

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

DEACONS: Jackie Adams & Waldo Winslow

BUS DRIVER: Tim Smith (333-0431)

BUS RIDER: Jackie Adams

AUDIO OPERATOR: Gary Swanner

VIDEO OPERATOR: Susie Swanner

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Joy Harvill

OUTREACH: Bonita McCall

BOOK BAG BUDDIES DRIVER (11/16): Jay Swicegood



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Have YOU made your Thanksgiving Dinner reservation???

Harvest Moon Farm Toy Show

Friday, Nov. 10 ~ 5:00-9:00pm

Saturday, Nov. 11 ~ 9:00am-2:00pm

EBC Fellowship Hall

Money raised will help support the Chowan County 4-H and the needs of local kids attending 4-H camps. Admission is \$3.00. Kids 12 & under are free with a paying adult.

The Deacon Nominating Committee recommends the election of Clyde Adams to serve as the seventh deacon for 2018-2020. The church will vote on December 10.



There will be a community Veterans Day service this Saturday at 11:00am at the Veterans Monument.

Youth Bonfire
Sunday at 5pm
Home of Morgan Bass



Youth families are invited!

Reminder to all deacons: Money is due the 19th of November for our Christmas dinner. Please turn it in to Jackie Adams or the office, along with your reservation.

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, NOVEMBER 9, 2017

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Meeting of Deacons with Finance and
Personnel Committees, 8:30am

"The Big Rocks"
Ecclesiastes 4:7-12



HARVEST SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 19TH

Please give generously to our Harvest Sunday Offering in morning worship on November 19. We will receive this special offering to help support this year's ministry budget. Everyone is encouraged to give a full tithe (10%) of their monthly income or at least a tithe of their weekly income for that Sunday. Thank you for your generosity and your willingness to do your part in giving to support the various ministries of our church.

In Memoriam

Joann Brown
1934 - 2017

Jack Hardison, Sr.
1939 - 2017

Shut-In of the Week

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

Student of the Week

Miss Ellie Rinehart
15723 Lee Hall
2530 Sullivan Drive
Raleigh, NC 27607

HOSPITAL REPORT (11/9)

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

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 12

8:30-Meeting of Deacons, and
Finance & Personnel
Committees, Fellowship
Hall

9:45-Sunday School

10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer

11:00-Morning Worship

5:00-Youth Bonfire, Home of
Morgan Bass

Monday, November 13

5:30-Handbells, Room 200

7:00-Son Beams, Julia Elmore

Tuesday, November 14

10:00-Combined WMU Groups,
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 15

1:00-Mustard Seeds, Soda Shop

5:30-Supper

6:00-Children's Choirs

6:30-Church Conference

6:45-Children's Missions

7:30-Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, November 16

7:45-Jesus & Java, Coffee Shop

10:15-Book Bag Buddies

LECTIONARY READINGS

November 12, 2017
23rd Sun. after Pentecost
 Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
 Psalm 78:1-7
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 Matthew 25:1-13

November 19, 2017
24th Sun. after Pentecost
 Judges 4:1-7
 Psalm 123
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
 Matthew 25:14-30

Birthdays

Sunday, November 12

P. J. Bunch
 Irene Stotesbury

Monday, November 13

Scott Dees
 Twila Forbes
 David Parks
 Larry Rose

Tuesday, November 14

Doug Tritt

Wednesday, November 15

Shenandoah Lassiter
 Jerry Parks, Jr.
 Darlene Swanner

Thursday, November 16

Jim Bass
 Lucy "Sunshine" Bunch
 Mary Carol Chesson
 Sharon Keeter
 Lauren Muse
 Bob Partin
 Shannon Ray
 Emily Rowe

Friday, November 17

Betty Bunch
 Wanda Fenz
 Bessie Perry

Saturday, November 18

Lorraine Bass
 Gail Davenport
 John Williams

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Oops! Jerry Caricofe had a birthday on Nov. 2. We are sorry for the oversight.

A Reminder!

The items we sold during our 200th anniversary celebration are still available for purchase in the church office. Any of them would make great Christmas gifts!

Anniversaries

Sunday, November 12

M/M Logan Brabble

Monday, November 13

M/M Jim Ward

WEEKLY REPORT (11/5)

Offering

Amount Received \$12,926.25

Other Monies Received

Community Missions	135.40
Wed. Night Supper	252.25
Memorial Fund	240.00
Youth Fund	786.00
Global Missions	400.00
Reimbursement	60.00
TOTAL	\$1,873.65

Attendance

Sunday School	111
Chowan River Nursing	40
Worship	211

Candle Wax and Dish Detergent

Y'all, ministry is messy. For those of you who weren't in the sanctuary for All Saints' Day last Sunday, you missed a moving service, along with one of my most embarrassing moments. Because it was All Saints Sunday, we had candles on the communion table. As I was reaching to set the broken bread on the front of the Table during communion, my arm bumped the chalice, which knocked some lit candles off while David was saying the words of institution. Wax went everywhere and Bill Chesson dashed in to pick up the dropped candle so it didn't burn the carpet. It was far from my finest moment. But David maintained his composure and we eventually got to serve the Lord's Supper, which seemed a little more poignant than usual given the day and the brief calamity at the Table.

After the service, our youth served chili, cornbread, salad, and dessert in the fellowship hall to raise funds for next year's activities. The fellowship hall was finely appointed, with full tables all around. Meanwhile, the kitchen was abuzz with energy, as crock-pots, casserole dishes, and serving spoons covered the serving area. And as I was nursing my bruised ego there in the kitchen, I realized the beauty of the messiness of ministry.

Yes, between the dried candle wax in the sanctuary and the dish detergent in the kitchen, I saw a connection. Sometimes we make a mess accidentally, and sometimes we make a mess because that's what service to the family of God requires. In both cases, the grace of God finds its way through to produce the miraculous mystery of faith in those of us who believe. I think that's the way God has always been - entering the messiness of our lives to help us find a way forward. So if you find yourself in a messy situation this week, remember that God can take the mess and make a miracle. Maybe that mishap on Sunday morning wasn't so bad, after all.

Patrick

JOY CLUB REMINDER

On Thursday, December 14, COA Performing Arts Center presents *A Christmas Story*. The ticket price is \$15.00 plus tax for a total of \$16.50. This is due to Anna Copeland or the church office by this Sunday, Nov. 12. Your payment will reserve your place!

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 **Baptist News Global** out of Winston-Salem, NC. Formerly Associated Baptist Press (ABP), Baptist News Global is a reader-supported, independent news organization providing original and curated news, opinion and analysis about matters of faith. BNG covers the people, events and ideas that are shaping American culture and Baptist life, from a perspective that is Baptist in heritage and ecumenical in spirit. Find out more at www.baptistnews.com.

Eagle Scout Mission Project

Dylan White, a local Boy Scout, 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. Just pick a sticky note with the item(s) you wish to provide.



CHURCH-WIDE THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday, November 19 • 5:00pm

\$5.00 per person

(no more than \$20 per immediate family)

Our church family and their guests are invited to join in this time of devotion and fellowship. Please contact the church office with your reservations or complete the form below and place in the offering plate on Sunday. You may pay in advance in the church office or pay at the door.

Name _____

Number of Reservations _____

Transportation Needed _____

Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, Nov. 15.