

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

DEACONS: Johnny Layton & Michael Smith
BUS DRIVER: Jim Parrish (333-9071)
BUS RIDER: Michael Smith
AUDIO OPERATOR: Bob Partin
VIDEO OPERATOR: Holly Smith
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Dianne Cinkovich
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Julie Privott
OUTREACH: Patrick Cardwell
YOUTH SUPPER: Parrish/Ward
BOOK BAG BUDDIES DRIVER (10/26): Gary Swanner



Expression of Thanks

Just wanted to thank all of you for the cards, prayers, food and all that you have done during this time. Wish that just saying "thank you" could truly express how appreciative I am for everything that you have done. I am so blessed to be a member of this church family.

-Debbie Perry

Shut-In of the Week

Miss Anna Privott
Edenton Primetime
PO Box 987
Edenton, NC 27932

Student of the Week

Mr. Garrett Stanley
1920 Exchange Drive
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Greenville, NC 27858

Calendar of Activities

Sunday, October 22

9:45-Sunday School
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer
11:00-Morning Worship
5:30-Youth Supper
6:00-Youth REAL Talk

Monday, October 23

2:00-Helen Hughes Group,
Gloria Voigt
5:30-Handbells, Room 200

Tuesday, October 24

4:00-Advent Planning, Room 103

Wednesday, October 25

1:00-Mustard Seeds, Soda Shop
5:15-Strategic Committee
5:30-Supper
6:00-Children's Choirs
6:30-Adult Bible Study
6:45-Children's Missions
7:30-Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, October 26

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

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Sunday, October 29
4:00-5:30pm
Church Parking Lot

Candy donations needed!



5th Sunday Sing

Sunday, October 29
7:00pm
Macedonia Baptist Church

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

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Sherry S. Dowd

Preschool Coordinator

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017

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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

"A Taxing Question"

Matthew 22:15-22



Which Way, Lord?

Our focus for week four of this 6-week study will be *Dealing with Detours*: Responding to times when you can't live out your purpose as you would like. Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.

LECTIONARY READINGS

October 22, 2017

20th Sun. after Penecost

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalms 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22



October 29, 2017

21st Sun. after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

Birthdays

Sunday, October 22

Dianne Babb

Monday, October 23

Graham Cox

Jamie Skinner

Leonard Small

Clay Tritt

Artimesia Yuen

Tuesday, October 24

Marvin Barham

Parker Clayton

Curtis Leary

Wednesday, October 25

Michael Stotesbury

Friday, October 27

Lowell Gieseke

Saturday, October 28

Mary Scott Anderson

Johnson Biggs

Jeremy Groves

Kelly Lassiter

Anniversaries

Monday, October 23

M/M Kevin Briggs

Tuesday, October 24

M/M Michael Adams

M/M Samuel Cox

Thursday, October 26

M/M Melvin Baker

Friday, October 27

M/M Jerry Parks

WEEKLY REPORT (10/15)

Offering

Amount Received \$6,130.00

Other Monies Received

Wed. Night Supper 195.00

Youth Fund 125.00

Memorial Fund 145.00

Griffin Scholarship Fund 100.00

WMU NC 50.00

Alb. Preg. Resource Ctr. 9.92

Reimbursement 9.00

TOTAL \$633.92

Attendance

Sunday School 69

Chowan River Nursing 35

Worship 170

HOSPITAL REPORT (10/19)

Chowan Hospital

Pansy Elliott

October is...



From the Pastor

Last Sunday, I preached from one of my favorite passages in the Bible: Philippians 4:4-7. Easily overlooked in those helpful verses is this simple instruction in verse 5: "Let your gentleness be made known to everyone." If ever there was a time when the world is in need of gentleness, it is certainly right now. The political climate of our nation is filled with anger, aggression, and disrespect of people who do not agree with our beliefs or opinions. Issues such as race, sexuality, healthcare, and immigration are not engendering a cooperative spirit. Instead, we let the issues divide us as fellow Americans, neighbors, friends, and sometimes even as members of the same family. We are suspicious of one another and hesitant to talk about "hot topic" issues for fear of being ridiculed or criticized or hurt by someone who will disagree with us. It is an exhausting existence that is in need of a fresh and encouraging path forward.

What if that path forward is *gentleness*? That may sound naïve and even hopeless, but it is the path to which we are called if we are genuinely trying to follow Jesus. "Let your gentleness be made known to everyone," Paul said. Paul did not want us to limit our gentleness—not just to the people who are close to us; not just to the people we like; not just to the people who agree with us. We are called to be gentle, patient, forbearing with everyone. That means we seek to listen as much as we talk. It means we don't always have to be right or have the last word. We don't have to use Facebook and other social media platforms to bash other people and make our opinions known. We don't have to correct everyone or say everything that is on our minds. Gentleness with others means that we yield to other points of view and we yield to the possibility that we may be mistaken. Practicing gentleness enables us to learn from others instead of writing them off as opponents and enemies. To be gentle with one another is to confess that we cannot control the words and actions of someone else, but we can control our attitude, our words, and our actions.

