

## SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017

**DEACONS:** Nancy Barrow & Mac Privott  
**BUS DRIVER:** Tommy Bass (482-1099)  
**BUS RIDER:** Mac Privott  
**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Casey Bass  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Joy Harvill  
**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Gary Swanner  
**VIDEO OPERATOR:** Susie Swanner  
**OUTREACH COMMITTEE:** Bonita McCall



### SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Kenneth & Joe Griffin  
Litchford Falls Nuring  
8200 Litchford Road  
Raleigh, NC 27615

### Wednesday Night Bible Study

"Faithful Families"  
6:30pm  
Fellowship Hall



### Congratulations to...

- ♥ Ricky and Ginny Daniels Toppin, who were married April 29.
- ♥ C.J. and Beth Stanley Jackson, united in marriage May 20.
- ♥ Josh and Meredith Partin Sherrill, also married on May 20.

*May the One who brought you together bless your marriage, enrich your lives and deepen your love throughout the years.*

### HOSPITAL REPORT (5/24)

#### Chowan Hospital

Mary Julia Parrish

### CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

#### Sunday, May 28

9:45-Sunday School  
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer  
11:00-Morning Worship  
5:30-Youth REAL Talk

#### Wednesday, May 31

5:30-Supper (BBQ Chicken)  
6:30-Adult Bible Study  
7:30-Adult Choir Practice

#### Thursday, June 1

7:45-Jesus and Java, Coffee Shop  
3:30-Home Ministry Team

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MANY  
THANKS,  
TEACHERS!

Last Wednesday, May 17, our children shared with the congregation some lessons they've learned about CBF missions and missionaries, and our Angel Choir blessed us with beautiful music. Children's mission groups and choirs are on summer break now, and we look forward to them starting up again on the Wednesday after Labor Day in the fall. In the meantime, we offer a heartfelt thanks to the adult volunteers who led our children on Wednesday nights from September 2016 through May 2017:

- **Angel Choir** - Jackie Adams, Director; Debbie Swicegood & Dawn Broadwell, Assistants
- **Young Musicians** - Jackie Copeland, Director; Joan Privott, Assistant
- **Pre K-K Missions** - Artie Nixon & Travis Ellis
- **1st-3rd Grade Missions** - Dot Small & Brittney Brabble
- **4th-6th Grade Missions** - Tommy & Jamie Bass

### Homes & Hospitals Offering

During the month of May we take this special offering for the ministries of the Baptist Children's Homes, Baptist Retirement Homes, and the benevolence fund of Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. Special envelopes are located in the narthex and hallways. The total amount received thus far is 4,047.00.

# THE INFORMER

Edenton Baptist Church

Edenton, North Carolina 27932

*A Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Congregation*

**David B. Brooks**

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**Patrick I. Cardwell**

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**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, MAY 28, 2017

### The Seventh Sunday of Easter



"Holding Hands with God"

1 Peter 5:6-11



The office will be closed Monday, May 29, for the Memorial Day holiday.

A Memorial Day service will be held at the Chowan County Veterans Memorial at 11:00am.

## LECTIONARY READINGS

**May 28, 2017**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:6-14  
 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  
 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
 John 17:1-11



**June 4, 2017**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-21  
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
 John 20:19-23

### WEEKLY REPORT (5/21)

#### Offering

Amount Received \$7,792.00

#### Other Monies Received

Wednesday Supper	258.00
Reimbursement	333.63
Memorials	50.00
Global Missions	10.00
Homes & Hospitals	450.00
Youth Fund	1,000.00
WMU NC	50.00
Alb. Preg. Resourse Ctr.	61.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,162.63</b>

#### Attendance

Sunday School	91
Chowan River Nursing	33
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>152</b>

