

## SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017

**DEACONS:** Nancy Barrow & Charles Swanner  
**BUS DRIVER:** Allen Mills (4186)  
**BUS RIDER:** Nancy Barrow  
**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Dawn Broadwell  
**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Gary Swanner  
**VIDEO OPERATOR:** Susie Swanner  
**OUTREACH:** Elaine Ervin



### YOUTH MISSION TRIP REPORT

Wednesday, August 9  
6:30pm

### HOSPITAL REPORT (7/27)

At the time of printing there were no known members in the hospital.



### Memorial Flowers

The flowers that will be placed in the sanctuary on Sunday will be given in loving memory of Louise S. Pratt and Stanley W. Pratt by the Pratt Family.

### Shut-In of the Week

Mrs. Barbara Rinehart  
Edenton Primetime  
PO Box 987  
Edenton, NC 27932



## Our Pastor's Anniversary

On Wednesday, August 23, we will be celebrating ten years with David as our pastor! We will start off with our regular Wednesday night meal at 5:30pm. Plates are \$4.00 each, not to exceed \$14.00 per family. Reservations should be made with the church office (482-3217).

If you cannot come for supper, at least join us from 6:30-7:30pm for ice cream sundaes and good fellowship! There will be sweet treats and words of encouragement and thanks to our pastor. Don't miss it!

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### EBC WELCOMES BACK THE SORRELLS

Join us for a beautiful concert on Sunday, August 6 at  
5:00pm

Invite your friends! Admission is free.

**Hannah Sorrells** is a violinist/vocalist living and performing in Nashville, Tennessee. She is the first violinist of Nashville's *La Vie* quartet and is an active studio player and teacher. She recently completed her Master of Violin Performance degree from Belmont University in Nashville where she was Concertmaster of the University Orchestra after earning a Bachelor of a Violin Performance degree at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Performance highlights have included playing in the Brevard Music Festival Orchestra during the summer of 2016, performing on *Prairie Home Companion* with Garrison Keilor, appearing on PBS in *The St. Olaf Christmas Festival* and *Christmas at Belmont*, and most recently as a violin soloist with "The Annie Moses Band" at the Grand Ole Opry.

**Clark and Karen Sorrells** have directed the music ministry of First Baptist Church of Asheville for twenty years. The church has eleven choral and instrumental groups involving nearly four hundred people. They also lead the Academy for the Arts at First Baptist Church which has twenty-four faculty members teaching private lessons to over two hundred students in voice, piano, organ, orchestral instruments and folk music traditions. Clark is an active guest conductor/performer as well as composer of choral and piano music, while Karen is in demand as guest conductor, teacher and writer of children's choir curriculum.

(Karen grew up at Edenton Baptist Church. She is the daughter of Dr. Robert Gray, who was pastor here from 1972 to 1980.)

# 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, JULY 27, 2017

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## SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Baptist Men's Breakfast, 8:30am

*"Hide and Seek"*

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Rev. Patrick Cardwell



## LECTIONARY READINGS

**June 30, 2017**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost**

Genesis 29:15-28  
Psalm 105:111, 45b  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



**August 6, 2017**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost**

Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

### CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

**Sunday, July 30**

8:30-Baptist Men's Breakfast  
9:45-Sunday School  
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer  
11:00-Morning Worship

**Tuesday, August 1**

7:00-Joyful Noisemakers,  
Edenton Primetime

**Wednesday, August 2**

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

**Thursday, August 3**

3:30-Members at Home Team

### AUG. FOOD PANTRY REQUEST:

Peanut Butter & Jelly

### Birthdays

**Sunday, July 30**

Dane Ellis  
Kenneth Griffin

**Monday, July 31**

John Ward

**Tuesday, August 1**

Gabby Briggs  
Lorrie Kirby  
Carey Parrish

**Wednesday, August 2**

Stephanie Grizzard  
Molly Harvill  
Sonya Rinehart

**Thursday, August 3**

David Askew  
Ashley Hanger  
Mary Julia Parrish

**Saturday, August 5**

John Keeter

### Anniversaries

**Monday, July 31**

M/M Allen Swanner

**Wednesday, August 2**

M/M J. M. Parrish

**Thursday, August 3**

M/M Maurice Bunch

### WEEKLY REPORT (7/23)

#### Offering

Amount Received \$7,903.50

#### Other Monies Received

Wed. Night Supper	137.00
Memorial Fund	350.00
Global Missions	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$497.00</b>

