

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

DEACONS: Casey Bass & Mac Privott
BUS DRIVER: Mac Privott (619-0616)
BUS RIDER: Casey Bass
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Mary Anne Croom
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Dorothy Bunch
AUDIO OPERATOR: Gary Swanner
VIDEO OPERATOR: Susie Swanner
YOUTH SNACK: Don & Cyndi Small
OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Kevin Briggs
WED. ADULT BIBLE STUDY (3/22): Ephesians 5:3-20
BOOK BAG BUDDIES DRIVER (for 3/23): Patrick Cardwell



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.*

MARCH REQUESTS

Food Pantry:
Rice

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

"As You Go..."

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

HOSPITAL REPORT (3/29)
Roanoke-Chowan Hosp.
Linda Rinehart Green

Calendar of Activities

Sunday, March 19

9:45-Sunday School
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer
11:00-Morning Worship
2:00-4:00-Basketball Family Fun
4:00-Lent For Kids
5:30-Youth REAL Talk

Monday, March 20

5:30-Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 22

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 23

7:45-Jesus & Java, Coffee House
10:15-Book Bag Buddies



Kenneth Word

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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. We will have free throw contests for all ages, along with dads vs. sons and moms vs. daughters. Players are reminded to turn in their jerseys.

JOY CLUB OUTING!

It is time for a trip to Cypress Grill in Jamesville for "Fish & Herrings". We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:45am on Tuesday, March 28 and travel by church bus. Call Anna Copeland (435-5272) or the church office (482-3217) to RSVP by Monday, 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 **NC Baptist Men/Baptists On Mission**. With a vision of helping every Christian to share God's love with hurting people through word and deed, NCBM provides seventeen different ministries. Learn more about NCBM at www.baptistsonmission.org and get involved in the ministries of our own Baptist Men by contacting the church office and coming to the Baptist Men's monthly breakfast on the last Sunday of every month.

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, MARCH 16, 2017

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SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

The Third Sunday in Lent



John 4:5-42

Rev. Patrick Cardwell



BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IS MARCH 26!

Our 200th anniversary celebration and homecoming is almost here! **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.

DO YOU KNOW? - In 1994 Edenton Baptist Church claimed to be a body of faithful and free Baptists, beginning the process of affiliating with CBF. Who was the pastor during that transition?
A. Kenneth Word B. Gene Puckett C. Paul Pridgen

LECTIONARY READINGS

March 19, 2017
3rd Sunday in Lent
 Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm 95
 Romans 5:1-11
 John 4:5-42



March 26, 2017
4th Sunday in Lent
 1 Samuel 16:1-13
 Psalm 23
 Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-41

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Mr. John Rogerson
 Hertford Manor
 462 Two Mile Desert Road
 Hertford, NC 27944

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Mr. Garrett Stanley
 1920 Exchange Drive
 Apt. 05-532
 Greenville, NC 27858

LITTLE GOOSE NEST

There are openings in the 3-year-old class for 2017-2918. Spread the word and call the office for more information.

WEEKLY REPORT (3/12)

Offering
 Amount Received.....\$.7,465.00
Other Monies Received
 Wed. Supper.....290.26
 Memorial Fund.....545.00
 Youth Mission Trip.....50.00
 Baptist Men.....25.00
 Reimbursement.....100.00
 Global Missions.....10.00
 Bicentennial.....130.00
 Heck Jones Offering.....210.00
TOTAL \$1,175.26
Attendance
 Sunday School.....104
 Chowan River Nursing.....42
SS TOTAL.....146
 Worship Total.....160



Birthdays

Sunday, March 19

Jesse Croom
 Tony Gieseke

Monday, March 20

Janet Chesson
 Charles Mustian
 Mr. J.M. Parrish

Tuesday, March 21

Kenny Lowe

Thursday, March 23

Alex Perry
 Candice Thompson

Friday, March 24

Melvin Davis

Saturday, March 25

Carl Sternecker

Anniversaries

Sunday, March 19

M/M Gary Swanner

Wednesday, March 22

M/M Al Ward

Friday, March 24

M/M Cam Byrum

For Such a Time as This

We are just a few days away from celebrating the 200th anniversary of the founding of our church on March 28, 1817. As we approach our bicentennial homecoming service on Sunday, March 26, I wonder what is going through your mind these days. Do you ponder how it would have been to live in Edenton in 1817? Despite all of the science fiction movies that have been made that suggest otherwise, we cannot travel back in time. But if we could go back 200 years, it would be a fascinating and exhilarating experience to meet our forebears and to talk with them about their lives back then and our lives now in Edenton in 2017. Then again, it might be a harrowing experience to go back to a time without electricity, indoor plumbing, telephones, and automobiles, not to mention the lack of Wi-Fi, modern healthcare, television, and deodorant! I'll keep the conveniences of today, thank you.

We do have some records of life back in 1817, but we cannot fully comprehend it because we were not there. We are so fortunate to have a new history of our church, written by Dr. Jesse Croom, which helps us to understand our beginnings and how far we have come. But even in the reading of our history, we cannot have the experience firsthand. The founding of our church was the calling of a certain group of men and women who happened to be alive at that moment in history, for such a time as was theirs. As our bicentennial approaches, our calling is to give thanks, to praise God, to celebrate the faithfulness of those men and women who "entertained a hope" that God was going to do mighty things through a congregation known as Edenton Baptist Church. And in the celebration of our bicentennial, we are also called to look into the future with hope and promise and assurance that, in the words of John Claypool, the God who gave us the "good old days" is faithful to give us "good new days" as well. For such a time as is ours, we have a calling to be God's people for the world in which we live today.

Will you join with me in praying for God's name to be praised as we celebrate our past, give thanks for today, and look forward to tomorrow? Will you commit yourself to being faithful to God and to our church family? Will you do your part to know God and make God known?

Grace and peace,

David



March 26
 No Sunday School
 Worship at 10:30am
 Catered Lunch

Expressions of Thanks

J.P. & Patricia Timberlake wish to express their sincere appreciation to the Deacon Care Team and other church members for the many acts of kindness and prayers rendered in their behalf.

Bill & Jean Norvell also wish to express their sincere thanks to their EBC family for all the prayers, cards, and visits during their recent illnesses.

Memorial Gifts Received

Mrs. Betsy Chesson

by: John & Nancy Nicholls
 M/M Carroll Parrish
 M/M Dave Wilson
 John & Blair Hughes
 Patricia Geiger
 Mary Fitzgerald
 M/M Charles Hinton III

Mrs. Legion Britton

by: M/M Keith Nixon
 M/M J. P. Timberlake

Mrs. Betty Manning

by: M/M Carroll Parrish

Mrs. Anne Chappell

by: Jackie Copeland

Rev. Walter Byrum

by: Jackie Copeland

Mr. Glenn Perry

by: E.L. Wells Group of EBC

Mr. Wayland Byrum

by: M/M Tim Phelps

Mr. Robert Halsey

by: M/M Tim Phelps
 M/M Melvin Baker



APRIL 9 Palm Sunday
 10-14 Holy Week Services & Lunches at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 12:00 Noon
 12 Church Conference
 13 Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00pm
 15 Easter Egg Hunt
 16 Easter Sunday
 Sunrise Service, 6:30am at Waterfront Park
 30 WMU Focus Sunday