One by one, we can make a difference in the world as we practice gentleness each day. Few things are more powerful or effective than a gentle spirit in the midst of loud and angry aggression. We are followers of Jesus, and I cannot think of a better way to follow Jesus than to be gentle, patient, and humble toward one another. Let your gentleness be made known to everyone.

Your pastor,
David



Baptist Children's Homes NORTH CAROLINA
sharing hope...changing lives

Dylan White, a Boy Scout with Troop 164 of Edenton, is working on completing his Eagle Scout rank. As part of this project he is collecting disaster relief supplies as well as items to start a new cottage for the children at the Kennedy Children's Home in Kinston, NC.

There is a collection box located in the back hallway and in the fellowship hall with lists of items he is collecting. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. Just pick a sticky note with the item(s) you wish to provide. If you have any questions, contact Dylan at 252-312-4334. Thank you for helping the children and for helping Dylan work towards obtaining his rank of Eagle Scout.

Our Mission Dollars at Work

Approximately \$40,000.00 of our annual budget of \$527,535.00 is given directly to various mission partners. Please pray for these partners that are supported through the offerings that we give. One of our mission partners is **The Baptist World Alliance** in Falls Church, VA. It is a global movement of Baptists sharing a common confession of faith in Jesus Christ bonded together by God's love to support, encourage and strengthen one another while proclaiming and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit before a lost and hurting world. You can find out more about the Baptist World Alliance at www.bwanet.org.

CBF Children's Missions Day Saturday, November 4

Love God. Love Others. All 1st through 6th graders are invited to Children's Missions Day at Oakmont Baptist Church in Greenville. We will spend time with CBF missionaries and new friends as we enjoy learning from the Bible, talking about this year's theme, and playing together! The \$15 fee, which includes snacks, lunch, and a backpack, will be covered for any child from our church who wants to attend. Departure is 8:00am, and we will return home around 5:00pm. **Please sign up to go by October 24th.**

-Patrick

We need *your* help!

That's right, we need your help. We are in need of several individuals who are willing to commit to helping us ring handbells. I'm sure right about now you are saying to yourself, "*I can't do it; I don't read music*" or "*Someone else will do it; I don't need to think about it*" or "*I don't have time; my plate is full!*"

Let's look at the last statement first: "*I don't have time; my plate is full!*" As we consider our stewardship to God, let's remember that stewardship is not just about giving financially. It is also about giving of our time. All of us have the same twenty-four hours every day, the same 1,440 minutes. Can we give a tithe of that time—144 minutes—each day to intentionally serving Christ and his church? Why not give 45 minutes each week to something as fun and enjoyable and fulfilling as handbell rehearsal?

Personally, I am likely to respond with, "*Someone else will do it*" when it is something that I don't want to do. It might be a matter of inconvenience, questioning the purpose of the activity, or because it is something controversial or divisive. But handbell rehearsal is more than just a time to practice music. It is a great time of Christian growth and fellowship with friends. We share our lives with each other and support each other. Think of it as another small group within the church. We have a fun time learning the music and laughing with one another over some of the "mishaps" that occur during rehearsal time!

Finally, consider the statement, "*I can't do it; I don't read music.*" Really? I bet you read music better than you think you can. Reading music is not impossible. It is much like reading in general. The more we do it, the easier it becomes. Two notes are basically all that is required to know, along with some simple rhythms. It's not rocket science by any stretch. If I can do it, ANYONE can do it! It just takes some time and commitment.

So if you are looking for a place within the church where you can spend a tithe of your time serving God, why not try handbells? No one else can do it for you, and you can do it if you will give it a shot. Who knows? You might actually like it! And always remember, God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called. You can learn the techniques and notes. I'll be glad to help you learn. If you are interested, please see me or any other handbell choir member. Rehearsals are Monday afternoons at 5:30.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Michael

From the Finance Committee:

Give to the Church and Save on Your Taxes

As we approach the end of the year and what is traditionally thought of as the "season of giving," you can take advantage of a potential tax savings opportunity that will also benefit our church. If you own appreciated stock that you have held for over a year, you may want to consider giving the stock to the church instead of giving cash. By giving the stock, you will generally receive a charitable contribution deduction for the fair market value of the stock on the date that it is given, and you do not have to recognize (or pay tax on) any gain in the value of the stock since you acquired it.

For example, let's say you own stock with a value of \$5,000, and you only paid \$2,000 to acquire it. If you sell the stock, you will recognize a \$3,000 taxable gain and depending on your personal tax situation, you could owe taxes up to approximately \$750.00 on this gain. But if you choose to give the stock valued at \$5,000 to the church instead of giving the same amount in cash, you will generally still receive a charitable tax deduction of \$5,000, but with a savings of approximately \$750.00 in taxes.

Another potential tax savings opportunity is distributing funds directly from your IRA to the church. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact the church office. Since everyone's tax situation is unique, you may also want to discuss these potential tax savings opportunities with your tax advisor.



The **JOY CLUB** traveled to Sylvan Heights Bird Park in Scotland Neck on Tuesday, for a day of fun & fellowship!