#### Attendance

Sunday School	98
Chowan River Nursing	35
Worship	180

### From the Pastor

On Monday, my son, Jacob, and I drove to Oregon Inlet and enjoyed fishing under the Bonner Bridge for sheepshead—a very unique variety of fish that are tricky to catch and delicious to eat. I enjoy fishing right here in the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound, but there is something intriguing and special about a road trip to fish at the coast or offshore.

Whenever I do put my boat in the water at the Oregon Inlet Fishing Center, I tend to be a little nervous. The first couple of times I fished there, I ran aground in water that could be measured in inches because I was just a few feet outside of the deeper water of the channel. It was an understandable mistake. I just went on the outside of the channel marker instead of the inside. Thankfully, no harm was done to anyone or my boat, and I was able to raise the motor and drift back into the channel. I have since learned more about how to read the red and green channel markers in order to stay in the deeper water. My father's way to keep the markers straight is now my way also: "Red left leaving; red right returning"—which means that the red marker should be on your left as you are going out into a body of water and on your right as you are returning.

Boating, sailing, fishing, water-skiing—these can all be enjoyable and relaxing activities as long as we pay attention to the channel markers and use the right safety equipment. It's when we choose to ignore guidelines, markers, and safety recommendations that we endanger ourselves. Something very similar can be stated about our lives as disciples of Jesus. He has given us his example, his teachings in the Bible, and his living presence to serve as markers and guides for how to live in a loving relationship with God and with fellow human beings. But do we stay within the channel that he has given us? A life vest is not very useful if it is stowed in the boat with us but we do not put it on. Likewise, God's guidance for our lives—the Bible—is not very useful if we have it on the nightstand or on a shelf at home but we do not open the Bible and read from it in order to hear God speaking to us. Worship, learning, and ministry opportunities are always available in our church as means of guiding us to become more like Christ, but we will never grow as Christians if we do not actively participate in the life of the church.

How is the Lord offering his guidance to you today? How are you responding? If you cannot answer these questions, then start looking for answers by committing yourself to faithfully reading from the Bible, praying with God, and participating in the opportunities that our church provides.

Your pastor,

David

## EDENTON UNITED

### "Back-to-School Bash"

As a new school year approaches, churches and service organizations in Chowan County are uniting together for a special "Back-to-School Bash" on **Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-8:00pm, at John A. Holmes High School**. A free supper will be provided, along with games, Christian music, and displays from churches and organizations to provide resources for our students and families. Most importantly, book bags filled with school supplies will be provided to any student at the event. Churches are joining together to collect the book bags and supplies. You can bring your donations to the church office or place them in the box in the back hallway behind the sanctuary no later than Wednesday, August 9.

#### School Supply List

Book bags, backpacks	24 pack Crayons
Washable Markers (all grade levels)	#2 Pencils
Colored Pencils (all grade levels)	pocket folders
Red, black, & blue ink ball point pens	Highlighters
Glue Sticks (all grade levels)	Sticky Notes
Index Cards (all grade levels)	Fiskar scissors
Two-pocket folders	Tissues
Wide-ruled notebook paper	Feminine products
College ruled notebook paper	Packages of cap erasers
Marble Composition books	
1, 3, & 5 Subject composition books	
Red Pocket folders (no fasteners)	
Ear buds or headphones (available at Dollar Tree for \$1)	
Plain pocket folders (both with and w/o fasteners)	
One subject wide-ruled composition notebooks	
Personal items (deodorant, lotions, toothpaste, toothbrushes)	

### EBC SHIRTS AVAILABLE

If you would be interested in purchasing a t-shirt or polo shirt with an image of EBC on the front upper left, please contact Gary Swanner or the church office. Shirts are available in a multitude of colors. These high quality shirts are printed locally and are very affordable. T-shirts are \$7 for men and \$8 for ladies. Men's polo shirts are \$10 each and \$11 for ladies. Prices do not include tax.

