

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

DEACONS: Alton Elmore & Paul Williams
BUS DRIVER: Tim Smith (333-0431)
BUS RIDER: Paul Williams
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Artie Nixon
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Susan Biggs & Karen Fleetwood
AUDIO OPERATOR: Paul Williams
VIDEO OPERATOR: Steven Byrum
OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Jenny Williams
BOOK BAG BUDDIES DRIVER (for 3/9): Myron Broadwell

◆ SENIORFEST 2017 ◆

Tuesday, March 21
9:30am-2:30pm
Chowan University Campus

This senior adult trip features Bean & Bailey Comedy Duo, plus choice of 7 breakout sessions, entertainment, & lunch. Registration fee is \$14 per person, which includes program & lunch. **RSVP with the church office or Anna Copeland by Wednesday, March 8. Cost of ticket must be paid at the time of reservation.**

"As You Go..." CBFNC Annual Gathering

Friday, March 31
First Baptist Church, Hickory

If you are interested in attending, please visit www.cbfnc.org or speak with one of our pastors.

**MARCH FOOD
PANTRY REQUEST:**
RICE



Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

This year WMU will be collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes throughout the year, and packing them as a group endeavor in November. The items to collect for March are non-liquid personal hygiene items, such as toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, adhesive bandages, etc. Starting in 2017, toothpaste cannot be included in shoebox gifts due to increasing customs regulations, but a child's oral hygiene can still be improved by regular use of a toothbrush alone. There is a box in the back hallway for your donations.

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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 **this Sunday, March 5th, at 5:15pm, in the sanctuary.**

Entertaining a Hope: 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.

DO YOU KNOW?

Albemarle Baptist Church began as a mission of Edenton Baptist Church in 1982. Who was their first pastor?

- A. John Stanley
- B. John Allen
- C. Garry Mickey



THE INFORMER

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Edenton, North Carolina 27932

A Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Congregation

David B. Brooks
Pastor

Patrick I. Cardwell
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Director of Music

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Organist/Assistant Music Director

Janet C. Skinner
Church Administrator

Lorraine B. Bass
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Sherry S. Dowd
Preschool Coordinator

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THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017

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SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017

Meredith College Chorale Concert

7:00pm

EBC Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

The First Sunday in Lent

Deacons Meeting, 8:00am

Morning Worship, 11:00am

Sermon: "The First Step of the Journey"

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

Observance of the Lord's Supper

Lent For Kids, 4:00pm

Retrieval of Time Capsule, 5:15pm

Youth REAL Talk, 5:30pm

LECTIONARY READINGS

March 5, 2017

1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11



March 12, 2017

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17



Attention Pre-K–6th grade parents! Looking for a night out with your spouse or significant other, but can't find affordable childcare? Then bring your children to EBC's Parents' Night Out on Friday, March 10, from 6:00-9:00pm. The minimum recommended donation is \$15 per child. This is a fundraiser for our EBC youth, who thank you in advance for your support.

WEEKLY REPORT (2/26)

Offering

Amount Received.....\$11,169.85

Other Monies Received

Wed. Supper.....301.00

Memorial Fund.....20,390.00

Bicentennial90.00

Alb. Preg. Resource Ctr.....30.00

Fellowship to Go Reimb...240.00

Global Missions.....10.00

Heck Jones Offering.....55.00

TOTAL 21,116.00

Attendance

Sunday School.....126

Chowan River Nursing.....42

SS TOTAL.....168

Worship Total.....230

FAMILY BASKETBALL CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 19

2:00-4:00pm

Let's celebrate another year of church basketball with a time of family fun in the gym. Players are reminded to turn in their jerseys.



Birthdays

Sunday, March 5

Rodney Harrell

Monday, March 6

Worth Rinehart

Tuesday, March 7

Janice Criddle

Molly White

Wednesday, March 8

Greg Harmon

Joe Hollowell

Linda Kight

Barbara Stille

Thursday, March 9

Kermit Nixon

R.H. Partin

Friday, March 10

Martha Mitchell

David Perry

Judy Ross

Anniversaries

Monday, March 6

M/M David Buchanan

Saturday, March 11

M/M Don Small

A Word From the Pastor

Wednesday, March 1, was the first day of a new month. It was also the first day of a new season in the Christian year: Lent. The Lenten season has been observed for centuries as a period of forty days (excluding Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Easter in which Christians intentionally repent of their sins, spend time in prayer, fast from certain luxuries, and seek to serve others. These are actually disciplines that Christians should and can practice throughout the year, but the forty days of Lent help us to remember Jesus' experience in the desert after his baptism and before he began his public ministry. If an intentional period of prayer, reflection, and fasting was important to our Lord before he began teaching and healing, then surely a forty-day period of intentionally repenting and seeking God can be of great value to our lives as well.

If you have not yet decided how to intentionally observe Lent, it is not too late. Stop for a few minutes and pray to God, asking God to reveal to you something you can intentionally "give up" from now until Easter. Some possibilities: desserts, certain kinds of beverages (coffee, soft drinks, sweet tea, alcohol), red meat, television, social media, complaining, criticism. While giving something up for Lent, you might also take something on: getting to bed earlier, exercising every day, 5-10 minutes of silence, playing on the floor with your children, writing a note of gratitude or care every day, memorizing scripture. You might also use the season of Lent to dwell on one book of the Bible or one chapter. The goal is not to read a different book of the Bible every day, but to read the same book or chapter(s) every day for forty days, trusting that God will speak through the verses that become very familiar to you and your circumstances.

As we begin the season of Lent, imagine your life as a clay pot being shaped by God on a potter's wheel (see Jeremiah 18). There are some imperfections and flaws in your life, some sins that need to be addressed. Like the potter, God can work with your life, smoothing over the rough surfaces, molding you into something new, something different, something beautiful which God can use in the world today. Let this Lenten season be a time of being reshaped and a time of drawing closer to God who holds you in his loving hands.

Grace and peace,

David

Lent For Kids: *Becoming Like Christ*

Sundays, March 5 – April 9 at 4:00pm

Led by Patrick Cardwell and Gary Stanley for 4th-6th Graders

Helping children discover what it means to choose, obey, and become like Jesus!

Wednesday Night Bible Study

6:30pm

Fellowship Hall

This week:

Ephesians 4:17– 5:2



Saturday, March 4

7:00-Meredith College Chorale

Sunday, March 5

8:00-Deacons Meeting

9:45-Sunday School

10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer

11:00-Morning Worship

4:00-Lent For Kids

5:15-Time Capsule Retrieval

5:30-Youth REAL Talk

Monday, March 6

5:30-Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 8

5:30-Supper

6:00-Children's Choirs

6:30-Adult Bible Study

6:45-Children's Missions

7:30-Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, March 9

7:45-Jesus & Java, Coffee House

10:15-Book Bag Buddies

12:00-Salt Shakers, Soda Shoppe



Garry Mickey
on August 12, 1984

HOSPITAL REPORT (3/2)

Roanoke-Chowan Hosp.

Linda Rinehart Green

Chowan Hospital

Hilda Goodwin

Vidant Medical Center

Alma Taylor

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Mrs. Illa Pearl Parks

Edenton Primetime

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Miss Susan Bass

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