
2025

August

Chowan Baptist Association

108 Berry St.

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A New Start in August!

And just like that, August is here. It seems to happen every year! August seems like an awkward month to be considered a month of beginnings, but in a big way, that's what it is.

Children who have enjoyed the comfort of elementary school life are yanked from that environment and dropped into another world. It can be exciting, sure, but also scary for some and intimidating. Former Middle school (It is still difficult for me not to say "Junior High") students find themselves in the high halls of High School. Passing seniors in the hall that seem to be giants or in the least, adults (they are not adults but to a ninth grader may seem so) can be frightening in itself.

Then there are those who have lived in the safety of a community of people that they have seen for most of their lives and are familiar with their surroundings, suddenly all of life is changed. Showing up to a dorm on some gigantic campus, maybe to walk into a small room to board with a stranger. Then the next day to walk across massive areas to get to one of the many buildings they will be navigating for the next several years. All this to find that Dorothy is not in Kansas anymore and school life is entirely different than they have ever experienced. For this group especially, there will many opportunities for different experiences that can be educating and beneficial and many that can be destructive and harmful.

Some who have graduated will leave a recruiting office with lots of unanswered questions along with many prospects of adventure and promises of security and growth. Soon they will be in an environment that they could have never possibly imagined, and will develop relationships that will last a life time.

Still others will start a job somewhere, where they will receive training and guidance and opportunities to grow.

Whatever the case each of these groups will be at the beginning of something new, challenging, exciting and life changing.

In church life, many young people will start in a new department or new class. Some will join new adventures like "Youth Group". There may be some new programs in preparation for the coming church year.

Whatever the case, and there are many other examples, August can certainly be a time of beginning something new and often times fun and exciting and other times scary and challenging.

Whatever beginnings you may deal with in August, begin each day with the Lord, your day will be better for it.

OK, now, go ahead and mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 21st for our Annual Meeting. Tell others. More details to come!

Happy August and God Bless!

James Harrington,
Associational Mission Strategis



25-26 Preschool Year

Opening Day:

Tuesday, September 2nd

Classes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
8:00am - 11:30am

- Space available in the 3 year-old class
- (3) Teacher positions open
- (1) Teacher Assistant position open

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339-4328

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General Fund Budgeted Amount: \$150,000

CBA Amount Given in June: \$6,199.41

General Fund Given to-Date \$59,332.95(39.56% given toward budget requirement of 49.98%)

Camp Cale Budgeted Amount: \$70,000

Camp Cale Given in June: \$6,431.44

Camp Cale Given To-Date \$35,864.56(51.24% given towards budget requirement of 49.98%)

(These figures are through the end of June)

I want to thank each person who prayed for, sent encouraging notes and gifts to the staff at Camp Cale this summer. What a blessing you were to them. I have already had people say they want to do it again next summer.

We will have Abound training at Berea Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, this is led by WMU NC staff from 9:30 to 2 on October 4 with a light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

The Red Box Ministry for women prisoners is 5 sticks packs of chewing gum. I will need this by October 31.

November 14-16 is the Military Wives Retreat/Mom Camp. Again this year I will provide the snacks and the theme is "Overflow", using Psalms 23 for our cups overflow. The leader would like each individual to be able to take a cup or mug home with them. If you could provide some cups or mugs, snacks, water or money, it would be appreciated.

We could also use some more ladies on our leadership team, if you feel led to be a part just let me know.

Blessings,

Nancy Scaff

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PLANTING, WATERING, & GROWTH

by Wayne Proctor, Church Planting & Revitalization

In 1 Corinthians 3, verses 6-9, the apostle Paul wrote these words: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building."

On July 4th, I met a long-time pastor friend at the Edenton fireworks. He and his wife were in town to celebrate it with his children and grandchildren. Pastor R. had been instrumental in bringing revitalization and vision to one of our Edenton churches years ago. During those years, we had many conversations about church and ministry, and he laid a very strong foundation for a church that really took off in growth when the next pastor came, and which is still growing and multiplying today. I liken his work at this church to what Paul is saying. Pastor R. was like Paul and perhaps Apollos – the important lesson is that it is God who gave the increase.

There are many spiritual lessons for us in this passage from 1 Corinthians 3. Paul was wise to give God all the glory. "God gave the growth. Only God gives the growth. You are God's building." As I have gotten older in life and ministry, I have a greater appreciation for church planters and those who do the hard work to get a church on a solid foundation. And I have equal appreciation to those who work to revitalize a church, who are willing to make the hard decisions to give the church a future. I also love this line from the apostle, "For we are God's fellow workers." We work together for the Kingdom, the Kingdom of God.

Another lesson comes from the words of John the Baptist, who said that I must decrease so that He (Jesus) could increase. Let us thank all who pastor for the foundational work they do, and may God get all the glory!

Reynoldson Baptist Church in Gates, NC is looking for a part-time pianist for their Sunday morning worship services. If you are interested in this position, please contact Cody Brinkley at 252-273-0111.

Kitty Hawk has 60 cushioned chairs for anyone in need of them. Contact Steve Siegrist at 261-3516 or email at pastorchapkdh@gmail.com.