

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2016

CHILDREN'S SERMON: David Brooks
AUDIO OPERATOR: Keith Privott
VIDEO OPERATOR: Paul Stallings



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016

DEACONS: Bobby Lane & Al Ward
BUS DRIVER: David Ray (482-9968)
BUS RIDER: Bobby Lane
CHILDREN'S SERMON: David Brooks
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Travis Ellis
AUDIO OPERATOR: Bob Partin
VIDEO OPERATOR: Steven Byrum
OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Michael Smith



SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017

DEACONS: Nancy Barrow & Charles Swanner
BUS DRIVER: Tim Smith (333-0431)
BUS RIDER: Nancy Barrow
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Casey Bass
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Sandra Stanley
AUDIO OPERATOR: Paul Williams
VIDEO OPERATORS: Allen & Claire Mills
OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Jenny Williams



Small Group

At the beginning of next year, I'd like to try something new. I'm looking for 3-4 people interested in starting a small group – for prayer, conversation, and study. The group would meet at a time best for everyone, but probably one evening on a week-day. This is a great opportunity to grow closer to each other, so let me know if you're interested!
-Patrick

Anniversaries

Sunday, December 25
M/M Gary Ray
Tuesday, December 27
M/M Paul Stallings
Thursday, December 29
M/M Bill Potts
M/M Bobby Sparks
Saturday, December 31
M/M John Bassett

White Christmas Update

Because of your generous donations, we were able to assist nine families with the White Christmas offering. In addition to the food items, \$401 in cash was received and used to purchase Food Lion gift cards. Thank you for giving.

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This is a two-week edition of *The Informer*. Your next issue will be mailed on January 5.

The church office will be closed Friday, December 23 and reopen Wednesday, December 28. The office will also be closed Friday, December 30.

There will be no Wednesday evening activities on December 28. Our regular schedule resumes January 4.

CBF Offering for Global Missions

Pray for the work of our Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries and support them financially by giving to the Offering for Global Missions. So far our church has given \$7,880.00 toward our goal of \$8,000. This is the last Sunday to give.

WMU Angel Tree for Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry

Bring your donation to the office, but keep the angel as a reminder to give to the Food Pantry when you have the opportunity.

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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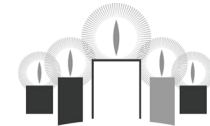
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2016

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

6:00pm

Prelude will begin at 5:40pm



Sermon: "One of Us"

Luke 2:1-20

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016

Christmas

Sermon: "The Most Important Word"

John 1:1-14

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017

The First Sunday of Christmas

Deacons meeting is postponed until January 8.

Observance of the Lord's Supper

LECTIONARY READINGS

December 25, 2016

Christmas Day

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)



January 1, 2017

1st Sun. of Christmas

Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 21:13-28

Birthdays

Tuesday, December 27

Wanda Perry
Betty Smith

Wednesday, December 28

Elton Askew
Anne Hollowell

Thursday, December 29

Maurice Bunch
Matt Swicegood
William Whitaker

Friday, December 30

Carole Zembraski

Saturday, December 31

Bryant White

Sunday, January 1

Gretchen Doake

Monday, January 2

Steve Lane
John Rogerson

Tuesday, January 3

Ali Belch
Fred Britton, Jr.
Scott Harrell

Wednesday, January 4

Linda Banks
Bryan Hurdle

Thursday, January 5

Lydia Virzi

Friday, January 6

Artie Nixon
Joni Saner
Emma Tritt

Saturday, January 7

George Moore, Jr.
Deborah Sauter
Jim Ward

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, December 24

6:00-Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25

No Sunday School
10:30-Morning Worship

Wednesday, December 28

No Evening Activities

Thursday, December 29

Basketball Practice
5:30-Coed K-grade 2
6:00-Boys grades 3-5 &
Girls 3-6

7:00-Boys grades 6-8

8:00-Boys grades 9-12

Sunday, January 1

9:45-Sunday School
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer
11:00-Morning Worship
12:00-BBQ Lunch for the Nixon's

Wednesday, January 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, January 5

Basketball Practice
5:30-Coed K-grade 2
6:00-Boys grades 3-5 &
Girls 3-6
7:00-Boys grades 6-8
8:00-Boys grades 9-12

