2024

December

Chowan Baptist Association



The CBA Office Will Be Closed
December 24, 2024-January 1, 2025
For The Holidays
We Hope You Have A Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!

That Holy Night!

A silent night, the song does say, In a manger somewhere off, away. In a little town called Bethlehem A young couple in a stable dim,

Shepherds watching their flock by night, Suddenly confronted by blinding light, An Angel bids them not to fear, A Savior is born, resting near.

A Child is born, a Son, from on High, The Christ of God is yonder nigh. Wrapped in swaddling clothes is He, A sign from God for you to see.

Suddenly appeared a heavenly host Singing Glory to God to the uppermost! Peace on Earth the choir did sing, To Christ the Lord, the newborn King!

The shepherds ran to find the place Where they could gaze the Savior's face. Finding there, in a manger lay, The baby Jesus in the hay!

Not so silent that night became, When the shepherds' hearts burst in flame, To go and share to all who would hear, The Lamb of God has appeared!

The shepherds moved by what they saw, And Joseph knelt by Mary, in awe. There, Mary lays, pondering in her heart, The plan of God, in which she plays a part.

In that truly Holy Night
The stars no doubt did shine so bright.
The blessed night of our Saviors birth,
And that our soul now knows it's worth!

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

James Harrington, Associational Mission Strategist

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General Fund Budgeted Amount: \$140,000

CBA Amount Given in October: \$20,006.98

General Fund Given to-Date \$119,614.52(85.44% given toward budget requirement of 83.30%)

Camp Cale Budgeted Amount: \$67,000

Camp Cale Given in October: \$3,629.47

Camp Cale Given To-Date \$65,823.92(98.24% given towards budget requirement of 83.30%)

(These figures are through the end of October)



December 20



Pancakes & Pajamas

6:30pm Save the Date! Pancakes, Cookies, Hot Chocolate and a visit from Santa! February 14



Valentine's Senior Adult Luncheon

11:30am-1:00pm Save the Date! Lunch, entertainment, & more March 29



Pig on the Perquimans

9:30am-1:00pm Save the Date! All you can eat BBQ! Silent Auction, Vendor Fair, Bake Sale & MORE!

2025 SUMMER CAMP WEEKS

Cost: \$450 (all inclusive)

Kids Week 1: June 8-13 Kids Week 2: June 15-20 Kids Week 3: June 22-27 Youth Week: June 29-July 4 Kids Week 4: July 6-11

Ages:

Kids Week: 7-12 years old Youth Week: 12-15 years old



Scan to register

Alpha Week: July 13-18

13-17 years old Cost: \$250 (all inclusive)

ALLSTARS

Day Camp: July 14-18

6-9 years old Cost: \$350 (all inclusive)

252-264-2513

campeale.com

info@campcale.com

I will be working more from home for a little while. Please call or email the CBA office or my cell to make an appointment if you need to come by the CBA office.

Contact Information:

CBA Office (252)426-9621

My Cell (601)604-4382

Email office@chowanbaptist.org

-Annie Weir, CBA Administrative Assistant

Rehoboth Baptist Church in Maple, NC is seeking a part time pianist. This is a paid position. Please contact Pastor Andrew Williams for more information at 910-651-7671

Ballard's Bridge is looking for a Children's Director and a Secretary!

Resumes may be submitted to ballardsbridgeinfo@gmail.com or mailed to the Personnel Committee @ Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church, 3025 Virginia Road, Tyner, NC 27980.

See job descriptions here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRPyb-xx2 U6ar6AATiWtXb387lv67Kw2LErE9X-ewJfuhTk1NDoigCYZLKrNM73A/pub



Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church is looking for an ordained bi-vocational minister. Being bi-vocational, the pastor will need to be able to supplement his income. We are an older congregation seeking to grow by welcoming multigenerational families. We are located in the water-front town of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. We are affiliated with the SBC and the Chowan Baptist Association. We are associated with CBF. We believe in the sanctity of marriage between one biological male and one biological female. We have a history of men and women serving in leadership roles. We affirm both men and women as deacons.

