

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017**

**DEACONS:** Artie Nixon & Gloria Voigt  
**BUS DRIVER:** Gene Nixon (482-8281)  
**BUS RIDER:** Artie Nixon  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Dorothy Bunch  
**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Keith Privott  
**VIDEO OPERATOR:** Holly Smith  
**YOUTH SNACKS:** Darren & BB Halstead  
**BOOK BAG BUDDIES DRIVER (for 1/26):** Jay Swicegood



**NO CHILDREN'S SERMON THIS SUNDAY.**



On February 5 David Schwoebel will be our guest in worship, as the Adult Choir presents the Bicentennial Anthem he composed in memory of Mary Smith and Corinne Thorud. David is Minister of Music/Composer in Residence at Derbyshire Baptist Church in Richmond.

EBC and the Northeastern NC American Guild of Organists will present a Hymn Festival February 12 at 4:00pm in the sanctuary, featuring Adam Ward, organist. Adam is the Director of Music Ministries at Providence United Methodist Church of Charlotte. Admission to this concert is free. Invite your friends!

After the Hymn Festival on February 12, join us at 6:00pm for a **Valentine's Banquet Fundraiser!** Tickets are \$10 and dinner includes chicken OR pork, green beans, mashed potatoes, salad, dessert and a drink. A few dinner games will be provided, along with a **Silent Auction** on some of our best desserts! Pre-order your ticket now by calling the church office or Patrick. All proceeds go to benefit the youth group.

**JOY CLUB will meet Tuesday, January 31 at 11:30am** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sandwich and lots of ideas for the coming year! Dessert and drinks will be provided. We are looking forward to a great fellowship.

Anna Copeland & Karen Fleetwood, Co-Directors

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

- **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 these events are included elsewhere.
- **Bicentennial Celebration** – Mark your calendar for our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and homecoming on Sunday, March 26. We will not have Sunday School and our worship service will begin at 10:30am. 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.
- **DO YOU KNOW?** In September 1999 Janet Skinner and Corinne Thorud were elected by Edenton Baptist Church as the first women to serve as
  - A. members of the Pastor Search Committee
  - B. representatives at the CBF General Assembly
  - C. deacons

# THE INFORMER

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Edenton, North Carolina 27932

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## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017**

### **The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**



We will recognize the men and women who have been called from Edenton Baptist Church to serve in ordained and church-related ministries, as well as the recipients of the E. L. Wells Scholarship—a fund that has provided support for members entering into church ministry.

Guest Speakers:  
David McCall, Dallas Stallings,  
Charles Swanner

#### **Covered Dish Lunch following service.**

Please bring a side dish or dessert.  
Chicken, rolls, & beverages will be provided.

**LECTIONARY READINGS**

**January 22, 2017**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. after the Epiphany**  
 Isaiah 9:1-4  
 Psalm 27:1, 4-9  
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
 Matthew 4:12-23



**January 29, 2017**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sun. after the Epiphany**  
 Micah 6:1-29  
 Psalm 15  
 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
 Matthew 5: 1-12

**Expression of Thanks**

The family of Dr. Landis Voigt wishes to express their sincere appreciation to church members for the many acts of kindness and prayers rendered in their behalf.

**GIFT CLASS BEGINS NEW STUDY**

The GIFT class invites anyone interested in watching the movie, *The War Room*, to join them this Sunday at 8:30am in Room 202. Refreshments will be served. We will discuss the first strategy from the book *Fervent: A Woman's Battle Plan to Serious, Specific and Strategic Prayer* on the following Sunday (1/29/17) at 9:45am. If you have any questions, please call Wanda Small at 333-9891 or the church office.

