

# THE ENON ECHO

APRIL 2015

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**ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE PASTOR**

This past month was filled with great blessings. One of the greatest was the Sunday morning Chaz Hatfield came to the microphone and made his profession of faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. First Chaz announced his plans to marry Deborah Rogers. Then he told us how he had become a Christian. Giving our testimony takes courage. We all need to be giving our testimony. My prayer is that some of you will share your testimony during our week of Revival May 3-8.



Debbie and I were invited to be guests at the Gideons' Annual Meeting Banquet. There we heard so many great testimonies of how the Lord used scriptures to bring people to repent of their sin and turn their broken lives over to the Lord.

Let me now share just one of those great stories. The Gideon business men were in India distributing small pocket New Testaments to school children. There was a young man outside the school who approached the Gideons. He requested that they give him 13 New Testaments. They said no, firmly. They never stopped walking but the young man stayed right with them. He literally begged them with tears in his eyes. Seeing his persistence they invited him to talk with them in the privacy of their car.

The Gideons asked the young man why he was requesting 13 New Testaments. He told them his conversion story. When his father died this young man had to drop out of school and work the family farm. Every day at lunch time on the farm he read his copy of the New Testament that had been given to him while he was still in school. After a few weeks he sought help from a local Christian pastor. The pastor was kind and explained the gospel. The young man received Christ and became a believer.

After that he continued reading his New Testament to the 13 farm workers his father had hired before he died. Each of those 13 men, one by one, became Christians. Now the young man was requesting a copy of the New Testament for each of these workers!

I am so glad the Gideons shared this inspiring story. As your pastor, I want to encourage you to be a faithful witness. Daily pray that God will give you an opportunity to share your faith. Then look for an open door.

To help all of us actively engage in witnessing I want to offer Witness Training Classes on two Wednesday nights, April 15, and April 22. This will be full of scriptures and testimonies. We will polish our witnessing skills and get motivated to be willing witnesses. The classes will follow the 6:00 PM meal and conclude at 7:30.

Make sure you take advantage of the wonderful worship opportunities in April. God is moving among us and once again we will celebrate the cross and resurrection of our Lord. He is Risen!

Serving with you,  
*Pastor Glenn*

**Enon's Weekly Schedule**

Sundays:

- Sunday School 9:45am
- Worship 11:00am
- Choir Practice 4:00pm

Wednesdays:

- Fellowship Meal 6:00pm
- Bible Study 6:45pm
- Youth 6:45pm
- Wednesday Night Prayers 7:45pm



One of my favorite all-time hymns speaks to me at this time of year. I hope it is an encouragement and special blessing to you; as you are reading and singing this:

### “Because He Lives”

(Verse 1)

God sent his son, they called him Jesus; He came to love, heal, and forgive; He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

(Chorus)

Because he lives I can face tomorrow; Because he lives all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living just because he lives.

(Verse 2)

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, And feel the pride, and joy he gives; But greater still the calm assurance, This child can face uncertain days because he lives.

(Chorus)

Because he lives I can face tomorrow; Because he lives all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living just because he lives.

(Verse 3)

And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain; And then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he lives.

(Chorus)

Because he lives I can face tomorrow; Because he lives all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living just because he lives.

### *The Bible and The Hymnbook* *Don't Throw Away The Hymnbook!*



*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one*

*another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”-Col.3:16*

O friend, my heart aches to see so many churches doing away with one of the two great books we Christians take some much encouragement and joy from; The Hymnbook! Yes, we have two GREAT books; both the HIM Book (the Bible) and the HYMN book-both are like life-sustaining streams in a desert for the children of God in this world. One gives us the words of life, the other the spirit of life. The first gives us the message of salvation, the other the melody of salvation. The Bible is the revelation of God's Person, work and will for mankind; the hymnbook is the musical celebration of the revealed truth of God. *Friend my prayer is that you will not go helplessly adrift in the wilderness of spiritual struggles without the necessary aid of God's Book and our book of praises to Him.* May our GREAT God keep a smile on your face and a song in your heart! AMEN!

I AM BLESSED,

Greg Denton

Psalm 19:14



### Study:

Our Sunday morning focus continues to be on Biblical views on current events. We are really enjoying the guidance God's word gives us regarding events that are happening each day. Our Wednesday night focus is titled "Like No Other" which helps us understand that our Messiah's purpose and methods was within God's divine plan purpose.

### April Events:

Easter Egg Hunt: 3/4/15 at 12 PM. Free hot dogs and drinks.

3:6 Teen will be singing the song "Here I Am" during the April 12th Service.

