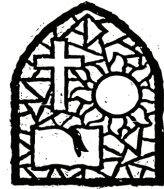


## SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

**DEACONS:** Nancy Barrow & Charles Swanner  
**BUS DRIVER:** Ben Rinehart, Jr. (482-2959)  
**BUS RIDER:** Nancy Barrow  
**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Dianne Cinkovich  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Chrystal Parrish  
**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Maurice Bunch  
**VIDEO OPERATORS:** Allen & Claire Mills  
**OUTREACH COMMITTEE:** Patrick Bass  
**BOOK BAG BUDDIES DRIVER (for 3/16):** Gary Swanner



### MARCH REQUESTS

**Food Pantry:**  
Rice

**Operation Christmas  
Child Shoeboxes:**  
Non-liquid personal  
hygiene items

### Lent For Kids:

***Becoming Like Christ***  
Sundays through April 9  
4:00pm

Led by Patrick Cardwell &  
Gary Stanley for Grades 4-6  
*Helping children discover what  
it means to choose, obey, &  
become like Christ.*

### *"As You Go..."*

#### CBFNC Annual Gathering

Friday, March 31  
First Baptist Church, Hickory  
8:30am-8:15pm

*If you would like to attend,  
visit [www.cbfnc.org](http://www.cbfnc.org) or speak  
with one of our pastors.*

### HOSPITAL REPORT (3/8)

**Roanoke-Chowan Hosp.**  
Linda Rinehart Green

### Calendar of Activities

#### Friday, March 10

6:00-9:00-Parents' Night Out

#### Sunday, March 12

9:45-Sunday School

10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer

11:00-Morning Worship

4:00-Lent For Kids

5:30-Youth REAL Talk

#### Monday, March 13

5:30-Handbell Rehearsal

#### Tuesday, March 14

11:00-Joint WMU, Fellowship Hall

7:00-Son Beams, Ruth Bass

#### Wednesday, March 15

5:30-Supper

6:00-Children's Choirs

6:30-Church Conference

6:45-Children's Missions

7:30-Adult Choir Practice

#### Thursday, March 16

7:45-Jesus & Java, Coffee House

10:15-Book Bag Buddies

7:15-Bicentennial Meeting

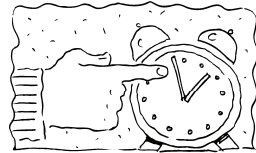


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SET YOUR CLOCKS  
**Ahead!**

Daylight Saving Time is here!  
Be sure to move your clocks  
up one hour before you go to  
bed Saturday night.



### Pre-K-6<sup>th</sup> grade parents!

Parents' Night Out is this  
Friday, March 10, from 6:00-  
9:00pm. This is a fundraiser  
for our youth, who thank you  
in advance for your support.  
The minimum recommended  
donation per child is \$15.

### JOY CLUB OUTING!

It is time for a trip to Cypress Grill in Jamesville for "Fish & Her-  
rings". We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:45am on  
Tuesday, March 28 and travel by church bus. Call Anna Cope-  
land (435-5272) or the church office (482-3217) to RSVP by  
March 20 if you plan to join us. .

### Our Missions Dollars at Work

Approximately 7½% of our annual budget of \$527,535.00 is  
given directly to various missions partners. Please pray for  
these partners that are supported through the offerings that we  
give. One of our missions partners is **Woman's Missionary  
Union of NC**—a missions organization with offices in Raleigh  
whose purpose is to challenge, prepare, and equip Christian  
believers to be radically involved in the fulfillment of the Great  
Commission (Mt. 28:18-20). Learn more about WMU-NC at  
[www.wmunc.org](http://www.wmunc.org) and get involved in the ministries of our own  
WMU within our church by contacting the church office.

# THE INFORMER

Edenton Baptist Church

Edenton, North Carolina 27932

*A Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Congregation*

David B. Brooks  
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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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## SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

### The Second Sunday in Lent

Sermon – *"Searching for Light in Dark Places"*

Scripture – John 3:1-17

### *Entertaining a Hope*

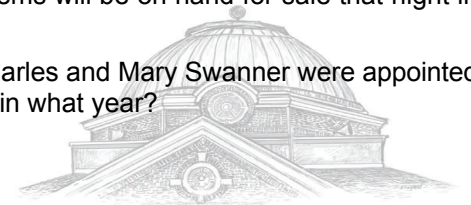
### BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IS MARCH 26!

Our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and homecoming is almost  
here! **We will not have Sunday School and our worship ser-  
vice 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 com-  
memorative items for sale in the church office. On Wednesday,  
March 15, Jesse Croom will be available to sign copies of the  
new history book. All items will be on hand for sale that night in  
the fellowship hall.

**DO YOU KNOW?** - Charles and Mary Swanner were appointed  
as foreign missionaries in what year?

- A. 1979
- B. 1984
- C. 1988



**LECTIONARY READINGS**

**March 12, 2017**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

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



**March 19, 2017**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Exodus 17:1-7  
 Psalm 95  
 Romans 5:1-11  
 John 4:5-42

**SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK**

Mrs. Mary Ann White  
 Edenton Primetime  
 PO Box 987  
 Edenton, NC 27932

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Miss Ali Belch  
 3105 Oak Apartments  
 3800 Hillsborough Street  
 Raleigh, NC 27607

**Transfer of Membership**

Kelly Rhodes Adams has joined Baptist Church of the Covenant in Birmingham, AL.

