

### 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. This ministry will continue into the new year.



### Birthdays

#### Sunday, December 10

Betty Cox

Brenda Sternecker

#### Monday, December 11

Sheryl Alligood

Hazel Elliott

Lyman Partin

#### Wednesday, December 13

Alma Taylor

#### Thursday, December 14

Janet Caricofe

Susan Nixon

Lori Westcott

#### Friday, December 15

Ron Hendricks



### Anniversaries

#### Monday, December 11

M/M Jeff Thatcher

#### Tuesday, December 12

M/M Daniel Smith

#### Saturday, December 16

M/M Brian Harvill



### CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

#### Friday, December 8

5:30-Laura Harrell Class Party

#### Saturday, December 9

7:00-Market Street Brass

Christmas Concert

#### Sunday, December 10

9:45-Sunday School

10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer

11:00-Morning Worship

5:00-Youth Christmas Party,

Clayton's Home

#### Monday, December 11

5:30-Handbells, Room 200

7:00-Son Beams, Ruth Bass

#### Tuesday, December 12

10:00-Combined WMU Groups

1:00-Red Cross Blood Drive

#### Wednesday, December 13

5:30-Supper

6:00-Children's Choirs

6:30-Children's Missions Report

7:30-Adult Choir Practice

#### Thursday, December 14

7:45-Jesus & Java

9:00-Joy Club to Elizabeth City

10:15-Book Bag Buddies

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One of the first things that comes to mind when we think of Advent and Christmas is all of the decorations and special music that we all love and cherish. This year, we have several opportunities for you to hear the wonderful music of the season. This past Sunday, we heard our Young Musicians sing the response that we will use each week after the lighting of the Advent Wreath. This Saturday night at 7 PM, we will have in concert Market Street Brass. They will also be with us during our Morning Worship on Sunday. On Sunday, December 17, the Adult Choir, Young Musicians, and Angel Choirs will present *A Festival of Carols* written by Joseph Martin. All of the choirs have been working diligently to prepare this work for you. And finally on Sunday, December 24 during the Morning Worship service, the handbell choir and Angel Choir will provide special music.

These wonderful events present a great opportunity to share Edenton Baptist with our neighbors and friends. Most especially, come and support **ALL** of those who have been working for many weeks to make this time of year even more special with the sharing of the great gift of music. You won't be disappointed!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Michael

# THE INFORMER

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Edenton, North Carolina 27932

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Financial Secretary

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Preschool Coordinator

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## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017

### MARKET STREET BRASS

7:00 PM

Church Sanctuary

*A love offering will be received to support  
the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry*

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

### Second Sunday of Advent

*"Look at Me"*

Isaiah 40:1-11 ~ Mark 1:1-8

Market Street Brass, Guest Musicians

**Joy Club** members attending the play in Elizabeth City on Dec. 14, should meet in the parking lot at 9:00am that morning.

## LECTIONARY READINGS

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



December 17, 2017

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28



Marina S. Crumme  
1935-2017

### Expressions of Thanks

The following wish to express their appreciation to members of our church for the many acts of kindness and prayers rendered in their behalf:

-Della Mae Rud  
-Patsy Taylor

### WEEKLY REPORT (12/3)

#### Offering

Amount Received	12,408.00
Harvest Offering	100.00

#### Other Monies Received

Community Missions	125.55
Wed. Night Supper	226.00
Memorial Gifts	75.00
Reimbursements	485.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>911.55</b>

#### Attendance

Sunday School	121
Chowan River Nursing	42
Worship	226

### Shut-In of the Week

Mrs. Pauline Griffin  
Swain Apartments #101  
101 Court Street  
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 them would make a nice Christmas gift!

### HOSPITAL REPORT (12/7)

At the time of printing we knew of no members hospitalized.

## Advent & Christmas Events

### Saturday, December 9

\* 7:00PM - Market Street Brass in Concert, Sanctuary  
*Love offering to be received for E-C Food Pantry.*

### 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

### 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.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

**DEACONS:** Alton Elmore & Paul Williams

**BUS DRIVER:** Gene Nixon (482-8281)

**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Maurice Bunch

**VIDEO OPERATOR:** Steven Byrum

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Patrick Cardwell

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Julie Privott

**OUTREACH:** Jenny Williams

**BOOK BAG BUDDIES DRIVER (12/14):** Cliff Copeland



### 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. 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 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 **Nurturing Faith** (Macon, GA). Formerly *Baptists Today*, Nurturing Faith is an independent publishing venture that provides a variety of resources for thoughtful Christians including: the bimonthly *Nurturing Faith Journal*, Nurturing Faith Books, resources for spiritual development produced in collaboration with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Nurturing Faith Experiences. The mission of *Nurturing Faith Journal* is to provide relevant and trusted information, thoughtful analysis and inspiring features, rooted in the historic Baptist tradition of freedom of conscience, for reflective Christians seeking to live out a mature faith in a fast-changing culture. Find out more at [www.baptiststoday.org](http://www.baptiststoday.org).