

**ATTENTION PARENTS!**

If your child is interested in playing church basketball this year, there will be a mandatory meeting immediately following worship this Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the gym. The meeting will help us determine if we have enough children to roster a team for each age group, discuss practice schedules, and sign up for concessions and other necessary responsibilities for a successful season!

**Birthdays**

**Sunday, December 3**

Kimberly Fisher

**Monday, December 4**

Tom Bass, Sr.  
Ann Buchanan  
Betsy Jackson  
Larry Smith  
Kim Stilley  
Anne Ward

**Tuesday, December 5**

Hannah Bergevin  
Scott Evans

**Wednesday, December 6**

Eric Bergevin  
Angela Kotel  
Patricia Sternecker

**Thursday, December 7**

Laura White

**Friday, December 8**

Travis Ellis  
Elaine Ervin  
C.J. Jackson  
Keith Pierce  
Harriet Sawyer

**Saturday, December 9**

Marisa Ellis

**Anniversaries**

**Sunday, December 3**

M/M Josh Nixon

**CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday, December 3**

8:00-Deacons Meeting  
9:45-Sunday School  
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer  
11:00-Morning Worship  
12:00-Basketball Meeting for  
Parents, EBC Gym  
5:30-Youth Supper  
6:00-Youth REAL Talk

**Monday, December 4**

5:30-Handbells, Room 200

**Tuesday, December 5**

7:00-Joyful Noisemakers,  
Edenton Primetime

**Wednesday, December 6**

5:30-Supper (Shepherd's Pie)  
6:00-Children's Choirs  
6:30-Adult Bible Study  
6:45-Children's Missions  
7:30-Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday, December 7**

7:45-Jesus & Java  
10:15-Book Bag Buddies  
6:00-Deacons Christmas Dinner

Mrs. Pauline Griffin wishes to thank members of the church for the prayers rendered in her son, Joseph's behalf.

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**Thank You for a Bountiful Harvest**

On Sunday, November 19, a special Harvest Day offering was collected at the end of our worship service. Many thanks to every person who gave an extra gift—above and beyond their usual offerings—to support the ministries of our church. A total of \$13,869.00 was given, in addition to the \$7,486.00 we received that day in regular offerings, for a grand total of \$21,355.00. Please continue to give generously in the final weeks of this year!

**Edenton Baptist Church,**

We are enclosing our gift to the Harvest Sunday offering. It hardly seems we have been gone from Edenton some thirteen years. We still cherish the memories of those we worshiped with and those who have gone before us. May God continue to bless Edenton Baptist Church.

Sam & Linda Moore

**Thank You to Our Social Committee**

Our social committee has been very busy over the past few weeks. It is not easy to prepare and serve a Thanksgiving meal to more than 250 people, but that's exactly what our social committee did on the evening of November 19. It was a very enjoyable evening of good food, worship, and reflection on God's goodness. Desserts were provided by various cooks in our church, and we thank them. Finally, we thank the social committee for providing refreshments and snacks for our Advent Wreath Workshop. When you have a moment, please take time to personally thank the members of the social committee: Clyde & Jackie Adams, Jimmy & Karen Fleetwood, Tony & Miriam Hughes, Mac & Joan Privott, Bobby & Lisha Sparks, and Jim & Betty Ward.

**THE INFORMER**

**Edenton Baptist Church**

Edenton, North Carolina 27932

*A Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Congregation*

**David B. Brooks**

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VOL. XXXV THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017 NO. 45

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017**

**First Sunday of Advent**

Deacons Meeting, 8:00am

*The Hanging of the Green*

11:00am

**Advent & Christmas Events**

**Sunday, December 3 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

\* 11:00AM - Hanging of the Green Service

\* Lighting the candle of Hope

**Saturday, December 9**

\* 7:00PM - Market Street Brass in Concert, Sanctuary

**Sunday, December 10 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

\* 11:00AM - Market Street Brass, Guests in Worship

\* Lighting of Candle of Peace

**Sunday, December 17 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

\* 11:00AM - Adult Choir presents *Festival of Carols*

\* Lighting of the Candle of Joy

**Sunday, December 24 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

\* No Sunday School

\* 10:00AM - Special Music by Handbell and Angel Choirs  
Lighting of the Candle of Love

\* 6:00PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

## LECTIONARY READINGS

December 3, 2017

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37



December 10, 2017

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8

### In Memoriam

Ann Wells Brown  
1946 - 2017

### Student of the Week

Miss Abigail Stanley  
Appalachian State Univ.  
Box 10953  
Boone, NC 28608

### Shut-In of the Week

Mrs. Mary Ann White  
Chowan River Nursing  
PO Box 566  
Edenton, NC 27932



Don't forget that the items we sold during our Bicentennial celebration are still available for purchase in the church office. Any of these would make a nice Christmas gift!