**WEEKLY REPORT (3/5)**

**Offering**

Amount Received.....\$12,244.00

**Other Monies Received**

Community Missions.....141.41  
 Wed. Supper.....250.77  
 Memorial Fund.....150.00  
 WMU NC.....100.00  
 Alb. Preg. Resource Ctr.....5.33  
 Baptist Men Breakfast.....51.00  
 Global Missions.....410.00  
 Heck Jones Offering.....210.00  
**TOTAL \$1,318.51**

**Attendance**

Sunday School.....119  
 Chowan River Nursing.....42  
 SS TOTAL.....161  
 Worship Total.....214

**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 12**

Jonathan Bassett  
 Ann Brown  
 Sandra Stanley

**Monday, March 13**

Stephen Chesson  
 Dalton Furlough  
 Robert Kenny

**Tuesday, March 14**

Merritt Chesson

**Wednesday, March 15**

Steve Biggs

**Thursday, March 16**

Jean Bunch  
 Steven Byrum  
 Barbara Rinehart

**Saturday, March 18**

Mark Alligood  
 Jimmy Lambeth  
 Jonathan Winslow

**Anniversaries**

**Tuesday, March 14**

M/M Jim Chesson  
 M/M Bill Norvell

**A Word From the Pastor**

How well are you doing with your Lenten discipline? Did you choose to give up something for Lent or take on a new practice from now through Easter? If so, have you found it helpful to tell someone about the discipline you are following? Or do you prefer to keep the matter between you and God? Most years, I am rather private about what I give up or take on for Lent, perhaps sharing it with my family and a few close friends. But this year I think it is helpful for you to know that I have chosen to give up Facebook and Twitter. I know that many of you who are reading this do not use Facebook, Twitter, or any other form of online social media. But for those who do connect with me online, you need to know why I am not responding to your pictures, updates, links, and messages that you are posting. I am not ignoring you; I am simply giving up all social media as my own discipline for this Lenten season.

It is tempting to take a peek at Facebook and Twitter because I enjoy keeping up with different circles of friends on Facebook and I stay informed about news and sports through Twitter. But the first thing I did on the morning of Ash Wednesday was to delete the Facebook and Twitter apps on my iPhone. That may sound drastic to some of you, but it has made my discipline cleaner and simpler. There's a lesson in this practice, I believe, about the value of doing all that we can to not put ourselves in situations where we can be tempted.

Already, I have benefitted from my Lenten discipline in two ways: less wasted time and being present to people around me. Like most people who use Facebook, I can easily let a quick glance turn into five, ten, or fifteen minutes of scrolling on my phone that may be entertaining but ultimately a poor use of time. And I use Twitter most often at high school sporting events and while watching my favorite teams on TV, tweeting in-game updates/scores and checking to see what others are saying about the games. All the while, I am not present to the friends and family that are with me. Watching these games "Twitter-free" has helped me to be more personally engaged with the people that are seated in the bleachers around me or in the same room with me.

How about you? How is God using your intentional Lenten discipline to help you to grow in faith? If you haven't committed to a Lenten practice yet, it's not too late to start.

Grace and peace,  
 David



**Mrs. Betsy Chesson**

by: M/M Leonard Small, Jr.  
 Mary Barrow  
 M/M Tom Bass, Sr.  
 M/M Steve Brown  
 Hattie Byrum  
 M/M Wallace Evans  
 M/M Carlton Jackson  
 M/M Jim Kalbach  
 M/M Leo Lavoie  
 Pete Manning  
 M/M Frankie Edmundson  
 M/M Robert Reynolds  
 M/M Robert Wright  
 M/M Paul Howard  
 Mary Douglass  
 Lucy Edmundson  
 M/M Mike Parrish  
 Laura Hutchison  
 M/M Mike Partin  
 Janet Skinner  
 Jean Perry  
 Patsy Taylor  
 M/M Francis McCarthy  
 M/M Brewster King  
 John McNairy  
 M/M Stephen Sockwell  
 M/M Tucker Mann  
 Shelly Greer  
 Helen M. Willie  
 Horace Beasley  
 Jimmy Smith  
 Seekers Class of Hayes  
 Barton Baptist Church  
 M/M Alan Neebe  
 M/M Tim Phelps  
 Linda Farrar  
 M/M Charles Creighton  
 Joan Warren  
 Ruth "Baby Rae" Overman  
 Caulton Tudor  
 M/M Tom Ward  
 Lacy & Sydnor Presnell  
 M/M Walt Garvin  
 M/M William Riddick

**Mrs. Betsy Chesson**

by: M/M Walter Sherlin  
 M/M Pete Dail  
 Richard Elliott  
 M/M Sam Moore  
 M/M Richard Lewis  
 M/M William O. White  
 M/M Hood Ellis  
 M/M Paul Waff  
 M/M Paul Bock  
 Dr/M David Wright  
 M/M William Warren  
 Donna Winborne  
 M/M William Pinna  
 John & Jane Holding  
 M/M Barrett Patterson  
 M/M Wilson Greene  
 Steven Crouse  
 Mary Bethany SS Class  
 M/M J. P. Timberlake  
 Jim & Leverna Copeland  
 Charlotte L. Small  
 M/M J. M. Parrish  
 M/M Harold Wells III  
 Barbara Elbualy  
 M/M Henry Jones  
 D.W. & Mary Nixon  
 Jackie Copeland  
 M/M Cam Byrum  
 M/M Al Cox  
 Charitable Endowment  
 Fund of Triangle  
 Scott Harrell  
 Floyd & Marietta Dormire  
 M/M Robert Frazee  
 M/M Tilmon Keel

**Mr. Robert Halsey**

by: M/M Keith Nixon

**Mrs. Betty Manning**

by: Mike & Catherine Jackson

**Mr. Glenn Perry**

by: M/M Cam Byrum

*More memorials coming soon.*