

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016

DEACONS: Mary Daniels & Elaine Ervin
BUS DRIVER: Mark Dawley (482-6922)
BUS RIDER: Jay Swicegood
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Travis Ellis
AUDIO OPERATOR: Paul Williams
VIDEO OPERATOR: Steven Byrum
OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Marjorie Hollowell



No Children's Sermon this Sunday.

Homes & Hospitals Offering

During the month of May we take this special offering for the ministries of the Baptist Children's Homes, Baptist Retirement Homes, and the benevolence fund of Wake Forest Medical Center in Winston-Salem. Special envelopes are located in the narthex and hallways. The total amount given so far is \$982.00.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our organist and assistant music director, Jackie Copeland, who was recently voted Teacher of the Year at Central Elementary School in Elizabeth City.

SHUT-IN of the Week

Mrs. Evelyn Swanner
Edenton Primetime
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Edenton, NC 27932



The daughter of one of our former pastors moved to Raleigh and helped organize Woman's Missionary Union of NC. She became its first secretary and later president, serving for over 20 years.

- A. Mary Frances Meredith
- B. Jane Ellen Vann
- C. Sallie Bailey Jones

JOIN US!

**Adult Bible Study
Wednesdays
at 6:30pm**

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Sunday, May 8th, in 11:00am Worship Service

Will & Caroline Crowe
Genevieve Scott

Tyler & Emily Leary
Tripp Wayne

Daniel & Rhonda Smith
Mary Elizabeth

Troy & Candice Thompson
Georgia Kate

Thomas & Morgan Ward
Sawyer Jane

Paul & Jenny Williams
Paul Collins III



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, MAY 5, 2016

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SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day ♦ Parent-Child Dedication

Sermon: *"Life in the Family of God"*
Scripture: Luke 2:41-52



On Sunday we welcomed Tony and Miriam Hughes, who came by transfer of membership from Merry Hill Baptist Church. They reside at 105 First Street in Merry Hill. Lowell Gieseke will serve as their family deacon.

LECTIONARY READINGS

May 8, 2016

7th Sunday of Easter

Act 16:16-34

Psalms 97

Revelation 22:12-14,16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26



May 15, 2016

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17 (25-27)



On May 15th at 5pm, the Adult Choir will be participating in an Evensong Service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. An Evensong Service is a service of evening prayers, psalms, scripture lessons, anthems, and hymns. We will be joined with choirs from Edenton United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and St. Anne Catholic Church. The service will last approximately an hour. Please come and support our Adult Choir as well as participate in a wonderful service of Ecumenical Evening Prayer.

Can You Step In?

Vacation Bible School workers are needed for June 27–July 1. If you want to help, please let the church office know.

~ This Week at EBC ~

Sunday, May 8

9:45-Sunday School

10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer

11:00-Morning Worship

5:30-Youth Gathering

Monday, May 9

7:00-Son Beams Group,
Jenny Williams

Tuesday, May 10

11:00-Combined WMU Groups,
Fellowship Hall

5:30-Website Committee,
Room 103

Wednesday, May 11

5:30-Supper

6:00-Children's Choirs

6:30-Adult Bible Study

6:45-Children's Missions

7:30-Adult Choir Practice

-Building & Grounds Comm.

Thursday, May 12

12:00-Salt Shakers, Soda Shoppe

10:15-Bookbag Buddies

5:45-Handbell Rehearsal

7:00-Assoc. Pastor Search Comm

**Food Pantry Request
for May:
spaghetti sauce**

FROM THE PASTOR

My daughter, Caroline, turned sixteen last week. Like every parent of a sixteen-year-old, I wonder how time went by so quickly and how I can slow time down. More than a few people have told me in recent days that I'll snap my fingers or turn around or blink and Caroline and Jacob will be graduating from high school and college. I believe them, and I understand. I resonate with John Mayer as he sings, "Stop this train, I want to get off and go home again, I can't take the speed it's moving in, I know I can't, but, honestly, won't someone stop this train?" At the same time, as Caroline turns sixteen, I am so thrilled to see my children growing up and taking on more independence and responsibility. One of those responsibilities, of course, is driving a car. Caroline passed the driving test on Monday and now has her license.

As our children get on the road to drive, one of our biggest concerns as parents is safety. We warn our children about the dangers of "distracted driving," and we caution them to never text while driving, to stay off of their phones, and to keep their eyes on the road. All it takes is just a few seconds of distraction and a driver can veer off course. Driving safely is a matter of focus, and so many things can divert our attention and our focus away from the task at hand.

The same can be said about our daily walk with God: so many things can distract us if we are not focused and centered on a particular goal or discipline or pattern of living. Spiritual growth rarely happens accidentally. Instead, becoming more like Christ is a matter of turning away from distractions and moving intentionally toward Christ. I'm reminded of something I read from Huston Smith as he told of a tribesman who pointed out that "the circles in spider webs are sticky, whereas its radii are not. This means, he said, that if you wander from side to side in life you get stuck, but if you move toward its center you don't."¹

What is distracting you from your relationship with God today? What is causing you to veer off course, to wander from side to side? Whatever it may be, know that Jesus is calling to you to follow him and to turn away from those distractions. Be intentional. Develop daily habits of faithfulness. Move toward the center of God's heart. And keep your eyes and heart focused on Jesus who has walked this path of life before.

Grace and peace,

David

¹ Huston Smith, *The World's Religions* (New York: HarperSanFrancisco, 1991), p. 380.



Sallie Bailey Jones

She was a close friend of Fannie E. S. Heck and they served WMU for many years. The Heck Jones offering is named in their memory.

WEEKLY REPORT (5/1) Offering

Budget Needed	10,036.88
Amt. Received	9,859.00
Over (Under) Budget	(177.88)

Other Monies Received

Wed. Night Supper	258.00
Community Missions	133.92
Global Missions	20.00
Homes & Hospitals	972.00
CWJC	100.00
TOTAL	1,483.92

Attendance

Sunday School	102
Chowan River Nursing	36
SS TOTAL	138
Worship TOTAL	186

YTD Offerings (18 Weeks)

Amt. Required	180,663.84
Amt. Received	166,575.97
Under Budget	(14,087.87)

HOSPITAL REPORT (5/4)

Chowan Hospital
Betsy Bierowski

Birthdays

Sunday, May 8

McCartney Towe

Monday, May 9

Dorothy Bunch

Wanda Small

Tuesday, May 10

Anita Johnson

Denise Liverman

Wednesday, May 11

Jim Blount

Denise Ellis

Charlotte V. Small

Thursday, May 12

George Lassiter

Friday, May 13

Alex Bergevin

Chuck Cozart

Catherine Townson

Saturday, May 14

Sherry Castillo

Perris Clayton

Mary Katherine Laughton

Anniversaries

Saturday, May 14

M/M Bill Chesson