***In Memoriam***

Mrs. Frances Eason  
 1943-2017

**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.

**WEEKLY REPORT (1/15)**

**Offering**  
 Amount Received.....\$13,591.26

**Other Monies Received**  
 Wed. Supper.....492.00  
 Memorials.....1,170.00  
 Reimbursement.....20.00  
 Youth Ski Trip.....765.00  
 Bicentennial Purchases .....60.00  
 Global Missions.....420.00  
 Facilities Use.....245.00  
 TOTAL.....3,172.00

**Attendance**  
 Sunday School.....109  
 Chowan River Nursing.....40  
 SS TOTAL.....149

**FROM THE PASTOR**

Last week, for my birthday, Laurie surprised me and prepared one of my favorite meals: an eye round roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, white corn, and rolls. It was a meal that my family often had on Sundays after church, and it was a special meal that I requested of my mom whenever I came home from college. She had a special way of seasoning the roast that is delicious, and that's the way Laurie cooked the roast last week. So, for my birthday I savored the delicious food, gave thanks for my family, and remembered the love of my mom for me. The next night, we used another of my mother's recipes, making use of the leftover roast beef to cook pepper steak served over rice—another delicious meal that brought back good memories and made me even more thankful.

While I will savor the memories of those two meals for quite some time, I am aware that most of the meals that you and I eat are not that memorable. It's not that the food is necessarily bad; it's just that eating a meal is such an ordinary occurrence. I can't tell you what I ate for lunch last Tuesday or supper last Thursday. But I didn't go hungry. My needs for nourishment were met. God provided daily bread to me through the hands of various people who grew or produced the food and cooked the meal for me. I, like you, often take meals for granted, or I eat such meals with very little thought about all that went into those foods being place on my plate for me to enjoy. If I suddenly was forced to skip a few meals in a row or one meal per day, I would quickly be aware of how important even the simplest and most forgettable meals truly are to the nourishment of my body.

Jesus gave us a meal by which to remember him—a simple serving of a piece of bread and some grape juice, symbols of his body and his blood. We share this special meal once a month to remember the deep love God has for us as his children. But what about the times in between those Sundays when we share in the Lord's Supper? How can we be nourished in God's love and grace? The answer is, by the regular partaking of God's Word for us: the reading of Scripture and listening for God's voice in that reading. Just as we need regular nourishment from eating regular meals, we need the regular nourishment that God's Word provides for us—shaping us, guiding us, challenging us, comforting us.

Give thanks for the memorable meals that God provides. Rejoice on those special days when the Lord's Supper is served. But don't forget to partake of God's Word every day so that your soul can be nourished by God and your life sustained by God's grace.

Grace and peace,  
 David

**HOSPITAL REPORT (1/18)**

**UNC Hospital**  
 Jean Bunch  
**Vident Medical Center**  
 Linda Rinehart Green.

**Birthdays**

**Sunday, January 22**

David McCall

**Monday, January 23**

Christopher Stallings

**Wednesday, January 25**

Adam Furlough

Paula Rinehart

**Thursday, January 26**

Ann Hawkins

James Patterson

Jennifer Privott

Kindsey Small

Wesley Spruill

**Friday, January 27**

Elizabeth Smith

Susie Swanner

Trent Ward

Nancy Winslow

**Saturday, January 28**

Sonjia Bell

Mary Partin

**Anniversary**

**Tuesday, January 24**

M/M John Bunch

**ATTENTION**

**EBC PARENTS**

If your child is involved in church basketball, please be aware that you are expected to sign up to work concessions. Call Patrick to do so. Thanks!

**SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK**

Mr. John Brabble  
 Chowan River Nursing  
 PO Box 566  
 Edenton, NC 27932

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Mr. Paul Bunch, Jr.  
 3400 N. Wesleyan Blvd.  
 Rocky Mount, NC 27804



**Deacons**

**CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

**Saturday, January 21**

Basketball: EBC-OD at BBBC  
 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 22**

9:45-Sunday School  
 10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer  
 11:00-Morning Worship  
 12:00-Covered Dish Luncheon  
 5:30-Youth REAL Talk

**Monday, January 23**

2:00-Helen Hughes Group,  
 Gloria Voigt

5:30-Handbell Rehearsal

**Wednesday, January 25**

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

**Thursday, January 26**

10:15-Book Bag Buddies