream a Big Dream"

Revelation 21:10; 21:22-22:5



Observance of the Lord's Supper

WELCOME
New Member

We are so pleased that Shawn Massey united with our church on Sunday by statement of his faith. He resides at 117 W. Church Street with his wife, Dawn. Mary Anne Croom will serve as their family deacon.

LECTIONARY READINGS

May 1, 2016
6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29



May 8, 2016
7th Sunday of Easter

Act 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

SHUT-IN of the Week

Mrs. Illa Perl Parks
Edenton Primitime
PO Box 9878
Edenton, NC 27932

STUDENT of the Week

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

~ This Week at EBC ~

Sunday, May 1

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

Tuesday, May 3

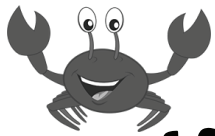
7:00-Joyful Noisemakers,
Edenton Primitime

Wednesday, May 4

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

Thursday, May 5

10:15-Bookbag Buddies
5:45-Handbell Rehearsal
7:00-Associate Pastor Search
Committee, Room 103



Surf Shack

Vacation
Bible
School

June 27–July 1 our children will encounter God's awesomeness through Bible stories, and learn how we're meant to experience an epic adventure each day. EBC will be transformed into an ocean of excitement! Surfers and Lifeguards will glide through beach-themed music, crafts, science activities, recreation and more. The key verse for the week is "Remember that the Lord is great and awesome!" Nehemiah 4:14b

Volunteers are needed! Call the office if you can help.

FROM THE PASTOR

Last weekend, the population of Edenton grew by approximately 1,600 people as bicyclists from near and far came to town for Cycle North Carolina's annual Coastal Ride. The cyclists have come and gone, but as they were our neighbors for a few days, camping out in various places around town, a few things came to my mind about how we live as followers of Jesus. Here are some observations:

- *"Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many" (1 Cor. 12:14).* Everywhere we looked, from Thursday through Sunday, there were bicyclists! They were dressed in a variety of colors and rode all sorts of bicycles. Some rode traditional bikes while others pedaled around on recumbent bikes with the rider leaning back and the pedals on the front wheel. Still others rode tandem bikes. There was a great diversity of bikers, just as there is a wide variety of people who follow Jesus together. There is not a uniform way to follow Jesus, but various ways.
- *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness..." (Gal. 5:22).* Make no mistake about it. When 1,600 people come to town, some adjustments will be required by residents who live here. And when those visitors spend much of their time bicycling on the roads of our community, a great deal of patience and kindness is needed. I heard the honking of some car horns last weekend, but I also saw members of our community displaying the fruits of the Spirit as they shared the road and patiently waited for bikers and gave them a wide berth.
- *"Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it" (Heb. 13:1-2).* It was a lot of work for many people in our community to host the Cycle NC ride, but I am glad we live in a community that is open to events like the ride that welcome outsiders in. We are a small community, but we can have a big impact when there are strangers and guests in our midst. We can practice Christ-like hospitality that seeks to befriend the stranger and learn from him/her. And by so doing, we can share the love of God that is within us while receiving something of God from those "strangers" who come to be among us.

How about you? What did God reveal to you as you shared our community with others last weekend? What is God saying to you today and revealing to you as you live each day? God is constantly speaking to us in a variety of ordinary ways in our ordinary days. Our job and our privilege is to listen.

Grace and peace,

David



May 8

Parent-Child Dedication

Please call the church office as soon as possible if you wish to participate!

HOSPITAL REPORT (4/28)

Chowan Hospital

John Brabble

WEEKLY REPORT (4/24)

Offering

Budget Needed	10,036.88
Amt. Received	7,928.76
Over (Under) Budget	(2,108.12)

Other Monies Received

Wed. Night Supper	262.00
Memorial Fund	10.00
Global Missions	90.00
Homes & Hospitals	10.00
Food Pantry	25.00
Reimbursements	<u>129.62</u>
TOTAL	526.62

Attendance

Sunday School	109
Chowan River Nursing	<u>46</u>
SS TOTAL	155

Worship TOTAL

YTD Offerings (17Weeks)

Amt. Required	170,626.96
Amt. Received	156,716.97
Under Budget	(13,909.99)

Birthdays

Sunday, May 1

Ben Rinehart, Jr.

Monday, May 2

Sally Blount

Diane Deems

J. P. Timberlake

Katelyn Warren

Tuesday, May 3

Paige Alston

Ches Chesson

Stuart Proctor

Wednesday, May 4

Deena Shupe

Thursday, May 5

Troy Brewer

Lauren Lewis

Al Partin

Friday, May 6

Donna Basnight

Natalie Briggs

Elizabeth Leary

Ashley Twiddy

Saturday, May 7

Lynn Partin

Jerry Small

Tully Thompson

Anniversaries

Tuesday, May 3

M/M Charles Mustian

Thursday, May 5

M/M Lowell Gieseke

Food Pantry Request

for May:

spaghetti sauce