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MBC Office Hours  
Monday – Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Access to sermons and videos/content posted during the week:

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## Feeding Our Future June 17 through August 19



**WHAT:** Edenton-Chowan Summer Nutrition Program for Children - Food Boxes will include fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, mac and cheese, snacks

**WHEN:** Every **WEDNESDAY EVENING** drive-thru from 5:30-700pm

**WHERE:** Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry

**ELIGIBILITY:** At least **one child** attending an Edenton-Chowan public school

### Deacons of the Week:

5<sup>th</sup> Carroll Skinner  
Tom Brooks

12<sup>th</sup> Curtis Byrum  
Lonnie Coker

19<sup>th</sup> Kevin Goodwin  
Matthew Simons

26<sup>th</sup> Phil Huey  
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*I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.*

- Psalm 121:1-2

These two verses are some of the most encouraging I have encountered in the last few months. When we went through this Psalm on a Wednesday night, I was taken aback at its depth. The verses are simple. There's nothing too hard to interpret here. But the depth of the truth it communicates as it carries on through the rest of the Psalm is like drinking deeply from cool, fresh spring water in the heat of summer. A song we can sing on our journey, and at this moment, a difficult one for us all. So where do we turn? Not to the mountains or to the rest of creation. Not to any other gods who were often worshiped on mountain. No, we turn to the Creator. He is our help. He is the one who guides us on this journey of discipleship as we head towards the New Jerusalem, the new heavens and earth. So turn to God in these days, church. No one else but Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer, our very present help in times of trouble.

-Pastor Chris

#### Here is a message from Pastor Chris:

The deacons and I met to discuss our reopening of indoor services here at MBC. After much prayer, thought, and consideration of all the factors, and the survey that many of you filled out, we want to give you some good news! I'm sure many of you have been waiting patiently. We understand that many churches have begun to meet back already. There are a lot of opinions about this virus. We want to let you know that this decision has not been made lightly and we have done all we can to serve all of the church family and any potential guests. On Sunday, July 12, we will begin doing a two-service system. You will have two service choices, an outdoor service at 9:00 am and an indoor service at 11:00 am. We will continue to livestream our service (the 11:00 am one) on Facebook for those that would like to stay home safely and watch.

These two options will hopefully serve the whole body well. The 9:00am is for those that don't feel comfortable meeting inside yet. This service will also allow for congregational singing. We will also continue to allow for those that would like to stay in their cars. Keep in mind, this is weather permitting. If its not possible to meet outside because of heat or rain, we will then move that service indoors. You will have 24 hour notice of that change and you can make that decision of whether you feel comfortable meeting inside that day or would rather stay home and watch the livestream.

The 11:00am service will be indoors, very similar to what we have been doing outdoors. It will take place in the fellowship hall, as it gives us more ability to spread out and keep social distancing guidelines. A couple of things to keep in mind for indoor services: there will be no congregational singing for a while indoors. Many studies indicate group singing indoors can increase the spread of the virus. We hate to limit this, but feel it is best for this time. We will still have music performed by our musicians. Feel free to whisper, hum, and prayerfully reflect during the music. This is temporary and we will sing again as we get closer to the end of the pandemic. A second thing to keep in mind is that we will highly encourage the use of masks indoors. It is not a requirement, but strongly suggested. All that applies to the 11am service will apply to the 9am service if it gets moved inside because of weather.

We will keep doing the livestream. If you are sick or in any way do not feel comfortable meeting yet, please stay home. There is absolutely no judgment for doing so. We desire safety for you and the church family. You are not any less of a church member if you choose not to meet in person yet. We understand completely.

More information on how the indoor service will go in regards to entering, seating, and exiting is available on the church website. We hope that this gives everyone options. We ultimately leave the decision up to you and your family. We will do all we can to meet safely, if you choose to come, with social distancing and increased sanitation practices. Thank you for your patience and prayers. Love you church! - Pastor Chris



#### MBC Family wishes HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following who were born in July!

2 Roy Forehand 6 Holt Shaw, Sr. 8 Holly Colombo  
11 Melanie Manning, Audra Lancaster 12 Kristin Miller 13 Carroll Skinner  
14 Ray Harrell Jr., Brad May, Kim White 16 Haley Nixon Jones, Janet Winslow  
17 Jackie Ashley 19 Joanie Long 20 David Bass 21 Kyler Holmes  
22 Paul Ainsley, Elizabeth Manning, Lillie Mae Stroud 23 Shellie Harmon,  
Clara Adams, Brandon Jones, Ryan Overton 24 Rose Byrum, Liz Baker,  
Nathan Colombo 26 Bryant White 28 Lilie Bass 31 Sylvia Brooks, Thomas Skinner

#### Family Summer Fun Nights

Due to current restrictions in place, we will not be able to have traditional VBS this year. In its place, we will have "Family Summer Fun Nights". We will have music, a Lesson, and a game/activity that we can do while still practicing social distancing as practically as we can. The dates are July 15th, July 22nd, July 29th and August 5th from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. We encourage families to stay and worship with us.