

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2014

DEACONS: John Barrow & Mac Privott

BUS DRIVER: Bill Chesson (482-8756)

BUS RIDER: Mac Privott

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Casey Atstupenas

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Sandra Stanley

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Shut-In of the Week

Mr. John Rogerson
TLC Adult Group Home
186 Pirate Cove Way
Hertford, NC 27944

Student of the Week

Miss Merritt Chesson
1404 Anderson Street
Durham, NC 27707



The Joy Club is traveling to Jamesville for a fish lunch on Monday, March 24. Be sure to call Bessie Perry to save your seat! The buses will pull out of the church parking lot at 10:45am.

Directory Update

We regret the delay, but are happy to report that our pictorial directories are due to arrive some time in May.



Palm Sunday

April 13

Holy Week Services

April 14-18

Edenton United Methodist

12:00noon

Maundy Thursday Service

April 17

EBC Sanctuary

7:00pm

Easter Sunday

April 20

Youth News

Youth will be on regular schedule this week with supper at 5:30pm in the main fellowship hall and HOLLA from 6:00pm until 7:00pm. Be here and bring a friend!

Each Wednesday night during Lent, Kelly will lead a Bible study for any youth who are able to attend on Wednesday nights in the parlor (across from the church office). We will be using studies from a curriculum called *Way to Live* and this time of group study would be a great Lenten discipline. Join us from 6:30pm until 7:30pm on March 12, 19, and 26 and April 2, 9, and 16.

Don't forget to sign up for these Spring and Summer trips!

- **Spring Break Overnight Retreat to the OBX**, April 21-22 (Monday afternoon - Tuesday afternoon) - Cost: \$85 (all-inclusive), Deposit: \$35, Deadline: Friday, April 11
- **Passport Camp**, June 22-27, Queens University in Charlotte - Cost: \$275 (all inclusive), Deposit: \$75, Deadline: Tuesday, April 15
- **Mission Trip to Savannah, GA**, July 11-18 (Construction and Community Missions) - Cost: \$185 (all inclusive), Deposit: \$75, Deadline: Tuesday, April 15

Our 2014 Church Basketball season was a good one! Thank you to coaches Brian Harvill, Tim Smith, Jim Parrish, Corey Clayton, Don Small, Katlyn Small, Ben Rinehart, Jr., Keith Warren, and Vann Johnson; scorebook keeper Shelly White; league coordinator Shannon Ray, who does a wonderful job each year; all the parents who helped organize and run our concession stand; and all of our players and fans. You made it a great season!

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THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014

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SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2014

The Second Sunday in Lent

"Giving Up Our Expectations"

2nd in the Series: *"I Give Up!"*

Genesis 12:1-4 • Romans 4:1-5, 13-25

Welcome
to Our Church Family

Last Sunday, Branson Dunn came to unite with us by statement of his faith. Branson lives in Creswell, where he serves as Post Master. His family deacon will be Lowell Gieseke. We are happy to welcome him.

COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP OF NC 20TH ANNIVERSARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The First Baptist Church of Greensboro
Friday, March 28 & Saturday, March 29

For schedule and details, visit www.cbfnc.org.

Easter Eggs Needed

We need your pre-stuffed Easter eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. A box will be in the back hallway for collection. Eggs can be stuffed with candy or small "prizes." Thank you for your contribution to this fun event each year!



WEEKLY REPORT (3/9)

Offering

Budget Needed	10,048.54
Amt. Received	11,032.00
Over Budget	983.46

Other Monies Received

Supper (3/5)	322.00
Memorial Fund	440.00
Initial Offering	6.00
Heck Jones Offering	125.00
CWJC	1,031.25
Church Basketball	423.00
Facility Use	400.00
Interest	5.96
TOTAL	2,753.21

Attendance

Sunday School	103
Chowan River Nursing	44
SS TOTAL	147
Worship TOTAL	218

YTD Offerings (10 weeks)

Amt. Required	100,485.40
Amt. Received	97,991.50
Under Budget	(2,493.90)



Flowers Sunday will be given by the children and grandchildren of Bill and Jean Norvell, in celebration of 55 years of marriage.