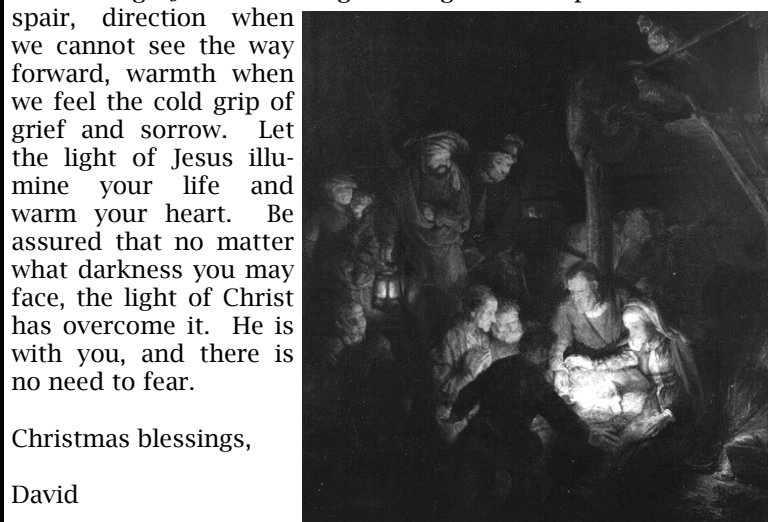
FROM THE PASTOR

By the time you read this the shortest day of the year will have come and gone. In the northern hemisphere, there is less light on December 21, the first day of winter, than any other day on the calendar. In Edenton, there were only nine hours and nine minutes between sunrise and sunset on Wednesday. Compare that to the nearly fifteen hours between sunrise and sunset on the first day of summer in June.

I don't point to the darkness to depress you, but to encourage you. In the darkest days of the year, we celebrate the coming of light into our world at Christmas. Think about it: so much of Christmas revolves around light. As the days grow shorter and darkness prevails, we light more and more candles on the Advent wreath. We string lights around our Christmas trees and along the rooflines of our homes. We recall the story of the star of Bethlehem—light that guided the magi to come from the east to see the one who was born as king of the Jews. But the greatest light we recall at Christmas is Jesus himself.

Everyone who has ever heard the story of Jesus' birth has a picture in mind of the humble stable, the manger, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes. One of my favorite images is Rembrandt's painting, "Adoration of the Shepherds." One of the shepherds holds a lantern to view Jesus, but he doesn't really need the lantern. As Rembrandt envisions that world-changing moment in time, the baby Jesus himself radiates all the light that his parents and shepherds needed that night. It's a beautiful depiction of the truth that Jesus later proclaimed: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light the light of life" (John 8:12).

This Christmas, consider the light that has come from God through Jesus. It's a light that gives us hope in times of despair, direction when we cannot see the way forward, warmth when we feel the cold grip of grief and sorrow.



Christmas blessings,

David

HOSPITAL REPORT (12/21)

Vidant Medical Center

Linda Rinehart Green
Robert Halsey

OUR SHUT-INS

Week of Dec. 25-31

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

Week of Jan. 1-7

Mrs. Pauline Griffin
#101 Swain Apartments
101 Court Street
Edenton, NC 27932

New Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up in the back hallway.

Expressions of Thanks

The following wish to express appreciation to church members for the many acts of kindness & prayers rendered in their behalf: Deborah Stokely
Debbie Perry

In Memoriam

Russell Wheeler, Sr.
1927-2016

Anne Chappell
1923-2016

WEEKLY REPORT (12/18)

Offering

Amount Received.....\$15,832.05

Other Monies Received

Wed. Night Supper.....262.00
Memorials.....205.00
Food Pantry.....195.00
Bapt. Children's Homes.....750.00
Bapt. Retirement Homes..750.00
Baptist Men.....1,000.00
Bicentennial.....270.00
Poinsettias.....25.00
Griffin Scholarship.....200.00
Global Missions.....2,670.00
TOTAL.....6,327.00

Attendance

Sunday School.....106
Chowan River Nursing.....41
SS TOTAL.....147
Worship TOTAL.....181

~ Save The Date ~

You are most warmly invited to join friends and family on this joyous occasion when our parents
Gene and Artie Nixon
celebrate 50 years of marriage
at a BBQ and cake luncheon in their honor
on Sunday January 1, 2017
directly following the Sunday morning service
in the church fellowship hall.