We are currently collecting paper towel rolls for the Baptist Community Center downtown. We will deliver these in April.

Bowling Night: April 24th. Please contact Ricky for details as he's currently working on time and cost.

### Beginning in May:



Scripture: "May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer." (Psalms 19:14)

Minister To Students,

Ricky

# sharing the GoodNews

## A Note of Blessing:



Enon,  
Sally and I enjoyed our time of worship at Enon Baptist when we visited. The folks were very friendly and welcoming.

The worship service was a blessing and the men added a lot to the service. It seems there are a lot of good things happening at Enon. Call on me if I can be of service to you and your church.

On Mission Together,  
John Saunders  
Director of RVBA



RVBA Spring Meeting will be at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 28th at Mill Creek Baptist Church with a Reception at 6:15 pm to Honor Larry Billet.

Enon Potluck Fellowship Meal and Business Meeting will be Wednesday, April 29 at 6:00 pm.

### **Revival Dates: May 3-8**

Please mark your calendar! Sunday morning at 11:00 am Sunday Night through Friday Night at 7:00 pm.

## **Church Growth and Answered Prayers**

Is it my imagination or is something great happening at Enon? I am referring to the number of young people and their families on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Could this be due to all the hard work by Ricky Pinkerton?

Ricky Pinkerman's first sermon at Enon will be Sunday, April 12th. Pastor Glenn will be away on vacation.

### **You Are Invited!**

Pastor Glenn and Debbie will be leading a brief worship service on Sunday, April 19th at 3:00 pm at Edinburg Square Apartments. You are encouraged to come along for this special treat!



## **A Glimpse of Heaven**

by Pat Hammond

Now that I have completed my radiation treatments, I wanted to relate to the church family about my journey, and what their active support has meant to me.

When I first started my journey, I was paralyzed with fright! I had been told horror stories by well-intentioned people who were trying to prepare me, but it turned out that they were all wrong! The fact that my journey has not been "horrible" is due to the partnership with Enon Church members and GOD! (Most of us have learned by now that doctors prescribe the treatment, while God provides the cure, and I thank Him so much!)

For all but one of my thirty visits to the Cancer Center, I was accompanied by a church member. So, I got to know some amazing people quite well!


There is no way that I can ever repay the debt I owe to all who supported me, except to thank them from the bottom of my heart, and, when I've recovered, continue to reach out to anyone who needs my help. Thanks so much for your sincere support. I can truly say that I believe I have had a glimpse of heaven!

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 2015**

March 1.....\$4,618.00
March 8.....\$3,216.50
March 15.....\$2,267.00
March 22..... \$2,020.50
Total Offerings YTD for 2015: \$27,343.50
Annie Armstrong 2015: \$462.00
Lottie Moon 2015: \$50.00
Benevolence Fund 2015: \$26.00

Celebrating a April Birthday

9 Marion Giles  
 15 Alexis Richarson  
 17 Wayne Owens  
 22 Irene Hensen  
 23 Pat Hammond  
 29 Jack Giles



Deacon of the Month:

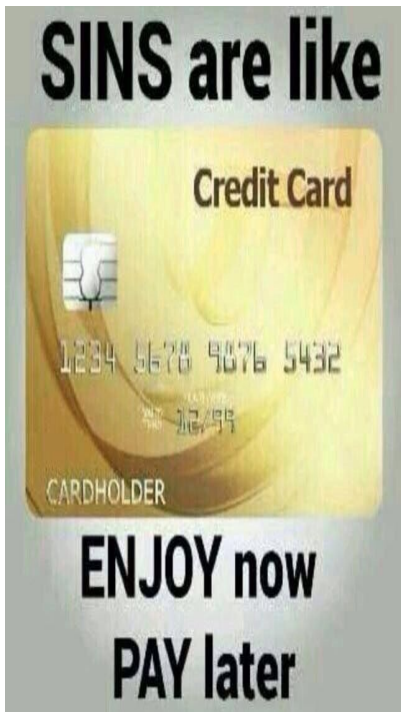
Ushers for April:  
Joe Lively

Nursery Worker for April:  
Diana Morefield

*April 2015*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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*Inspiration Block*



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We're on the web:  
[www.EnonBaptist.com](http://www.EnonBaptist.com)

### Enon Easter Events

Good Friday Service  
Friday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm

Enon Easter Service  
Sunday, April 5th at 11:00 am



Community Sunrise Easter Service will be held at 7:00 am at Summerdean Church Of The Brethren on Plantation Road

Free breakfast served to worshippers