**CAST ALL  
 YOUR  
 ANXIETY  
 ON HIM FOR HE  
 CARES FOR YOU**  
 1 PETER 5:7



### Birthdays

#### Sunday, May 28

Clyde Adams  
 Casey Bass  
 Vincent Byrum  
 Brandon Stallings

#### Monday, May 29

Clara Ward

#### Tuesday, May 30

Reagan Privott  
 Jay Swicegood

#### Wednesday, May 31

Robbie Sykes

#### Thursday, June 1

Linda Evans  
 Lisa Leary

### Anniversaries

#### Thursday, June 1

M/M Billy White

#### Saturday, June 3

M/M Keith Privott

## FROM THE PASTOR

Of all the powerful and hopeful words of Jesus, none are more comforting than those found in John 14. Jesus spoke these words to his disciples in the upper room just a few hours before he was arrested and taken away to face a trial and his death the next day. Before leaving his disciples, he wanted to assure them that they could go on living in fellowship with the Father, even after Jesus was absent from them. "I will ask the Father," Jesus said, "and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth" (John 14:16-17a).

A brief study of the Greek language in which these words were originally written reveals to us that these words of departure that Jesus gave to his disciples are very powerful. When Jesus said that his Father would send "another Advocate," he was using the Greek word *paraclete*. It is a compound word that means "one who is called alongside." A *paraclete* is someone who is on our side, who stands beside us, who helps us, who walks with us. Various translations of the Bible seek to get at the deep meaning of this very rich word: Advocate, Counselor, Helper, Comforter. Jesus would no longer be present to the disciples as he had been, but as he ascended to the Father forty days after the resurrection, the Father sent the *paraclete* to be with every single one of Jesus' followers in all times and in all places.

Jesus goes on to say that this *paraclete* is "the Spirit of truth." The Greek word for spirit is *pneuma*—a word that also means "wind." On the day of Pentecost, the *pneuma* of God came down from heaven "like the rush of a violent wind" and filled the house where the disciples were gathered (Acts 2:2). *Pneuma* can also be translated as "breath." In that sense, the *pneuma* of God—the Spirit of God—is with us and as close to us as the very air we breathe.

Try holding your breath. See how long you can go without exhaling and breathing in again. When you do inhale a breath of fresh air once more, be reminded that the Holy Spirit of God is that close to you and that vital to your life. The very air you breathe in is the presence of God filling your body, your heart, your soul, and your mind. Rest assured that no matter what you face this day, if you are breathing in and out, you are not alone.

Your pastor,

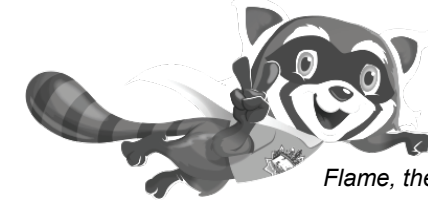
David

## HERO CENTRAL

### Vacation Bible School

**June 19-23**

**9:00 am-12:00 noon**



Flame, the Red Panda

All 4 year olds through rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to our Vacation Bible School, where they will discover their strength in God! From the moment VBS begins, VBS Hero Central is designed to introduce a child to a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Each activity is developed, tested, and refined to be an engaging, age-appropriate experience to bring the word of God alive to every participant and volunteer. VBS Hero Central is based on the Bible and the gospel of the living Christ.

Register online at [www.edentonbaptist.org](http://www.edentonbaptist.org), or in the office.

### Looking ahead to June...

4	Youth End-of-Year Pool Party, Scotch Hall
8	CWJC Graduation
11	Graduate Sunday at Morning Worship Holmes Baccalaureate at EBC, 7:00pm
19-23	Vacation Bible School
20	Red Cross Blood Drive

### Update on LaCount & Anna Anderson

CBF Field Personnel LaCount and Anna Anderson from Scotland Neck, NC have been leading the *Eastern NC Poverty Network* now for over eight years. Their work has been centered primarily in Halifax and Northampton Counties, but starting next month their efforts will shift toward the needs of impoverished families and individuals in Conetoe and Princeville in Edgecombe County. To learn more about the Andersons and their mission work, visit [www.cbf.net/missions/field-personnel/anderson](http://www.cbf.net/missions/field-personnel/anderson).

### MAY REQUESTS

#### Food Pantry:

Spaghetti Sauce

#### Operation Christmas

#### Child Shoeboxes:

Crafts & Activities

(pencils, pads, colored pencils, crayons, markers, water colors, coloring books, craft kits, stickers, blocks, jump ropes, books)