Your love is a treasured gift; we request no other.

Artimesia Nixon Yuen, Tommy Nixon, Ingrid Nixon Pierce



In Honor Of:

Mark Keeter Alligood.....Sharon K. Keeter
 Mary Barrow.....Barrow, Bass, & Sawyer Families
 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Bass.....B.J. Bass
 John Brabble.....Jay & Debbie Swicegood
 Robert L. Bunch, Jr.....Leonard, Wanda, Collins & Caroline Small
 Dianne Cinkovich.....Laura Harrell SS Class
 Wendell Copeland.....Lin & Connie Scheel
 Pete & Mary Elizabeth Dail.....Frankie & Linda Edmundson
 Sherry Dowd.....William Stallings
 Barbara Elbualy.....Doug, Annette & Taylor Cedeno
 Julia Elmore.....Laura Harrell SS Class
 Pauline Griffin.....Her Children: Kenny, Suzanne, Karen & Joe
 Mr. & Mrs. Howard Harvill.....Brian, Joy, Molly & Josh Harvill
 Pete Manning, Anna Kay & Nelle..Doug, Annette & Taylor Cedeno
 The Manning Family.....Mary Partin
 Members of Edenton Baptist Church.....Mary Partin
 Gene & Artie Nixon.....Doug, Annette & Taylor Cedeno
 Gene & Artie Nixon.....Mary Partin
 Jimmie Parrish.....J.M. & Anne Parrish
 Mary Partin.....Doug, Annette & Taylor Cedeno
 Charlotte L. Small.....Doug, Annette & Taylor Cedeno
 Charlotte L. Small.....Leonard, Wanda, Collins & Caroline Small
 Brenda Spruill.....Doug, Annette & Taylor Cedeno
 Jean Thames.....Brian, Joy, Molly & Josh Harvill
 Alice Twiddy.....Barrow, Fuller, Kelly, & Smith Families
 Sue Doris White.....Gary & Susie Swanner
 The Paul Williams Family.....Doug, Annette & Taylor Cedeno

In Memory Of:

Lesley Kay Alligood.....Sharon K. Keeter
 Murray & Jenny Ashley.....Bobby & Ginny Ashley
 Murray & Jenny Ashley.....Bobby, Heidi & Chaz Ashley
 Jack Barrow.....John & Nancy Barrow
 Jack Barrow.....Mary Barrow
 Jack Barrow.....His Children: Harriet, Johnny & Mary Jo
 Bob & Bernice Brooks.....Their Children: Robbie, Susan & John
 Carolyn A. Bunch.....Leonard, Wanda, Collins & Caroline Small
 Carolyn A. Bunch.....Robert L. Bunch, Jr.
 Carolyn A. Bunch.....Sue Bunch
 Henry Allen & Virginia Bunch.....Joe & Audrey Bunch & Family
 John & Margaret Bunch.....Bill & Priscilla Townson
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Bunch, Sr.....Robert L. Bunch, Sr.
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Bunch, Sr.....Sue Bunch

Given By:

Given By:

In Memory Of:

Tom & Virginia Byrum.....Cam & Ann Byrum
 West Byrum, Jr.....Hattie S. Byrum
 Jim Collins.....Joan Collins & Family
 Rev. George H. Cooke.....Leo G. Lavoie
 Elbert & Louise Copeland.....Janet C. Skinner
 Frances Copeland.....Lin & Connie Scheel
 Jim Dail.....Frankie & Linda Edmundson
 Patricia B. Downum.....Bill & Priscilla Townson
 Aaron Caswell Edmundson.....Frankie & Linda Edmundson
 William T. "Bill" Elliott.....Helen Elliott
 Garry Ervin.....Elaine Ervin
 Pat Flanagan.....Beverly Hurdle, Steve & Sarah Leary
 John W. Floars.....Edith & Sean Floars
 Eva, Colon, Hubert & Shirley Forehand.....The Cedenos
 S.D. Griffin.....His Children: Kenny, Suzanne, Karen & Joe
 Doris Hardison.....Allen & Claire Mills
 Patricia A. Hart.....Bobby & Ginny Ashley
 Patricia A. Hart.....Bobby, Heidi & Chaz Ashley
 Patricia A. Hart.....Bill Hart
 Patricia A. Hart.....Ginna Forward
 Patricia A. Hart.....Adam, Dana & Liam Kephart
 Franklin Jackson.....Carlton & Betsy Jackson
 Franklin Jackson.....Kim Jackson
 Franklin Jackson.....C.J. & Kelsey Jackson, Ashley Hanger
 John Johnson.....Beverly Hurdle, Steve & Sarah Leary
 T.W. & Elsie Jones.....Bobby & Ginny Ashley
 T.W. & Elsie Jones.....Bobby, Heidi & Chaz Ashley
 Debbie Jordan.....Sue Bunch
 Evelyn Bunch Keeter.....Robert L. Bunch, Jr.
 Evelyn Bunch Keeter.....Sue Bunch
 Fred E. Keeter.....Robert L. Bunch, Jr.
 Marie King.....Joan Boswell
 Ethel W. Lavoie.....Leo G. Lavoie
 Lewis and Mary Grey Leary.....J.M. & Anne Parrish
 Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Leary.....Beverly Hurdle, Steve & Sarah Leary
 Mr. & Mrs. R. West Leary.....Barbara Leary Elbualy
 Mr. & Mrs. R. West Leary.....Charlotte L. Small
 Betty Manning.....Doug, Annette & Taylor Cedeno
 Betty Manning.....Jim & Donna Kalbach
 Betty Manning.....Pete Manning & Family
 Betty Manning.....Janet C. Skinner
 Charlie Morgan.....Jim & Donna Kalbach
 Deanie Mills.....Allen & Claire Mills
 Iris Mills.....Allen & Claire Mills
 W.E. "Monk" Mills.....Allen & Claire Mills
 Jim P. Partin.....B.J. Bass
 Jim P. Partin.....Doug, Annette & Taylor Cedeno

Given By:

In Memory Of:

Jim P. Partin.....Mary Partin
 Elizabeth Ann Parrish.....Jim & Donna Kalbach
 Elizabeth Ann Parrish.....J.M. & Anne Parrish
 Mr. & Mrs. George H. Privott.....Jay & Debbie Swicegood
 Ronnie Sawyer.....Harriet Sawyer & Family
 Meta M. Simpson.....Sue Bunch
 Claude E. Small, Jr.....Jimmy & Karen Fleetwood
 Dorothy E. "Dot" Small.....Jimmy & Karen Fleetwood
 Mr. & Mrs. Morris Small, Sr.....Jerry & Brenda Small
 Morris Small, Jr.....Jerry & Brenda Small
 Leonard C. Small, Sr.....Charlotte L. Small
 Leonard C. Small, Sr.....Leonard, Wanda, Collins & Caroline Small
 Mr. & Mrs. W.W. Small.....Jerry & Brenda Small
 Thurston & Gladys Stallings.....Dr. & Mrs. Dallas Stallings
 Charlie & Grace Swanner.....Gary & Susie Swanner
 Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Swicegood.....Jay & Debbie Swicegood
 Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Taylor.....Patsy A. Taylor
 Carolyn Stallings Tetterton.....Dr. & Mrs. Dallas Stallings
 Allen Thames.....Brian, Joy, Molly & Josh Harvill
 Corinne Thorud.....Janet C. Skinner
 Guy Toppin.....Doris Toppin & Children
 Pearl W. Townson.....Bill & Priscilla Townson
 Sarah Trexler.....Barbara Leary Elbualy
 Warren Twiddy.....John & Nancy Barrow
 Warren Twiddy.....The Fullers & Smiths
 Warren Twiddy.....Elizabeth & Laura Kelly
 Warren Twiddy.....Alice Twiddy
 Elizabeth I. Voigt.....Gloria Voigt
 Landis Voigt.....Gloria Voigt
 Bill & Virginia Wells.....The Wells & Brown Families
 Steve White.....Gary & Susie Swanner
 Mr. & Mrs. Louis G. Wilkins.....Jay & Debbie Swicegood
 Kenneth Worrell.....Ruth Worrell & Family
 Robert Worrell.....Ruth Worrell & Family

Given By:

