

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

DEACONS: Hazel Elliott & Allen Mills
BUS DRIVER: Mac Privott (679-0616)
BUS RIDER: Allen Mills
AUDIO OPERATOR: Paul Williams
VIDEO OPERATORS: Allen & Claire Mills
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Deborah Stokely
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Bonita McCall
OUTREACH: Elaine Ervin
YOUTH SUPPER: Bergevin, Clayton, Halstead Families
BOOK BAG BUDDIES DRIVER: Jay Swicegood



CHURCH PICNIC!

October 1, 2017 at Camp Cale

We are having a church-wide picnic at beautiful Camp Cale on Sunday, October 1. The church Recreation Team will provide hot dogs and hamburgers for lunch, beginning at 1:30pm. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. There will be games and recreational activities for all ages. Anyone wishing to ride the church bus over to Cale should let the office know.

little one

Clyde and Jackie Adams are thrilled to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Clyde S. Adams IV, on Wednesday, September 20, in Montgomery, AL. Baby "Cort" weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20¾ in. long. Congratulations to his mom and dad, Trey and Kelly Rhodes Adams!

Shut-In of the Week

Mrs. Lucy Bunch
Edenton Primetime
PO Box 987
Edenton, NC 27932

Student of the Week

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

HOSPITAL REPORT (9/21)

At the time of printing the office knew of no members in the hospital.

REMEMBER THE
FOOD PANTRY!

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ABSENTEE DEACON NOMINATIONS

Deacon elections will take place at the conclusion of worship on Sunday, October 8. For members unable to be present in the designated church conference, absentee nominations may be submitted through the church office during the week prior to October 8 (October 1-6 at noon). Absentee nomination forms may be picked up in the church office and delivered to our shut-ins by a church member. The completed form will be placed in an envelope supplied by the church. The envelope will be sealed and signed by the person making the nominations for voting. The form will then be submitted to the church office. The Church Administrator will secure all nomination forms, unopened, and deliver them to the Deacon Nomination Committee. The committee will verify that each signed envelope is from a church member. The envelopes will be opened, and the nomination forms removed and placed in the nomination box without revealing the nominations. The absentee nomination forms will then be counted in the final tally, with no identification of the person.

Eligibility Requirements: Members eligible for nomination include those persons who are 21 years of age and have been resident members of Edenton Baptist Church for at least two years. Members who are ineligible for nomination include active deacons, the spouse of a deacon who will be active during 2018, an adult child or parent of a deacon who will be active in 2018, and current staff members.

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, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Our Daily Bread"

Exodus 16:2-15 • Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon Series: *When Life Seems Unfair*

NO BAPTIST MEN'S BREAKFAST THIS MONTH.



Throughout the month of September the NC Missions Offering is received. This year the offering will be divided between WMU-NC (40%), NC Baptist Men (30%), Cale: Camp & Conference Center (15%), and CBFNC Missions & Ministries (15%). Special envelopes are located around the church for your gift to the NC Missions Offering, which supports these good ministries. \$2,530.00 has been received to date.

LECTIONARY READINGS

September 24, 2017

16th Sun. after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16



October 1, 2017

17th Sun. after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Which Way, Lord?

Join us for *Which Way, Lord?*—a 6-week study, on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm, starting September 27th. Using Rob Fuquay's book of the same title, we will look at the life and journeys of the apostle Paul in order to understand God's direction and purpose for our own lives today. Our focus this week will be *Preparing for Purpose*: Discerning and following God's leading.

You do not have to purchase or read the book to participate, but if you would like a copy of the book (\$10.00), please submit your payment to the church office.

Parents' Night Out Fundraiser

**Friday, September 29
6:00-9:00pm**

If you have children pre-k through 6th grade, let our youth take care of them for an evening while you have some time to yourself for a quiet evening at home or a night out! Minimum suggested donation is \$20 per child. We thank you for your support!

