

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

**DEACONS:** Wanda Small & Al Ward  
**BUS DRIVER:** Jim Parrish (333-9071)  
**BUS RIDER:** Wanda Small  
**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Patrick Cardwell  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Chrystal Parrish  
**AUDIO OPERATOR:** Maurice Bunch  
**VIDEO OPERATORS:** Allen & Claire Mills  
**BOOK BAG BUDDIES DRIVER (for 2/16):** Patrick Cardwell



In  Memoriam

Mrs. Betsy Chesson  
1927 - 2017

### Old Fashioned GAME NIGHT for Grades K-6 & Parents

Friday, February 24  
6:30pm  
Fellowship Hall

### Entertaining a Hope: Bicentennial News

- **Celebrating Music** – This month we will celebrate the music ministry of our church with a Hymn Festival on February 12, the debut of our Bicentennial Anthem on Sunday February 19, and Music Sunday on February 26.
- **Bicentennial Celebration** – Mark your calendar for our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and homecoming on Sunday, March 26. We will not have Sunday School and our worship service will begin at 10:30am. Our pastor emeritus, Dr. Kenneth Word, will be our featured preacher, and we will enjoy a catered luncheon following the worship service.
- **Bicentennial Items for Sale** – The new history book by Dr. Jesse Croom is available for \$30. Beautiful prints of an original painting of our church by the late Betsy Campen Bierowski are available in two sizes for \$10 or \$20. We also have a commemorative Christmas ornament and an attractive bumper sticker. All are available in the church office.
- **DO YOU KNOW?** The indebtedness for the new fellowship hall/activity center was paid in full in December 2004. On what date was a note burning service and celebration dinner held?
  - A. December 18, 2004
  - B. January 15, 2005
  - C. February 27, 2005

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### Hymn Festival on Sunday

Our guest Sunday afternoon at 4:00 will be organist Adam Ward. Adam is the Director of Music Ministries at Providence United Methodist Church of Charlotte, where he leads a multi-faceted music ministry that includes four staff, ten choirs and countless volunteers. Outside of the church, Adam is a sought-after accompanist and clinician in both sacred and secular settings.

Receiving the Doctor of Musical Arts, Master of Music, and Bachelor of Music degrees in Organ Performance from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Adam also studied piano, harpsichord, voice and choral conducting at the University. During his time at UNC-G, he accompanied the University Chorale, the University Men's Glee Club, and was an adjunct lecturer in organ.

Ward is the Immediate past Dean of the Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and he has also served the Guild as the District Convener for North Carolina. His recording of "For the Beauty of the Earth" has been featured on the nationally-syndicated radio broadcast "PipeDreams". He has performed throughout the Eastern United States as well as multiple performances in the United Kingdom and Italy.

### JOY CLUB OUTING

COA's Performing Art Center presents "Oklahoma"

March 2, 2017 at 10:00am

Tickets are \$16.50

**Deadline for ticket order is this Wednesday, February 15.**

Contact Anna Copeland for more information.

# 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, FEBRUARY 9, 2017

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## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

### The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sermon: "Choose Life"

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 • Matthew 5:21-26

### HYMN FESTIVAL ~ 4:00pm

Edenton Baptist Church and Northeastern NC

American Guild of Organists present

Adam Ward, organist.

### VALENTINE BANQUET FUNDRAISER ~ 6:00pm

All proceeds benefit the youth group.

Reservations required.



### SENIOR ADULT VALENTINE LUNCHEON

Tuesday, February 14 ~ 12:15pm ~ Fellowship Hall

The EBC Deacon Care Team invites our Senior Adults for fun, fellowship, and a good meal—our treat! Call the office to sign up. Transportation available upon request.

## LECTIONARY READINGS

**February 12, 2017**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sun. after the Epiphany**  
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
 Psalm 119:1-8  
 1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
 Matthew 5:21-37

**February 19, 2017**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sun. after the Epiphany**  
 Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18  
 Psalm 119:33-40  
 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23  
 Matthew 5:38-48

## A Word From the Pastor

As we approach our bicentennial as a church, we take time to reflect and give thanks for God's faithfulness to us over the last 200 years. And there are plenty of ways in which we can celebrate. In the hallway behind our sanctuary, there are numerous pictures and mementos, old worship bulletins, memories and reminders of how this church has shaped our lives and the lives of our forebears. In the church office is a book—a bicentennial history of our church, written by our very own Dr. Jesse Croom. His book is so well-written, informative, and delightful. If you have not done so, I encourage you to purchase the book. Read it slowly and use it to give thanks to God for our church. Then, take a few moments to peruse those bulletin boards in our back hallway to see the faces of our congregation down through the years. Travel back in time. Look at each face and remember old friends. Give thanks to God for his faithfulness to us down through the years. Let the past inspire you to a deeper commitment to God and our church in the days to come.