Notes of appreciation were received this week from:
 -Chowan University Office of Development
 -The Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry
 -Chowan Univ. Christian Service Assoc.

Cubbie Buddies

Volunteers are needed at White Oak School (Kindergarten - 2nd grade) to be "Cubbie Buddies." These buddies (named after the school's mascot, Cubbie) would spend 30 minutes per week with a child who needs quality time with an adult just to talk or read together. Kelly is willing to take a bus from church once per week (cannot be Thursday morning) if we have folks who would like to volunteer together. Please contact her to discuss a good day and time.

From the Pastor

Take a few moments to read Genesis 4—the tragic story of two brothers, Cain and Abel. For whatever reason, the Lord was pleased to receive Abel’s offering of his best lamb, but the Lord rejected Cain’s offering of the first fruits of the ground. I suspect there is more to the story that caused the Lord to be dissatisfied with Cain’s offering. Otherwise, the Lord is depicted as rather capricious and untrustworthy. Regardless, one gift is received while the other is rejected

We know how the story ends: in his anger and jealousy, Cain murders Abel. When the Lord comes searching for Abel, Cain plays dumb and says to the Lord, “I don’t know where he is. Am I my brother’s keeper?” Cain was not a very good liar, and his sin was quickly revealed.

But Cain’s sin was not inevitable. Before Cain followed through with his deadly plot, the Lord talked with Cain and assured Cain that there was still the opportunity to “do well” and offer a better gift. Then the Lord warned Cain to be careful: “If you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it” (Gen. 4:7). With vivid language, the writer of this story personifies sin, asking us to imagine a hungry predator, crouching behind a bush at our front door, waiting for us to step outside so that it can pounce and attack. And Cain had a choice: open the door or not; let sin in or keep it at bay.

As Lent continues, we “do well” to think about the predator that is lurking at our door. What sin is luring us, beckoning to us, disguising itself as good for us? If you’re not sure, a good place to start is the classic list of sins that was developed in early Christianity, commonly known as the seven deadly sins: wrath, greed, sloth, pride, lust, envy, and gluttony. More than likely, one of these is lurking at your door, tempting you, waiting to pounce.

Pray to God and ask for his help to resist, to change, to keep the predator at bay. And believe these words of Paul: “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to us all. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it” (1 Cor. 10:13).

Grace and peace,
 David

LECTIONARY READINGS

MARCH 16, 2014

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

MARCH 23, 2014

3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17: 1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

Requests for March:

Food Pantry

pork-n-beans

Operation Christmas Child

toothbrush & toothpaste

HOSPITAL REPORT (3/12)

Vidant Chowan Hospital

Murray Byrum



Birthdays

Sunday, March 16

Jean Bunch

Jim Cleavenger

Barbara Rinehart

Tuesday, March 18

Mark Alligood

Jimmy Lambeth

Jonathan Winslow

Wednesday, March 19

Jesse Croom

Tony Gieseke

Thursday, March 20

Charles Mustian

J. M. Parrish

Friday, March 21

Kenny Lowe

Anniversary Wishes



Wednesday, March 19

M/M Tony Siano

M/M Gary Swanner

Saturday, March 22

M/M Al Ward

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Sunday, March 16

9:45-Sunday School

10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer

11:00-Morning Worship

5:30-Youth Supper

6:00-Youth HOLLA

Monday, March 17

3:00-Laura Harrell Class,

Edenton Primetime

Tuesday, March 18

5:00-TOPS, Room 117

Wednesday, March 19

5:30-Supper (spaghetti)

6:00-Children’s Choirs

6:30-Church Conference

6:45-Children’s Missions

7:30-Adult Choir Practice

-Personnel Committee

Thursday, March 20

5:30-Handbells, Room 200

6:45-Missions Extravaganza

Meeting, Room 103