WEEKLY REPORT (9/17)

Offering

Amount Received \$7,966.50

Other Monies Received

Wed. Night Supper	236.00
Global Missions	15.00
NC Missions Offering	770.00
Baptist Men	<u>1,681.13</u>
TOTAL	\$2,702.13

Attendance

Sunday School	106
Chowan River Nursing	35
Worship	168

Attention Department & Committee chairs, & staff!

Your BUDGET REQUESTS are due in the church office by September 29 at noon.

From the Pastor

Twenty years ago, I picked up a copy of *At Home in Mitford*—Jan Karon's first novel in the Mitford series of books that have now totaled twelve books. As a young pastor, I enjoyed reading about the daily joys and challenges that Father Tim Kavanagh experienced as the rector of Lord's Chapel Episcopal Church in the fictional North Carolina mountain village of Mitford. After finishing the book, I put it on my shelf and haven't thought much about it until last week when somebody mentioned to me that he was reading the book. I pulled the book off of my shelf and have been rereading it, enjoying the story and appreciating the wit and wisdom of Jan Karon as she helps us to see life through the eyes of a caring pastor.

On one occasion, Father Tim went to the sanctuary of the Lord's Chapel by himself to enjoy the solitude and pray. But as he entered the sanctuary, he heard a strange sound and saw a man kneeling in a pew near the front. The man, dressed in a suit and tie, cried out in a voice that was a combination of anger, despair, and odd hope, "If you're up there, prove it! Show me! If you're God, you can prove it!" The man was obviously troubled as he yelled out, "I'll never ask this again: Are...you...up...there?"

Father Tim slid into a nearby pew and said very gently, "You may be asking the wrong question." After a pause, he continued, "I believe the question you may want to ask is not, 'Are you up there?' but 'Are you down here?'" The skeptical man replied, "What kind of a joke is that?" And Father Tim said to him with great care, "It isn't a joke. God wouldn't be God if he were only up there. He's with us right now, in this room."¹

We all need a simple, yet profound reminder every day that we need not wonder if God is real. We need not wonder if God is up in heaven. We need not wonder if God really cares. As Father Tim observed, God is not only "up there," but "down here," among us, closer than we can imagine, constantly revealing himself to us. And our calling is to seek God, to pay attention, to recognize God in the people around us, in the circumstances of life, in the highs and the lows that we face every day.

How will you discover God anew today?

Your pastor,

David

¹Jan Karon, *At Home in Mitford* (New York: Penguin Books, 1994), 182.

Reminder! If you would like to write a message to David in celebration of his 10th anniversary as our pastor, you may do so by stopping by the church office. We have a special book for you to jot down your well wishes and memories. It will be available until the end of September. Come by at your convenience!

Trunk or Treat

**Sunday, October 29
4:00-5:30pm**

Birthdays

Sunday, September 24

Lupe Mejorado
Charlotte Record

Monday, September 25

John Barrow
Steven Brown
Brian Long

Tuesday, September 26

Jan Brown
Robby Weber

Wednesday, September 27

William Craig
Dorsey Hawkins
Danny Long
Patricia Timberlake
Bryant Warren

Friday, September 29

Tani Pratt
Judson Smith
Inglis Towe

Saturday, September 30

Wes Mattera

Anniversaries

Thursday, September 28

M/M Barry White

Friday, September 29

M/M Leonard Small, Jr.

Saturday, September 30

M/M Dan Culver

Fun, Food, Fellowship

If you are interested in joining a ladies' Sunday school class, the GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) class invites you to join them on Sunday, October 8 from 3:00-5:00pm at the home of Karen Fleetwood (118 Cove Drive). Call Karen at 337-5114 or Wanda Small at 333-9891 if you have any questions.

CALENDAR of ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 24

9:45-Sunday School
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer
11:00-Morning Worship
5:30-Youth Supper
6:00-Youth REAL Talk

Monday, September 25

2:00-Helen Hughes Group,
Peggy Dees

Tuesday, September 26

7:00-Personnel Committee

Wednesday, September 27

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

Thursday, September 28

7:45-Jesus & Java, Coffee Shop
10:15-Book Bag Buddies,
EBC Parking Lot