

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017

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BUS DRIVER: Jim Parrish (333-9071)
BUS RIDER: Gloria Voigt
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Mary Anne Croom
AUDIO OPERATOR: Paul Williams
VIDEO OPERATOR: Steven Byrum
OUTREACH: Jenny Williams



NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

- * **Sunday School Promotion** – As a new year of Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 3, all rising 1st graders, 4th graders, and 7th graders will be recognized in the August 27 worship service and will receive a special gift from the church to help them grow as disciples of Jesus.
- * **Blessing of the Backpacks** – All students are invited to place their own backpacks filled with their school supplies around the communion table before the start of worship. A special prayer of blessing will be offered in the service, asking God to help our students make good use of the books and supplies that will be carried to and from school every day in their backpacks.
- * **Blessing of Students and Educators** – All students and educators will be invited forward at the conclusion of worship as we ask God to bless them in a new school year.

Addresses Needed!

We would love to have mailing addresses for all our college students so they can be included in our "Student of the Week" list. Please give the office a call at 482-3217 with that information!

Shut-In of the Week

Mrs. Della Rud
109 Jackson Street
Edenton, NC 27932

HOSPITAL REPORT (8/17)

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This coming Wednesday, August 23, join us as we celebrate 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. This week we are having fried chicken. Reservations should be made with the church office (482-3217) no later than Tuesday.

From 6:30-7:30pm we will enjoy ice cream sundaes and good fellowship! Even if you cannot come for supper, we hope everyone will be here as we share sweet treats and words of encouragement and thanks to our pastor.

Nursery will not be provided, but feel free to bring all your family with you!

THE INFORMER

Edenton Baptist Church

Edenton, North Carolina 27932

A Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Congregation

David B. Brooks

Pastor

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Jackie P. Copeland

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Preschool Coordinator

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2017

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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

"A Way Forward"

Genesis 45:1-15 • Matthew 15:21-28



LECTIONARY READINGS

August 20, 2017

11th Sun. after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalms 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28



August 27, 2017

12th Sun. after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8--2:10

Psalms 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Sunday, August 20

9:45-Sunday School
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer
11:00-Morning Worship

Wednesday, August 23

5:00-WMU Facilitators Meeting,
Room 103
5:30-Supper (Fried Chicken)
6:30-Ice Cream Social
7:30-Adult Choir Practice

Friday, August 25

Church Office Closed



Birthdays

Sunday, August 20

Gary Long

Quinn Lowe

Angela Thatcher

Priscilla Townson

Monday, August 21

Rebecca Lowe

Marguerite McCall

Tuesday, August 22

Wayne Cale

Wednesday, August 23

Ashley Green

Anita LaFon

Bobby Lane

Thursday, August 24

Jessica Barrier

Shirley Kirby

Friday, August 25

Travis Byrum

Alice Twiddy

Saturday, August 26

William Bass

Brian Harvill

Allen Mills

Robert Shupe

Ellene Wallin

Anniversaries

Thursday, August 24

M/M Mac Privott

Friday, August 25

M/M Waldo Winslow

Saturday, August 26

M/M Tommy White

FROM THE PASTOR

Excitement has been building. It's almost here. The sun will be eclipsed by the moon on Monday afternoon, August 21st. Towns and counties in the far western part of North Carolina that fall in the path of the full eclipse are expecting an inundation of tourists. Locals in those mountain communities are being encouraged to stock up on groceries and household necessities because all those sky-gazing tourists will be clogging the roads and buying up the food and supplies. It is entertaining and amazing to see the anticipation and preparation for this unique, once-in-a-lifetime event. It's just as amazing to realize how the precision of astronomers and meteorologists enables us to know exactly when the eclipse will occur at every location across the globe.

It wasn't that long ago—a century or two—that an event like a solar eclipse struck terror into the hearts of people across the world. Scientific discovery was not at a point of being able to forecast such phenomena. So, when the sun was blocked out and the sky turned dark, people feared that the world was coming to an end, that the sky was falling, or that God was trying to get a message across to humanity.

Who is to say that God cannot still speak to us through the solar eclipse that we will see next Monday? What can this eclipse symbolize for our lives? I'll take a stab at some possibilities:

- ◆ We will intentionally stop in the midst of our busy lives on Monday to go outside and look up at the sun. Are we not called to pause at some point every day or even every hour to look up to the Son of God and be amazed at his mercy and love?
- ◆ The moon will eclipse the sun, blocking the warmth and radiance of the sun. What are those things in your life that “eclipse” your relationship with the Son of God? What stands between you and Jesus? What habits or sins or distractions are blotting out a deeper, fuller, closer walk with God?
- ◆ This is a very rare opportunity for us—maybe once-in-a-lifetime for most of us. We don't want to miss it. What other rare experiences is God providing for you or calling you to share with others? Don't miss an opportunity to speak up, to say what is right, to do good in the name of Jesus, to share his love. You may not have the same opportunity again.

What do you think? What is God saying to you as we get ready for the eclipse on Monday afternoon? I'm interested to hear what God might share with you.

Your pastor,

David

Expression of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the kind deeds shown during our recent health issues. The beautiful cards, prayers, visits and delicious food was very much appreciated. We are blessed to have such a caring and loving church family. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

God bless you,
Yates & Mary Julia Parrish

**Congratulations Patrick
on your first anniversary
at EBC on August 14th!**

Sunday, September 3

Baptism of
Molly Harvill
Observance of the
Lord's Supper

Children's Activities begin on Wednesday, September 6th.

Rehearsals begin at 6:00pm for the Angel Choir and Children's Choir. Wednesday activities are for 4 years old through 6th graders. If you have a youngster who will be participating in either of these choirs, please go to the church website and complete the pre-registration form by August 31.

Children's Missions will follow choir, at 6:45pm.

WMU Red Box Donations

The Chowan Baptist Association is collecting soap (4.5 oz. bars only) for the Red Box Christmas gifts North Carolina WMU provides for women incarcerated in NC prisons. Please place your donations in the box provided in the hallway behind the sanctuary by Sunday, August 27.

CAN YOU HELP US?

Several years ago we did a Wednesday night book study leading up to Christmas entitled **The Journey, Walking the Road to Bethlehem**, by Adam Hamilton. The GIFT SS class is going to begin this study in October. If you have a book and would be willing to loan it to this class, please contact Wanda Small at 333-9891 or leave it at the church office. Anyone wishing to join in this study is welcome! Thank you.

WEEKLY REPORT (8/13)

Offering

Amount Received \$7,897.00

Other Monies Received

Wed. Night Supper 231.00

Memorial Fund 45.00

Reimbursements 2,446.30

Baptist Men 635.00

TOTAL \$3,357.30

Attendance

Sunday School 87

Chowan River Nursing 36

Worship 180