

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

DEACONS: Hazel Elliott & Allen Mills
BUS DRIVER: David Ray (482-9968)
BUS RIDER: Hazel Elliott
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Sandra Stanley
AUDIO OPERATOR: Keith Privott
VIDEO OPERATOR: Holly Smith
OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Michael Smith
BOOK BAG BUDDIES DRIVER (for 3/2): Jay Swicegood



NO CHILDREN'S SERMON THIS WEEK.

Entertaining a Hope: Bicentennial News

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. **On Wednesdays, March 8 & 15**, Jesse Croom will be available to sign copies of the new history book. All items will be on hand for sale those nights in the fellowship hall.



We welcome our new janitor, Mr. Haywood Collins, to Edenton Baptist. Haywood spent 15 years as a janitor at D.F. Walker school and he looks forward to becoming a part of our EBC family.

Our Missions Dollars at Work

Approximately 7½% of our annual budget of \$527,535 is given directly to various missions partners. Please pray for each of these missions partners that are supported through the offerings that we give. One of our missions partners is **The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF)**—a network of churches and individuals that work together to spread the hope of Christ through global missions, advocating for justice, church partnerships, support of theological education, and opportunities for fellowship. CBF is our primary denominational identity. To learn more about CBF, go to www.cbf.net/about.

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On March 1 we will have an Ash Wednesday service at 6:30pm in the church sanctuary. There will be no children's activities for grades 1-6. These children may attend the worship service with their parents. Pre-K and K will have activities as normal, with choir from 6:00-6:45pm and missions from 6:45-7:30pm.

Retrieval of Time Capsule

When our current sanctuary was built 100 years ago, a time capsule with items from that era was placed within the back wall of the southeast corner of the sanctuary. The capsule was removed in 1992 as our church celebrated our 175th anniversary. Then, the capsule was returned to its original location and resealed within the wall. Now, as we approach our 200th anniversary, we will retrieve the capsule once more so that we can share its contents with the congregation at our Bicentennial Celebration on March 26th. Feel free to join with members of our Bicentennial and Building/Grounds committees on this special occasion **on Sunday, March 5th, at 5:15pm, in the sanctuary.**



Flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday will be given in honor of Yates and Mary Julia Parrish on their 67th wedding anniversary, by their children, Faye, C.Y. Linda, Jean, Jane, their grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

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 23, 2017

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

The Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

Baptist Men's Breakfast, 8:30am

Sermon: *"Why Do We Sing?"*

Scripture: Colossians 3:15-17



Music Sunday

This Sunday we will continue to celebrate the music ministry of our church. Guest organist will be Buddy Hyatt. Special music will be presented by Craig, Anna Kay, and Carole Laughton. We will also hear from our Children's Choirs and our Handbell Choir. It promises to be another wonderful service of praise and worship.

LECTIONARY READINGS

February 26, 2017

Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9



March 5, 2017

1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

WEEKLY REPORT (2/19)

Offering

Amount Received.....\$11,941.53

Other Monies Received

Wed. Supper.....288.00

Memorial Fund.....2,805.00

Bicentennial190.00

Youth Fundraiser.....849.00

Baptist Men Reimb.....642.12

Fellowship to Go Reimb...180.00

Global Missions.....10.00

Heck Jones Offering.....30.00

TOTAL.....4,804.12

Attendance

Sunday School.....227

Chowan River Nursing.....42

SS TOTAL.....269

Worship Total.....250

Birthdays

Sunday, February 26

Katie Klein

Marian Mankin

Jan Mustian

Monday, February 27

Ray Davis

Tuesday, February 28

Ruth Bass

Jenny Williams

Virginia Williams

Wednesday, March 1

Joy Harvill

Sarah Long

Brenda Spruill

Thursday, March 2

Robbie Brooks

Robin Stallings

Friday, March 3

Madelyn Dale

Joyce Lassiter

Jeff Thatcher

Saturday, March 4

Kathy Cale

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Friday, February 24

6:30-Game Night, Fell. Hall

Saturday, February 25

Basketball: EBC-OD at JAHHS

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, February 26

8:30-Baptist Men's Breakfast

9:45-Sunday School

10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer

11:00-Morning Worship

5:30-Youth REAL Talk

Monday, February 27

2:00-Helen Hughes Group,

Anna Bass

5:30-Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 1

5:30-Supper (taco salad)

