

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017**

**DEACONS:** Johnny Layton & Michael Smith  
**BUS DRIVER:** Mac Privott (619-0616)  
**BUS RIDER:** Michael Smith  
**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Artie Nixon  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Julie Privott  
**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Gary Swanner  
**VIDEO OPERATOR:** Susie Swanner



### **Love Offering for William Hardy**

William Hardy is retiring as our custodian after seventeen years of service with our church. The personnel committee is planning a special "Thank You" and recognition of William on Wednesday evening, **January 18, at 6:30pm**, in our fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to contribute to a **LOVE OFFERING** for William as an expression of our gratitude for his devotion to our church and his hard work. Please drop your offering by the church office or place in the offering plate this Sunday, January 15, in an envelope marked "Love Offering for William Hardy." If you write a check, please make the check to "Cash." By IRS guidelines, love offerings received through our church office cannot be recorded as charitable contributions to Edenton Baptist Church.

### **Expression of Thanks**

Mr. Marvin Barham wishes to express his sincere appreciation to church members for the many acts of kindness and prayers rendered in his behalf.

### **GIFT CLASS BEGINS NEW STUDY**

The ladies GIFT class (Growing In Faith Together) will begin their discussion of the book *Fervent: A Woman's Battle Plan to Serious, Specific, and Strategic Prayer* by Priscilla Shirer, this Sunday, January 15 in Room 203. Any ladies interested are welcome to join. Please call Wanda Small at 333-9891 if you have any questions.

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### **Entertaining a Hope: Bicentennial News**

- **Called to Serve Sunday** – In morning worship on Sunday, January 22, we will recognize the men and women who have been called from Edenton Baptist Church to serve in ordained and church-related ministries. We will also recognize recipients of the E. L. Wells Scholarship—a fund that has provided support for members entering into church ministry. Charles Swanner, David McCall, and Dallas Stallings will be the speakers for this special day. Following the worship service, everyone is invited to enjoy a covered-dish luncheon in our fellowship hall. The Social Committee will provide fried chicken, rolls, and beverages. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with your family and others.
- **Celebrating Music at EBC** – During the month of February, we will celebrate the music ministry of our church with the debut of our Bicentennial Anthem on February 5, a Hymn Festival on February 12, and Music Sunday on February 26. More about the Hymn Festival is included elsewhere.
- **Bicentennial Celebration** – Mark your calendar for our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and homecoming on Sunday, March 26. Our pastor emeritus, Dr. Kenneth Word, will be our featured preacher, and we will enjoy a catered luncheon following the worship service.
- **Bicentennial Items for Sale** – The new history book by Dr. Jesse Croom is available for \$30. Beautiful prints of an original painting of our church by the late Betsy Campen Bierowski may be purchased in two sizes for \$10 or \$20. We also have a commemorative Christmas ornament that sells for \$20, and an attractive \$2 bumper sticker. All are available in the church office.

# THE INFORMER

Edenton Baptist Church

Edenton, North Carolina 27932

*A Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Congregation*

**David B. Brooks**  
Pastor

**Patrick I. Cardwell**  
Associate Pastor

**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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## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017**

### **The Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

Deacons Meeting, 8:00am

*"You're Just One Person"*

John 1:29-42

Choral Anthem: *Lord, Here Am I*



Deacon Ordination of David Ray

Installation of Deacons for 2017

## LECTIONARY READINGS

**January 15, 2017**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. after the Epiphany**

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42



**January 22, 2017**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. after the Epiphany**

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

### Region 1 NC Missions Celebration

February 13, 2017

6:00pm

Cale Retreat & Conference Center

This rally will highlight the variety of opportunities NC Baptists have to be involved in missions across our state, in our nation, and around the world. Featured will be worship, testimony, mission video, and a prayer time for missions. The rally is for men, women, and youth. Everyone interested in missions is encouraged to attend.

A meal will be provided for the rally at no charge, but reservations are necessary to ensure an accurate meal count. The cut off date for reservations is February 6. To register, call Kailyn Eskridge at 919-459-5596.

