

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016

DEACONS: Carlton Jackson & Artie Nixon
BUS DRIVER: David McCall (482-8667)
BUS RIDER: Carlton Jackson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Travis Ellis
AUDIO OPERATOR: Paul Williams
VIDEO OPERATOR: Steven Byrum

Serve
the LORD
with
Gladness



Vacation Bible School

June 27-July 1

9:00am-12:00noon

THE SURF IS UP AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO CATCH THE WAVE!

Please consider lending the following items for our 2016 Vacation Bible School, themed The Surf Shack. We need three surf boards, 5 boogie boards, beach balls, beach towels, sand pails, sand shovels, beach umbrellas, beach toys, and fish nets. Please bring these items to church with you on June 26th. If you need to bring them earlier, please contact Dianne Cinkovich at 252-632-4048 or at cinkovichb@yahoo.com. So that we can make sure we get your items back to you, place your name and contact information on each item. See you on the beach!

THIS WEEK AT EBC

Sunday, June 12

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

Tuesday, June 14

7:00-Finance Committee

Wednesday, June 15

5:30-Supper
6:30-Church Conference
7:30-Adult Choir Practice

HOSPITAL REPORT ^(6/8)

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

SHUT-IN of the Week

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

Food Pantry Request for June:

Mac & Cheese

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Hear the Call of the Shofar

As a People of God, we are called to worship God. Several hundred years ago, the People of God were called to worship in a manner that is foreign to us in our modern world. Before radios, cell phones, clocks, television or instant messaging, the People of God would hear the sound of the Shofar—a ram's horn instrument blown like a trumpet. The call of the Shofar was more of a noise than musical notes.

Imagine being within sight of the Temple in Jerusalem and hearing the Shofar as it is blown from the highest point. The entire surrounding hillside would hear the call.

The call of the Shofar was sounded to call the People of God to assemble and gather. It had other uses as well that included being used for military purposes, for the Sabbath and for other holy days. The blasts of the Shofar even led the Battle of Jericho when the walls came tumbling down.

It was a sound and practice that was familiar and normal to our Christ. He would have heard the call of the Shofar throughout his lifetime. The Shofar speaks to the People of God and says "Awake sleepers from your sleep, and slumberers arise from your slumber". The Shofar connects us to the ancient Hebrews. It is ancient and might seem primitive but it also connects us to Christ.

Awake from your sleep. Arise from your slumber. Assemble and gather.

Gary Stanley

*Thanks to Jacob Brooks for blowing the Shofar for us this past Sunday to "awake us from our sleep".

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
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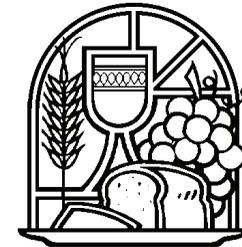
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THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016

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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Celebration of the Lord's Supper

"Bread for the Journey"

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Welcome New Member

We are happy to welcome Dawn Massey into our church family. Dawn came on Sunday by statement of her faith as a baptized believer. Dawn's husband, Shawn, also united with us recently. The Masseys live at 117 W. Church Street. Mary Anne Croom is their family deacon.

LECTIONARY READINGS

June 12, 2016

4th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 21:1-10, 15-21a

Psalms 5:1-8

Galatians 2:15-21

Luke 7:36-8:3



June 19, 2016

5th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a

Psalms 42 & 43

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

On behalf of the youth, I need to express appreciation:

- Thank you for all of the support for the after church meal fundraiser. As always, the church family was most generous. And, you can be assured that we will be good stewards of your contributions. Much of the money raised will go directly to the summer Mission Trip to Tennessee. Many thanks!
- Thank you to the parents of the youth who as usual rally to the cause. Parents made the fundraiser possible with much preparation. Many thanks!
- Thank you to the Baptist Men, Experiencing God SS class, Dianne Cinkovich, Sherry Dowd, Deanna Chesson, and Marie Baker for all making the Senior Breakfast a meaningful time for Seniors and their families.
- Thank you to Michael Smith for leading the group in devotion during the Senior Breakfast.
- Thank you to Gary Swanner for constructing the cross that was used during the worship service on June 5th.
- Thank you to the Choir and Michael Morgan for the wonderful music on the 5th and being flexible...since they were bumped from the choir loft.
- Thank you to Al Ward and others for setting up the sanctuary for the worship service on the 5th.
- Thank you to the youth for their contributions to the worship service...Jacob come blow your Shofar.
- Thank you to Sandra Stanley for sharing her beautiful voice and spirit.

