
2026

April

Chowan Baptist Association

108 Berry St.

Hertford, NC 27944



Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 28th
Fellowship Baptist Church
Meal 6:30 P.M., Meeting 7 P.M.

Then Came The Morning!

*(Five years ago, I wrote a short story about a fictional character named Malachi. The story was Malachi's account of the crucifixion of Jesus. The following is Chapter 8, **A very Dark Day!**)*

I could barely recognize the teacher who was now affixed by nails to the Roman cross between two known criminals. Hanging there in cruel humiliation, a spectacle of torn flesh, eyes swollen almost shut, blood, both dried and fresh painting almost every inch of his shredded frame.

There was a mixture of gaiety and laughter and mocking with wails of horror and great sadness and confused conversation filling the air.

How is this possible, this friend of the downtrodden, this lover of children, this teacher of wisdom, this healer of diseased bodies, this soul of kindness to those who had never known kindness, this friend of the friendless, this man?

Suddenly a large, strong hand softly landed on my shoulder with a gentle squeeze and a light tug breaking the spell that had me entranced in my deep thoughts. My son, Ezra, had come and held me close to comfort my great sorrow.

Our tender moment was interrupted by a voice coming from our friend on the cross, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" he cried out and His head fell to His chest.

Suddenly darkness fell all around us. The loud laughter ceased, air seemed still and eerie and loud crashes filled our ears and the earth was trembling under our feet. "Earthquake!" we heard someone scream.

People were screaming and running and filled with fear. Ezra and I were transfixed where we were, unable to move. It seemed as if there were only three people in the whole world in that moment. There was Ezra, his old father, that is me, and a lone soldier standing at the cross where Jesus was, looking up transfixed on the lifeless body above him. He is talking now and we listen closely to the words coming from the mouth of this mighty centurion, one of the military men responsible for this awful procedure.

"Truly, this man was the Son of God."

Then came the morning! The stone had rolled away and before me was an empty tomb. He's alive, Christ the Lord has risen! He has risen indeed!

Blessings to you as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

James

Leadership Council Members

AMS

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Jason Wise, Berea
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Wayne Proctor, Gatesville
Interim 312-9910

WMU

Nancy Scaff, Woodville
339-4328

Section 5 Leader (Tyrell, Hyde

& Washington):

General Fund Budgeted Amount: \$150,000

CBA Amount Given in February: \$4,195.64

General Fund Given to-Date \$12,746.35(8.50% given toward budget requirement of 16.66%)

Camp Cale Budgeted Amount: \$72,000

Camp Cale Given in February: \$3,379.59

Camp Cale Given To-Date \$5,711.32(7.93% given towards budget requirement of 16.66%)

(These figures are through the end of February)



Camp Cale

Camp Cale
MAY DAY COMMUNITY YARD SALE
 8:30AM-1:00PM
MAY 9TH
10X10 SPACE:
\$25.00

Spring Break
DAY CAMP
 Tuesday, April 7th
 Wednesday, April 8th
 Thursday, April 9th
 A LITTLE WILD!
 \$50 a day

2026 SUMMER CAMP WEEKS
 Cost: \$455 (all inclusive)
 *Kids Week 1: June 7-12
 *Kids Week 2: June 14-19
 *Youth Week: June 21-26
 *Kids Week 3: July 5-10
 *Kids Week 4: July 12-17
 Ages:
 Kids Week: 7-12 years old
 Youth Week: 12-15 years old

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SPECIALITY WEEKS
 Alpha Week: July 19-24
 Cost: \$355 (all inclusive) Ages 14-17
 Day Camp: July 20-24
 Cost: \$355 (all inclusive) Dragonfly Campers Ages 6-8
 Cost: \$375 (all inclusive) Firefly Campers Ages 9-11.

Camp Cale
Experiences & Life

campcale.com 252-264-2513 info@campcale.com

Hiring! Summer Staff

Applications online at campcale.com

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FOOD ITEMS

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Mac & cheese
- Rice
- Flour
- Sugar (granulated & brown)
- Baking mixes (cake, brownie, muffin, Bisquick, pancake)
- Cooking oil & sprays (vegetable, olive, shortening, Pam, Baker's Choice)
- Cereal (cold & hot)
- Canned fruits
- Canned vegetables
- Gravy mixes
- Coffee, tea & hot cocoa
- Sauces (ketchup, BBQ, soy, Worcestershire, steak sauce, teriyaki, cheese, sweet & sour, hot sauce)
- Snack foods (sweet & savory-fruit snacks, jerky, pretzels, cheese crackers, etc.)

HOUSEHOLD & CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Laundry detergent
- Fabric softener/dryer sheets
- Trash bags (large & small)
- Household cleaners
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Napkins
- Tissues (Kleenex)
- Paper & plastic tableware
- Zip-top bags (sandwich, snack, quart, gallon)

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Soap
- Toothbrushes
- Lotion
- Baby wipes

OTHER ESSENTIALS

- Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D)

FINAL NOTES

Gift Cards are appreciated for buying perishables and items not received. (i.e. Wal-Mart, Sams Clubs, Food Lion, Lowes, Ingles, Piggly Wiggly). We can use all size cans. Some locations prefer #10 cans (family size).

IMPORTANT: Please check for expired dates on food -- we cannot accept expired items. Please help our volunteer truck drivers by packing your church's donations in small, sturdy boxes. Pack like items together. Please do not pack chemicals with food.

The CBA will be a collection point for the BCH Food Roundup and our deadline to have collections in will be Thursday, April 30th.