### In Memoriam

Mrs. Legion Britton  
1935-2017

### January & February are "SOUPER MONTHS" at the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry

During these cold months, we are asked to donate items to make soup: all types of beans & peas, rice, canned tomatoes, carrots, corn, etc. They also are asking for canned tomato or chicken noodle soups.



FROM THE  
CHURCH  
OFFICE

### NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

The office will be updating our directory in the near future. It has come to our attention that many of you only use cell phones but we still list you as having a home phone.

Please let us know if any of your contact information has changed. Your cell number and email address will be included in the new directory unless you tell us differently. Thanks in advance for keeping us up-to-date!

### FROM THE PASTOR

Let me share some good news with you. In 2016, our total offerings were \$486,218 toward our annual ministry budget of \$521,918. I know that sounds like bad news: we didn't meet budget. But the very good news is our total overall expenses were \$486,458. Do the math and you will quickly see that our total offerings fell short of our overall expenses by a mere \$240. Because of your generosity, we were able to fully fund all of the ministries of our church without having to use any reserve funds or make any special appeals for giving.

Turning our focus to this year, 2017, we have made a commitment to give generously to support the ministries of our church through a ministry budget of \$529,825. By adopting this budget last November, we made a commitment to God and to one another to do our part in prioritizing what we do with our personal income so that an adequate amount is given by all of us to carry out the ministries of our church.

Since we are only two weeks into 2017, now is a good time to consider some stewardship thoughts for this year:

1. Always remember that whether dollars are spent on salaries for church staff, upkeep of buildings & property, giving to missions, or programs within the church, each of those dollars is being used for the overall ministry of the church which is to grow disciples and to reach out with God's love into our community.
2. Understand that we rarely spend every dollar that is budgeted. Over the past five years, our offerings have exceeded our expenses by an average of \$20,932. In other words, our church is on solid ground financially. This will be an important point to remember as our offerings will likely dip in the summer, just before we begin the process of developing our 2018 budget. We will certainly need to be prudent in our financial planning for 2018, but we need not be stingy in budgeting for the various expenses and ministries of the church.
3. As for 2017, make a commitment now to give generously and regularly throughout the year. For some, that means staying the course by continuing to give 10% or more of your income like you gave last year. For others, it can mean moving closer toward that goal of giving 10%, even if it's only giving 1% more this year than last year. And for others, this needs to be the year that you begin giving regularly and significantly to the ministry budget of our church.

When it comes to the priority of giving our offerings, we are not all expected to give the same amount, but we can all give sacrificially and consistently. We can all make intentional decisions now—at the start of a new year—to prioritize our giving to God above all the other ways in which we will spend and save money between now and December 31.

Grace and peace,  
David

**Just a Reminder:** There is no WEEKLY REPORT this week due to the cancellation of services on January 8 when we had icy conditions.

### Anniversary

**Tuesday, January 17**

M/M James Ellis

### HOSPITAL REPORT (1/12)

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



### Birthdays

**Sunday, January 15**

Leslie Bunch

**Monday, January 16**

Jean Brown

Claire Mills

**Tuesday, January 17**

Tommy Bass

Tom Dail

Haywood Phthisic III

**Wednesday, January 18**

Helen Elliott

Keith Harrison

D.J. Small

Ann Webster

Stanley White

**Thursday, January 19**

Kelly Adams

Darren Halstead

**Saturday, January 21**

Debra Phelps

Mike Spruill

Gary Stanley

### SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

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

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Mr. Garrett Stanley  
1920 Exchange Drive  
Apt. 05-532  
Greenville, NC 27506

### CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

#### Saturday, January 14

Basketball: SP/EM-EBC at NCC  
4:30-Co-ed grades K-2  
5:00-Co-ed Boys 3-5 & Girls 3-6  
6:00-Boys grades 6-8  
7:00-Girls grades 7-12  
8:00-Boys grades 9-12

#### Sunday, January 15

8:00-Deacons Meeting  
9:45-Sunday School  
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer  
11:00-Morning Worship  
4:00-Youth Ski Trip Meeting,  
Fellowship Hall

#### Monday, January 16

3:00-Laura Harrell Class,  
Edenton Primetime

5:30-Handbell Rehearsal

#### Wednesday, January 18

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, January 19

10:15-Book Bag Buddies