It has been good to celebrate our history in various ways since November as we've given thanks for the saints of our church in *Hopeful Remembering*, practiced *Hopeful Giving* through an old tradition of White Christmas gifts for families in need, and celebrated *Hopeful Service* on "Called to Serve" Sunday last month. Now, in the month of February we are celebrating *Hopeful Singing*—a recognition of our extraordinary music ministry that has blessed our lives and glorified God throughout our history. Michael Morgan, Jackie Copeland, our Adult Choir, our Handbell Choir, our Children's Choirs, and the leaders of our Children's Choirs (Jackie Adams, Dawn Broadwell, Joan Privott, and Debbie Swicegood) deserve our heartfelt thanksgiving for the gift of music and praise that they share with us and with God each and every Sunday in worship. Let's come together in *Hopeful Singing* for a Hymn Festival with Adam Ward this Sunday, the premier of our Bicentennial Anthem with our Adult Choir singing and David Schwoebel conducting on February 19<sup>th</sup>, Music Sunday on February 26<sup>th</sup>, and a concert with the Meredith College Chorale on Saturday evening, March 4<sup>th</sup>. All of these opportunities to sing God's praises will prepare us well for a grand celebration of our Bicentennial Homecoming on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

It is a unique privilege to serve as pastor of Edenton Baptist Church at this time. I'm grateful for the opportunity I have to join with you in giving thanks for our past, serving God in the present, and planning for how we can continue entertaining a hope that God will do great things through us and those who will come after us for the next 200 years.

Grace and peace,  
 David

## LITTLE GOOSE NEST PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Children of EBC members, siblings of former LGN students, and children who are presently enrolled in the 3-year-old class, may register for the 2017-2018 school year now. A registration form is available in the church office. Payment of the \$115.00 materials fee will hold the student's spot.



February 27, 2005

### Birthdays

**Sunday, February 12**

Elizabeth Stallings

**Monday, February 13**

Connor Alligood

Madge Bunch

Fred Keeter, Jr.

Bill Vogedes

**Tuesday, February 14**

Tanner Leggett

Eddie Stallings

**Wednesday, February 15**

Rhonda Smith

**Thursday, February 16**

Pam Bond

**Friday, February 17**

Christina Brown

Charlie Thomas

Thomas Ward III

**Saturday, February 18**

Donald Byers

Bruce Jones

### Anniversaries

**Wednesday, February 15**

M/M Jim Kalbach

**Saturday, February 18**

M/M Sid White

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

**Saturday, February 11**

Basketball: RH-EBC at RH

4:30-Co-ed grades K-2

5:00-Co-ed Boys 3-5 & Girls 3-6

6:00-Boys grades 6-8

7:00-Girls grades 7-12

8:00-Boys grades 9-12

**Sunday, February 12**

9:45-Sunday School

10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer

11:00-Morning Worship

4:00-Hymn Festival, Sanctuary

6:00-Valentine Banquet

**Monday, February 13**

5:30-Handbell Rehearsal

7:00-Son Beams, Jenny Williams

**Tuesday, February 14**

11:00-Combined WMU Groups

12:15-Sr. Adult Valentine Lunch

**Wednesday, February 15**

1:00-Mustard Seeds Group,

Soda Shoppe

5:30-Supper

6:00-Children's Choirs

6:30-Church Conference

7:30-Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday, February 16**

7:45-Jesus & Java, Coffee House

10:15-Book Bag Buddies

12:00-Salt Shakers, Soda Shoppe

## SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Kenny & Joe Griffin  
 Litchford Falls Nursing  
 8200 Litchford Road  
 Raleigh, NC 27615

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Miss Sarah Daniels  
 503-B N. Greensboro St.  
 Carrboro, NC 27510



SUNDAY  
 SCHOOL

**A family affair!**

Bible study begins at 9:45am  
 each Sunday, with classes for all  
 ages. Please join us!

## HOSPITAL REPORT (2/9)

**Vidant Medical Center**

Betty Cox

## WEEKLY REPORT (2/5)

### Offering

Amount Received.....\$9,702.00

### Other Monies Received

Community Missions.....1,191.00

Wed. Supper.....243.00

Memorial Fund.....95.00

Bicentennial .....64.00

Reimbursements.....204.57

Global Missions.....410.00

TOTAL.....2,207.57

### Attendance

Sunday School.....119

Chowan River Nursing.....42

SS TOTAL.....161

Worship Total.....185

## Missing!

A yellow, fiberglass step ladder belonging to the church is nowhere to be found. If you borrowed it, please return it as soon as you can. Thanks.



For February, the Food Pantry is requesting items to make soup: all types of beans & peas, rice, canned tomatoes, carrots, corn, etc. In addition, canned tomato or chicken noodle soups.