

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017

DEACONS: Casey Bass & Gary Swanner

BUS DRIVER: David McCall (482-8667)

BUS RIDER: Gary Swanner

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Casey Bass

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Travis Ellis

AUDIO OPERATOR: Gary Swanner

VIDEO OPERATOR: Susie Swanner

BOOK BAG BUDDIES DRIVER (for 2/23): Mac Privott



Birth Announcement

We congratulate Mike & Nikki Dowd on the birth of daughter Ellison Harper, Monday, February 13, weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz. Proud grandparents are our "Miss Sherry" & Mike Dowd.

Old Fashioned GAME NIGHT for Grades K-6 & Parents

Friday, February 24
6:30pm
Fellowship Hall

Entertaining a Hope: Bicentennial News

- **Celebrating Music** – We continue to celebrate the music ministry of our church during the month of February. This Sunday, February 19, our Adult Choir will present our Bicentennial Anthem during morning worship. Music Sunday is February 26. All of our choirs, and some former members, will share their musical gifts with us.
- **Bicentennial Celebration** – Our 200th anniversary celebration and homecoming is 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** – Remember that we have commemorative items for sale in the church office. They include a new history book by Dr. Jesse Croom, beautiful prints of our church by the late Betsy Campen Bierowski, a Christmas ornament and an attractive bumper sticker.
- **DO YOU KNOW?** What natural disaster in September 2003 caused massive flooding and destruction in Edenton, and bound the members of EBC together to aid the community?
 - A. Hurricane Irene
 - B. Hurricane Isabelle
 - C. Hurricane Claudette

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Our Bicentennial Anthem this Sunday

The long anticipated Bicentennial Anthem that was commissioned for our celebration will be presented this Sunday, under the direction of its composer, David Schwoebel. The piece is based on the text of Jeremiah 29:11. The dedication of the anthem reads, *In celebration of the bicentennial of Edenton Baptist Church, Edenton, NC, and in memory of Mary Smith, organist for over 30 years and Corinne Thorud, choir member for over 75 years.*

David Schwoebel is Minister of Music/Composer in Residence at Derbyshire Baptist Church in Richmond, VA. He received his BA in Voice and Organ Performance from McKendree College in Lebanon, IL and a Master of Church Music with an emphasis in Composition from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, TX.

Our Missions Dollars at Work

This year, \$39,230.00 of our church's operating budget goes to various missions partners. You are encouraged to pray for each of these missions partners that are supported through the offerings we give. One of our missions partners is **The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC (CBFNC)**—a fellowship of Baptists in North Carolina sharing a commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, sensitivity to the Holy Spirit in our midst, and a reverence for God's Word. Our oneness with others in CBFNC is expressed through a devotion to historic Baptist principles of faith and practice. This devotion calls us to join together in responding to Jesus' call to go into all the world to share God's love (Matt. 28:19-20). The mission of CBFNC is "Bringing Baptists of North Carolina together for Christ-Centered Ministry." You can learn more about CBFNC at www.cbfnc.org.

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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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Sermon: "On Purpose For a Purpose"

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:10-14

"For I know the plans I have for you",
declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not
to harm you, plans to give you *hope* and a *future*."

-Jeremiah 29:11

This Sunday our Adult Choir will premier a new anthem, written in celebration of our Bicentennial, and in loving memory of Mary Smith and Corinne Thorud.



Mr. Charles Morgan

by: Celeste Maus

Mrs. Esther Brabble

by: Barbara Elbualy
M/M Wallace Evans
Charlotte L. Small
M/M Pete Dail
M/M Jay Swicegood
M/M Leonard Small, Jr.
Mary Bethany SS Class

Mr. Russell Wheeler

by: M/M Wallace Evans
Janet Skinner
Patsy Taylor
M/M Clyde Adams
M/M Leo Lavoie
Eric & Sherry Tilley
Betty Bateman
M/M Leonard Small, Jr.
M/M Allen Mills
Alice Witten
M/M Steve Brown

Dr. Landis Voigt

by: M/M Pete Dail
Harriet Sawyer
Scott Harrell, Sr.
Celeste Maus
M/M Allen Mills
M/M Frankie Edmundson
M/M Herbert Field
M/M Tony Hughes
M/M Jimmy Fleetwood

Mrs. Corinne Thorud

by: Celeste Maus

Mr. Jack Evans

by: M/M Allen Mills
M/M Tony Hughes

Raymond & Dollie Mansfield

by: Helen M. Willie

Mrs. Pattie Byrum

by: Celeste Maus

Mr. Pete Attkisson

by: M/M Tony Hughes

Mrs. Betty Manning

by: Helen Hooker

Mr. Robert Halsey

by: Harriet Sawyer
M/M Wallace Evans
M/M Leonard Small, Jr.
Lin & Connie Scheel
Janet Skinner
M/M Alton Elmore
Charlotte L. Small
M/M Tom Ward
Celeste Maus
M/M Allen Mills
M/M J.P. Timberlake
Barbara Elbualy
M/M Jim Chesson
M/M Charles Creighton
M/M Frankie Edmundson
Jane Mabry/Mike Williams
M/M Jay Swicegood
M/M Steve Brown
M/M Carlton Jackson
M/M James Ellis

Ms. Anne Chappell

by: M/M Wallace Evans
M/M Allen Mills
M/M J.P. Timberlake
Mary Bethany SS Class

Mr. Glenn Perry

by: M/M Pete Dail
Janet Skinner
M/M James Ellis
Patsy Taylor
M/M Wallace Evans
M/M Marshall Williford
M/M Harry Wilkinson
Hardy & Ruth Warren
M/M Leonard Small, Jr.
Sykes & Co.
Richard Elliott
Patty Jordan
M/M Jim Copeland
Red & Lois Murrell
M/M Alton Elmore
M/M Leo Lavoie
Charlotte L. Small
M/M Tom Ward
Celeste Maus
M/M Allen Mills
M/M Pickett Wright
Beverly Yeoman
Don & Barbara Speight
Peggy Johnson
Michael Morgan
M/M Cam Byrum
Barbara Elbualy
Willard & Naomi Hoffler
Patricia Kelly
M/M Jim Chesson
Jane Mabry/Mike Williams
M/M Charles Creighton
Dr/M Jesse Croom
M/M Frankie Edmundson
M/M Ronnie Bass
D.W. & Mary Nixon
Tony & Karen Spivey
Hattie Byrum
M/M Harlan Hughes
Paige Hollowell
M/M Tony Hughes
M/M Jay Swicegood
M/M Steve Brown
M/M Jimmy Fleetwood
M/M Carlton Jackson
Rebecca Gresham
Marguerite McCall
Serfco, Inc.
M/M Cliff Copeland

Mr. Wayne Evans

by: M/M Allen Mills
M/M Jay Swicegood

Ms. Rhonda Fleetwood

by: M/M Allen Mills

Mrs. Legion Britton

by: M/M Leonard Small, Jr.
Lottie Moon Group
M/M Jay Swicegood
Patsy Taylor
Barbara Elbualy
M/M Leo Lavoie
Jean Perry
Janet Skinner
M/M Kenneth Flippin
M/M Wallace Evans
Southern Bank Employees
M/M Carlton Jackson
M/M Jim Copeland
Vivian Whteman

Rev. Walter Byrum

by: Janet Skinner
Patsy Taylor
Celeste Maus
M/M J.M. Parrish
M/M Jay Swicegood

Mrs. Frances Eason

by: M/M Leonard Small, Jr.
M/M Jimmy Fleetwood
M/M J.M. Parrish
Hattie Byrum

Mr. Wayland Byrum

by: Janet Skinner
Hattie Byrum

*We have many more Memorials
and will print the rest soon.*

LECTIONARY READINGS

February 19, 2017
7th Sun. after the Epiphany
 Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
 Psalm 119:33-40
 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
 Matthew 5:38-48

February 26, 2017
Transfiguration Sunday
 Exodus 24:12-18
 Psalm 2
 2 Peter 1:16-21
 Matthew 17:1-9

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Missions Extravaganza

Anyone interested in attending ME on March 24-25 in Greensboro is asked to meet for a few minutes this Sunday, Feb. 26, immediately following worship in the area of the sanctuary by the organ. If you are planning to go to ME but cannot be at this meeting, please let Lisha Sparks know.

HOSPITAL REPORT (2/16)
Vidant Medical Center
 Betty Cox

To: Churches of Edenton
From: First Presbyterian Church of Edenton

We hope your congregation will join us Sunday, Feb. 26 at 3:00pm for an afternoon of piano music played on our newly restored Steinway grand piano. Christopher Bunch, our pianist, is a blessing to our church each Sunday as he shares his musical talent with us. Our congregation wishes to share his talent with the community. Everyone is welcome!

WEEKLY REPORT (2/12)

Offering

Amount Received.....\$8,088.47

Other Monies Received

Wed. Supper.....308.00
 Memorial Fund.....3,657.00
 Bicentennial190.00
 Youth Fundraiser.....660.00
 Baptist Men.....1,099.78
 Reimb. to Deacons.....187.00
 Global Missions.....10.00
 Lottie Moon.....9.33
 TOTAL.....6,121.11

Attendance

Sunday School.....147
 Chowan River Nursing.....41
 SS TOTAL.....188
 Worship Total.....228

A Word From the Pastor

Most Sunday mornings, at the beginning of our worship service, we are reminded by three chimes from the organ that we are gathered to worship the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In a mystery that we cannot fully explain or understand as human beings, our God exists as one God in three forms, unique entities and yet one. No one member of the trinity is of more value or importance than the other. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit all have different roles, but they all exist in mutual interaction with one another. Some theologians observe that one of the reasons God exists as three in one is to show us how to live in harmony and community with one another.

Harmony and community were certainly on display last Sunday afternoon and evening. Three different choirs (Edenton Baptist, St. Paul’s Episcopal, and Edenton United Methodist) joined their voices with one another in harmony to lead our hymn festival. Our community came together under Adam Ward’s direction to sing praises to God and to enjoy the making of music. Then, in the evening, our church family shared in our Valentine Banquet—a wonderful intergenerational event. Our youth and youth parents are so grateful for your participation in the banquet and your generosity as you bought tickets to the banquet, tipped them for their service, and bought some delicious homemade desserts in the silent auction. After expenses, \$1,041 was raised, providing \$69 for each of the fifteen youth who helped serve the meal. That money will be applied to the cost of the mission trip in July. It was a joy to see the harmony of our youth and parents working together to serve the meal, and my heart was warmed to see our youth, young adults, middle-aged adults, and senior adults all in community with one another for good food and a fun time together.

I hope you will look for ways to live in harmony with your friends, family, and neighbors. And I pray that you will be intentional to build relationships and community with others in our congregation, in your neighborhood, and beyond. I think it is especially pleasing to God when we make an effort to build loving relationships with people who are different from us in age, class, race, even religion. When we work to be in harmony with our neighbors and in community with one another, that is one of the most tangible and beautiful ways that we can show the world the nature of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in harmony and in community with each other.

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When the Chimes of the Holy Trinity ring at the beginning of worship each Sunday morning, use those moments to praise the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Then, pray that God will show you how you can build relationships and grow in harmony and community with other people. If we can truly build such relationships and community with one another, then God will be praised not only on Sunday mornings but in the living of our lives every day.

Grace and peace,

David

Expression of Thanks

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



Hurricane Isabelle

Please note: No basketball is scheduled for us this Saturday.

Bicentennial Invitations

If someone you know should have received an invitation but did not, please call Ruth Bass (482-4374 or 333-0359) or Jackie Adams (482-4736).

Birthdays

Sunday, February 19
 Michael Dowd II
Monday, February 20
 Kati Griffin
 Kristi Griffin
Tuesday, February 21
 Waldo Winslow
Wednesday, February 22
 Leslie Fuller
 Sarah Goodwin
 Freddie Oldham
Friday, February 24
 Christina Keeter
Saturday, February 25
 Dot Small

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 19
 9:45-Sunday School
 10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer
 11:00-Morning Worship
 5:30-Youth REAL Talk
Monday, February 20
 5:30-Handbell Rehearsal
Tuesday, February 21
 2-7:00-Red Cross Blood Drive
 6:00-Finance Committee, Rm. 103
Wednesday, February 22
 5:30-Supper
 6:00-Children’s Choirs
 6:30-Adult Bible Study
 7:30-Adult Choir Practice
Thursday, February 23
 7:45-Jesus & Java, Coffee House
 10:15-Book Bag Buddies