6:00-Pre-K & K Choir

6:30-Ash Wednesday Service

6:45-Pre-K & K Missions

7:30-Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, March 2

7:45-Jesus & Java, Coffee House

10:15-Book Bag Buddies

A Word From the Associate Pastor

6 Lessons in 6 Months

Last week, February 14, marked 6 months exactly that I have been associate pastor at EBC. I'm just as excited as I was when I started back in the summer, but I'm a little more informed on a few things about the church and community. Here they are:

(1) **Carry cash:** Not every place of business in Edenton or the surrounding area accepts a credit card for meals or purchases. There have been a couple of occasions when David has had to cover my lunch when I didn't have cash. I don't think I get to use that excuse too many more times!

(2) **Wave at people:** When I'm in my car, I'm usually focused on driving. So if you wave at me and I'm not paying attention, I'll miss it and won't wave back. I've been called out on that a number of times in the months I've been here. Even if you don't know the person waving, wave anyway; chances are they know you, or you know somebody they know. Just wave.

(3) **Ministry goes both ways:** I came here to live out my calling as a minister of the Gospel, and I hope I've succeeded in that at least a few times here and there. What I've been reminded of along the way is that I am not the only minister here. More than once, you all have helped me remember that, speaking a kind word in the hallway, sending an encouraging email on a difficult day, or offering your support and prayers since my recent injury. I'm grateful to be at a church where I have the privilege to minister and the opportunity to be ministered to.

(4) **Pecan:** We all spell it the same, but we pronounce it differently. Am I right? That's a dangerous question when asked about this word. Most folks here say "PEE-can," like the bucket you might keep next to your bed in case of a midnight bathroom emergency. Then there are those who say "puh-CAHN," or "PEE-cun" and either of those is just plain wrong. I'm somewhere in the middle with "PEE-cahn." I'm sure that makes some of you squirm, but like Walter Cronkite used to say, "That's the way it is."

(5) **Young at heart:** I'm nearing a quarter of a century. 25 comes in May, and my knees are reminding me that I'm not quite as young as I used to be. Now don't get me wrong – I'm not complaining about being 25. I'm glad to be where I am age-wise, health-wise, and otherwise. But one of the true joys of my position is getting to work with youth who are just that – youthful.

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In our casual conversations, Bible studies, and fun times, we grow together. I teach them and they remind me – of the joy of following Jesus, of the fact that none of us has it all figured out, of the simplicity of sharing community in Uno, virtual baseball, or hide-and-go-seek.

(6) **Worship is relational:** One of the many aspects of worship at EBC that I have found here is that worship is relational. What I mean is that I can look out at the faces in the congregation on Sunday mornings and see people that I have come to know and love, the memories already made in the half-year that I've been here. That's not something that happens in every congregation, and it's a true treasure to name and claim in our small town Baptist church. I spent three years in divinity school learning about all the ways that worship can be enhanced by theological profundity or creativity in music and prayer, all of which are important aspects of congregational worship! But if we focus so much on *how* we worship that we miss *Who* we worship and those who worship alongside us, we've missed the point. We are a people called to worship God *together in community*. I truly believe our church has a terrific balance of theological insight and relational emphasis in worship, a feat that is not easily accomplished.

I hope you've enjoyed a brief overview of what I've learned in the time that I've been here. Come find me sometime this week and let's chat about it!

Patrick

Expression of Thanks

Samuel and Betty Cox wish to express their sincere appreciation to the church family for the many acts of kindness and prayers rendered in their behalf.

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Mrs. Jane Nowell
Edenton House
323 Medical Arts Drive
Edenton, NC 27932

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Miss Clara Ward
PO Box 3122
Buies Creek, NC 27506

HOSPITAL REPORT (2/23)

Roanoke-Chowan Hosp.

Linda Rinehart Green

Chowan Hospital

Charlotte V. Small

Vidant Medical Center

Alma Taylor

Anniversaries

Saturday, March 4

M/M Alton Elmore

Sunday, March 5

M/M Yates Parrish