Staff

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FINDING YOUR NEXT PASTOR

by Dr. T. Wayne Proctor, Church Planting and Revitalization

Every church deals with this situation – a pastor retires, or leaves, or gets fired, or dies. Even though we love our pastors, and some become life-long friends and allies, eventually something happens and the church is left “pastor-less.” When that happens, how does the church find its next pastor?

Here are some realities. The average pastor in America is about 60 years of age. The average age of the American pastor is about 20 years older than the median age of Americans. Furthermore, many younger pastors do not want to pastor an older, more traditional, rural America church. Many seminarians are becoming church planters and missionaries and desire the cities as places to live. Yet, while those are current realities, there are pastors who are called to rural churches and prefer living in small towns and in the “country.”

PREPARATION – the first step to finding your next pastor is preparation. While churches need an immediate transition plan, it takes time to find your next pastor. Preparation isn't just about time, but it is about process. Churches do not need to “rush” to select a pastor-search committee or team, but they do need a process that will be thorough and prayerful. Some churches fill the transition period with supply preachers. Others hire an interim, or as in my case, an intentional interim. While supply preachers or normal interims do not aid or train pastor-search teams, the intentional interim does. He will normally work with the church over a period of 18-24 months, until the new, next pastor is hired.

Here are some items to review and perhaps revise during this preparatory phase. Review and revise essential guiding documents, such as Constitution and By-Laws. Review and revise the pastor job description. Look at the church structures – deacons, elders, key leaders, committees and teams. Examine effectiveness. This may be the time to abandon or tweak things that either aren't working or need improvement. It could be a great time to do some specialized training with leadership and programs. It could also be a good time to “fix” some property issues. And, money needs to be allocated for the entire search and hire process. An intentional interim will work with leadership for the first year to address all of these concerns.

PASTOR-SEARCH – While some churches may call this their pulpit committee, it really should be called “pastor-search.” While preaching is the most obvious thing a pastor does, it is only a small part. When I address the duties of pastor, I break them down into three: Preaching and Teaching, Administration, and Pastoral Care. Think about all of these being equally essential.

Pastor-Search teams should consist of between 5-7 people, representing the different adult age groups in the church. Some churches select an older teen to serve and that is fine. Pastor-Search teams should be thoughtfully and prayerfully selected by the church, and they should consider this to be a one-year job.

THE WORK – As an intentional interim, I have been training our pastor-search team at Gatesville. We spent considerable time examining church documents and developing a time-line of work. Once we were ready, we developed an advertisement statement (basically an abbreviated job description with some

church information) and posted it as broadly as possible. We cast a very wide net. We worked through SBCNet, the Biblical Recorder, Associations in NC and Virginia, other social media outlets, and other personal contacts. For Gatesville, our result was about 60 resumes received and at this moment, we have narrowed those down to 10 (based upon replies we got from about 25). These 10 will get a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, the Pastor job description, and 10 questions to answer on the topic of Leadership, values, and church life. Then those 10 prospects will be narrowed down to 3, and those three will be engaged in something like zoom calls or face-time conversations. When the three becomes one, the church will make preparations for the potential pastor and family coming to visit the church, preach on Sunday, and meet with vital groups. Shortly thereafter, a hire will be made – a hire that was professional and thoughtful and prayerful.

FINALLY, I have a document that is great for pastor-search teams. It is called "Matching Pastor and Church." I can guarantee that using this document as your conversational guideline during the interview phase will help you. Guaranteed. If you want to use it, or want me to assist your pastor-search team, reach me, Wayne Proctor @ 252-312-9910 or twp7nba@gmail.com

I want to thank everyone who had a part in making our VIP party successful. We had 76 campers, 31 chaperones and 20 volunteers. The campers enjoyed the puppets from Moyock Baptist, crafts led by Becky McLawhorn and beautiful singing by Rev. Jason Wise and his daughter Emma, Jason also did our devotion. He let us all know we are special, that Jesus loves us and we need to speak Jesus so others will know Jesus. Our hotdogs and baked beans were cooked by the Albemarle Coon Hunters. We received a great compliment by one of the chaperones, it was her first time being here and she thanked me because she said no other group did this and she felt the love we have for each camper. What a blessing we receive each year during the VIP party.

We will prayer walk Camp Cale June 2nd. at 6:30, we will have ice cream with lots of toppings afterwards. Come and pray for each area of camp and with the interns and staff. We will also take names again of each intern and staff to pray for them, send cards of encouragement and small gifts during summer camp

If you need to get in touch with me:
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Blessings,
Nancy Scaff

Spring Revival | April 19-23 | 7pm

Join us for a powerful week of worship, preaching, and unity as four local churches come together for a Spring Revival! Each night will feature a different host church, worship team, and guest preacher as we seek the Lord together.

Dates: April 19–23

Time: 7:00 PM nightly

Schedule:

Sunday, April 19

 Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church

*5:30pm Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser (Donation Only)

Preaching: Jeffery Russell (Warwick Baptist)

Monday, April 20

 Hertford Baptist Church

Preaching: Josh Engen (Ballard's Bridge)

Tuesday, April 21

 Center Hill Baptist Church

Preaching: Dario Ruvarac (Hertford Baptist)

Wednesday, April 22

 Warwick Baptist Church

Preaching: Russell Blanchard (Center Hill Baptist)

Thursday, April 23 – Finale Night

 Center Hill Baptist Church

A special night of worship led by Center Hill

We're planning a spaghetti dinner fundraiser (donation-based) for our Camp Cale retreat this year before the revival service at Ballard's Bridge on April 19. Dinner will start at 5:30 PM. We'd love to invite folks from the other churches to join us!

Come expecting God to move as we gather across our communities for a shared time of revival. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors—we'd love to worship with you!