The seasoned pastor must hold an accredited theological or divinity school degree. We need a Christ centered, prayer driven, Bible based preacher willing to lead our congregation by example.

Are you called to be Blackwell's next pastor? After prayerfully considering, please send a cover letter articulating your conversion experience and your calling to serve God in ministry. Include a resume with references and a sermon link to blackwellpastorsearch21@gmail.com.

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I want to thank each group who gave toothpaste. I carried 1162 tubes to Asheboro and I have 206 the wrong size for the Red Boxes. Please remember for the prisoners everything has to be a certain size.

Just a reminder of some dates in 2025:

March 8- - - VIP Party at Camp Cale

April 25-26 - - - Mission Conference (our annual meeting) for WMU NC at Trinity Baptist Church, Raleigh

June 3- - Prayer walk Camp Cale at 6:30 and end with ice cream with all the toppings. We will also be prayer partners again for the staff sending

encouraging notes and small gifts during summer camp.

October 4- - Abound, this is training WMU NC does throughout the state and we are having the one for Region 1 which is Chowan and West Chowan Associations. This will be at Berea in Elizabeth City.

I will be adding more details as soon as I have them.

We also need some more ladies on our associational team and if you are interested in planning and working in events please let me know

Merry Christmas to each of you as you serve in your churches and have lots of family gatherings and fun. Thank you for serving our Lord all year.

Blessings, Nancy Scaff 252-339-4328 call or text ncmom78@hotmail.com

TRANSITIONS AND MORE

Some years ago I bought a pair of glasses with "transition" lenses. I thought they might replace the need for sunglasses, but that didn't happen. Transitions can be tricky, and sometimes not all that we hoped for. I am currently going through a transition of a different kind, and while I don't know if it will meet my personal hopes and aspirations, I plow ahead. At the end of December I will retire from my pastorate at Eure Baptist. In January I will become the interim pastor of a different church. Interim or transitional ministry is something I've been aiming at for some time, thus I am excited.

Sometimes we use the word "permanent" to describe a pastorate. Actually, there is nothing permanent about it, even if we are blessed to serve a church for decades. When I do a deep dive into the book of Acts, I see that much of the ministry was transitional; far less than permanent. Other than Corinth and Ephesus, we have no record of Paul staying anywhere more than one year. He depended upon a deep bench of associates to plant churches that survived and hopefully, thrived. We should probably give greater thanks for the work of associates Apollos, Timothy, Titus, Barnabas, Silas, and Aquila and Priscilla, to name a few. They stood in the gap many times.

Transitions are a natural part of the world of church planting. Establishing networks, leading Bible studies and worship services without a dedicated church building, and having to depend on finances from sources other than the folks you're cultivating for church membership are all part of the church planting experiment and experience. Therefore, we really need to pray diligently for church planters.

As we come to the end of the calendar year, I pray that you are engaged in missions within your church. This week I talked with two churches doing Operation Christmas Child boxes – one has packed 401 and the other over 200. Anything that Samaritan's Purse does is a great mission. Also, I am aware of quite a few who have been on the ground in Western NC helping flood victims. I cheer your work. Those needs will exist for a long, long time. And, please give abundantly to "Lottie."

In closing, prioritize prayer and giving. And do pray this season for our church planters, particularly Andrew and K.J. and their families. They are good people doing good work.

Submitted by Wayne Proctor, Church Planting, Revitalization group

The following request comes from Donna Peele @ Rocky Hock Baptist. During the past few years, as far as we can tell, only Rocky Hock has participated in the State Bible Drills. If any other church wants to do BIBLE DRILLS for 2025, please contact Donna Peele at 252-506-1245 or youth pastor Trey @ 252-221-4133 (Rocky Hock church).

Thank you, Wayne Proctor