**Note:** The church will vote on Sunday, December 10, to elect Clyde Adams as the seventh deacon for the 2018-2020 term.

### WEEKLY REPORT (11/12)

#### Offering

Amount Received	7,486.00
Harvest Offering	13,869.00

#### Other Monies Received

Wed. Night Supper	285.00
Thanksgiving Dinner	1,191.00
Memorial Gifts	40.00
Baptist Men	460.57
Reimbursements	480.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,456.57</b>

#### Attendance

Sunday School	126
Chowan River Nursing	42
Worship	190



### WEEKLY REPORT (11/26)

#### Offering

Amount Received	8,017.00
Harvest Offering	575.00

#### Other Monies Received

Memorial Gifts	35.00
Baptist Men	38.00
Reimbursements	120.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>193.00</b>

#### Attendance

Sunday School	93
Chowan River Nursing	44
Worship	153

### HOSPITAL REPORT (11/30)

#### Vidant Medical Center

Bill Norvell

### From the Pastor

Sometimes in life we wish the clock would speed up. I think of the anticipation of a high school or college senior. The goal of graduation is in sight, especially in that spring semester as winter loosens its grip and gives way to the warmth of spring. "Senioritis" kicks in and the student wishes the time away, wanting to jump ahead several weeks or months so that he/she can be finished with school. Or think of a patient who is rehabbing from surgery, a voter who longs for the change that might come on election day, a child anticipating Christmas Day, a young adult who longs for the respect that comes with age and experience, older adults who are still waiting for their first grandchild, a sports fan who looks forward to the big game. So often in life we find ourselves saying, "Why can't time move faster!?"

There are other times in life, of course, when we wish time would slow down. The parents of the senior in high school or college wish that they could make time stand still, keeping their son or daughter young forever. A much needed and long awaited summer vacation seems to conclude as quickly as it began. As each year passes in life, Christmas seems to come and go at breakneck speed. And as life progresses, not a single person has not thought at some point, "Where has time gone?" Sometimes we just wish we had more hours in each day. We wish we had more time to live, to enjoy other people, to do good things, to love one another.

Advent is a season that encourages us to consider the time that we have each day and how we use our time. These days of Advent are a time for us to be intentional about living each day with patience when time seems to drag and with gratitude to God for each moment when time seems to fly. The watchword of Advent is WAIT. The world around us might be caught up in the "hustle and bustle" of the commercial Christmas season, but followers of Jesus are asked to wait, to listen, to pay attention to the presence of God among us. We can't do that when we want time to fly. Our impatience will keep God out. On the other hand, when time seems to be rushing by too quickly, Advent gives us permission to stop, to wait, to listen to others, to pay attention to where God is alive among us.

Practice patience today. Don't wish the days away. And when the days are moving too quickly, take time to pray, to give thanks, to see the face of God in someone else whom you can serve. The active waiting of Advent prepares us well for the rejoicing of Christmas!

Grace and peace,

David

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

**DEACONS:** Hazel Elliott & Allen Mills  
**BUS DRIVER:** Allen Mills (482-4186)  
**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Paul Williams  
**VIDEO OPERATORS:** Allen & Claire Mills  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Karen Long  
**YOUTH SUPPER:** Bergevin/J.Privott/Ray  
**OUTREACH:** Michael Smith  
**BOOK BAG BUDDIES DRIVER (12/7):** David McCall



**No Children's Sermon this Sunday.**

### WMU Angel Trees

This year we are supporting the local Book Bag Buddies program with our angel trees. This program is currently providing week-end meals for 130 at-risk children attending D.F Walker and White Oak Elementary Schools. The cost is \$5 per week per child/\$20 per month per child/\$200 per year per child. For the 130 children that are currently being served, that is \$2600 per month. There is a need for \$5000 to finish the current school year. A summer program also serves families with children in the book bag buddies program and is funded by churches and private donations. Please be in prayer about a monetary gift for this program. If the generosity exceeds the current need, the extra would be designated for the summer program or the next school year.

Please take an ornament from the tree (one in the narthex and one in the back hallway) and turn your donation of any amount in to the church office. Keep the ornament to serve as a reminder to pray for this ministry in our community. **Any amount will make a difference for a hungry child!**

### 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 **Chowan Baptist Association**, a group of 68 churches--bodies of believers in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, working together to share the good news of His free gift of salvation from sin. We minister to our communities through various practical and spiritual means. Learn more at [www.chowanbaptist.org](http://www.chowanbaptist.org).