God be with you.

Gary

CHILDREN'S CHURCH will be on summer break following this Sunday, June 12th. Beginning June 19th children should remain in "big" church with their parents. Anyone interested in joining the rotation of workers for Children's Church when it resumes in September should call the church office.

FROM THE PASTOR

Part of my calling as a pastor is to care for you as the people of the church. I count it a great privilege that God has equipped me and given me what I believe to be spiritual gifts of caring and compassion. I find a deep sense of joy when I spend meaningful time with the people of our church and community. It is especially fulfilling to me when I am able to visit someone who needs the reassuring message of God's love, God's presence, God's comfort, or God's grace. Quite often, these kinds of visits take place in hospitals, in nursing/retirement homes, and with members of our church who are homebound.

Joining with me in this ministry of caring and compassion are the members of our diaconate. Indeed, we ask and expect our deacons to place a high priority on visitation of the sick and those who are facing difficulty. In very honest terms, though, some of our deacons excel in this ministry of visitation, while others dread it or avoid it altogether. Rather than judge those deacons who do not visit, I choose to believe that these deacons are simply not called by God to such a ministry. It doesn't mean that these deacons are any less committed to God or our church. It just means that they have different gifts that they use for the good of our church.

One of the goals of our current deacon board is to discover those deacons in our church—both active and inactive—who feel called by God to visit in hospitals and care for our homebound members. Two teams of deacons have been formed to be more intentional about our ministry of caring and visitation: a Hospital Visitation Team and a Homebound Ministry Team. In the future, we hope that other ministry teams will be formed by our deacons to carry out other ministries in the life of our church. For now, our deacons felt that caring for those who are hospitalized and homebound are two top priorities.

Here's where you come in: caring for the homebound and hospitalized is not an activity that *only* our deacons can perform. We have many people in our church who are gifted with care, compassion, and an ability to convey God's grace and love as they visit those in need. If you have these gifts, our deacons are looking for you to join with them in carrying out this vital ministry of the church. In this space next week, I will share with you details about how you can be a part of the Hospital Visitation Team and/or the Homebound Ministry Team.

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In the meantime, pray about how God can use your life to care with compassion and love. Then, as you feel led by God, put your prayers into action and be intentional to go see someone who may be lonely, homebound, grieving, or facing a great challenge in life.

Your pastor,

David



Weekly Report (6/5)

Offering

Budget Needed	10,036.88
Amt. Received	10,914.00
Over (Under) Budget	877.12

Other Monies Received

Community Missions	146.50
Wed. Night Supper	280.00
Memorial Fund	670.00
Bicentennial	175.00
Global Missions	310.00
Food Pantry	50.00
Reimbursement	100.00
WMU NC	50.00
Homes & Hospitals Off.	<u>260.00</u>
TOTAL	2,041.50

Attendance

Sunday School	121
Chowan River Nursing	<u>42</u>
SS TOTAL	163
Worship TOTAL	232

YTD Offerings (23 Weeks)

Amt. Required	230,848.24
Amt. Received	212,350.55
Under Budget	(18,497.69)

Birthdays

Sunday, June 12

Savannah Byrum
Robert Halsey
Kyle McCall
Eddie Penny

Monday, June 13

Ryne Bass

Tuesday, June 14

Heather Groves
Ray Tew

Wednesday, June 15

Robbie Laughton

Thursday, June 16

Richard Hollowell

Friday, June 17

C.E. Small III

Saturday, June 18

Chad Fleetwood

Anniversaries

Monday, June 13

M/M John Barrow

Tuesday, June 14

M/M Zach Anderson

Wednesday, June 15

M/M Mike Partin

Friday, June 17

M/M Jerry Small

Saturday, June 18

M/M Bob Zembraski