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2023

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February

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**Chowan Baptist Association**

*let all that  
you do  
be done in  
love*

1 COR 16:14

@CHRISTIANBOOK



On Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> we had our quarterly Executive Committee meeting for the association at Riverside Baptist Church. In comparison to previous years, you could say our number of participants was low. However, if you consider our attendance since the second quarter of 2020, our numbers were pretty good.

In fact, at 35 people in attendance, it was the most we have had since January 2020. In other words, since the invasion of COVID.

I was encouraged and we had a good (and short) meeting and I hope that the April meeting will be even better in size and just as good in content.

I would love to see us back in the 50-65 range that we had been so accustomed to, pre-COVID.

For one thing, it is a good time of fellowship with Baptist from around our association. There is supper if you choose to participate in that part of the evening. You will also be inspired by a passionate devotion time. Then there is lots of associational information that will keep you up to date and also to inform you on how to pray for our association.

There is another regular event that you MUST consider attending. The North Carolina Baptist on Mission, Missions Rally will be at Edenton Baptist Church on Tuesday night, February 28<sup>th</sup>. If you go on the Baptist on Mission website and register you will enjoy a nice meal and then be greatly blessed and moved by the many stories and testimonies of Mission minded Baptist just like yourself from around the state. Seriously, this is one of the most moving evenings of the year. Mark it down in your calendar and makes plans to attend, I promise you will not be sorry.

Then check out the other events that will be shared in this edition of the newsletter. A youth Rally that will be held at Camp Cale is coming up this month with an inspirational speaker and great worship music and each person attending will receive free books. Speaking of Cale, there are a number of events coming up including a Senior Adult luncheon on Valentine's Day. Then coming in April will be the "Pig on the Perquiman's" event that will be filled with lots of great activities.

Our next Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, location to be determined.

I pray 2023 has started off well for each of you and that this will a year of service to Him who knows us best.

Blessings,

James Harrington

**AMS**

James Harrington, Fellowship  
338-3317

**Leadership Council Members  
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312-9910

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Chris Gravning, Macedonia  
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Chris Lindsey

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Camden):

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Ethan Drum, Coinjock

**Cale Advisory**

Becky McLawhorn, Eure  
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**Section 3 Leader** (Perquimans  
& Chowan): Kip Vinson

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Jason Wise, Berea  
339-4044

**Missions & Ministry**

**Section 4 Leader** (Gates):  
Cody Brinkley

**Church Planting & Revitalization**

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**Section 5 Leader** (Tyrell, Hyde  
& Washington): Charlie Rice

**Evangelism & Outreach**

**WMU**

Nancy Scaff, Woodville  
339-4328

**General Fund Budgeted Amount: \$140,000**

CBA Amount Given in December: \$13,843.06

General Fund Given to-Date \$131,395.71(93.85% given toward budget requirement of 99.96%)

**Camp Cale Budgeted Amount: \$67,000**

Camp Cale Given in December: \$6,710.81

Camp Cale Given To-Date \$66,415.02(99.13% given towards budget requirement of 99.96%)

**(These figures are through the end of December)**

## FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE

Almost every week I listen to a podcast from unseminary.com. These are conversations with some of the brightest Christian leaders in North America. These conversations come from executive pastors and lead pastors and those doing multi-site and micro-churches and yes, more traditional church. As a leader myself, I look for solid biblical principles for effective leadership.

Recently I listened to a podcast featuring Michael Bottomly and Scot Longyear, two friends who lead churches in different states (Indiana and Arizona), and who co-wrote a leadership book based on the Bible book of Nehemiah entitled Fight for the Future: Creating the Right Blueprint for Building God-Sized Dreams.

In my own leadership journey, I have been blessed to be part of some effective God-sized ministry. While some of that has been as pastor, I'd like to speak for a moment about why I invested in Cale and what I have learned. I have always believed that the future of Cale has been worth fighting (risking, investing, praying, dreaming) for.

For four summers, 1975-78, I was employed by the CBA as a summer counselor at Camp Cale. I was the director my final year. Not only did I develop a love for the place, I saw the possibilities of Camp Cale as an evangelistic and discipleship tool for the Kingdom of God. When my wife and I returned to the area in 1996, I wanted to do what I could to help the Association and Cale. My real investment in Camp Cale began around 2000 with the **vision** that Cale could and should be more, much more. In whatever I have tried to do, I have sought to employ Kingdom principles. Here are some from Bottomly and Longyear:

Kingdom Mindset on Conflict – Conflict is a natural byproduct of interaction and growth. It works to tackle the problem, understanding we fight against powers and mindsets, not against flesh and blood.

Kingdom Mindset on Changes in Position – Position is grounded in stewardship/service. It is also grounded in responsibility. Yet, it is open to new ideas and is willing to change for a greater future.

Kingdom Mindset on Praise/Criticism – It reacts to praise humbly with gratitude to God. Leaders do not have to have the spotlight when times are good, and view criticism (justified criticism) as an opportunity for positive change and growth. Leaders desire unity, but understand unity is the result of aligning with God's plans, not mans.

A final summary for effective leadership – “Do the right thing for the right reason with the right people.”

*Wayne Proctor, Leadership Development*

*Senior Adult Luncheon*  
A Heart for the Community



**Singing, Entertainment, Games & Giveaways**

**Menu: Soup, Sandwiches, Desserts**

Menu subject to change

**February 14, 2023**

11:30am-1:00pm

\$7.00 per person

Call 252-264-2513 by February 7th to reserve your spot

Reservation payments can be made at the door

377 Camp Cale Road, Hertford, NC 27944

# youth fest

WHO AM I?

Finding our identity in Christ

SPEAKER



DEVIN TRULIN

MUSIC  
GUEST



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26

4:30PM-7:30PM

Cale Conference Center

377 Camp Cale RD,

Hertford, NC

27944



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Sure hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year's and are ready to get to work for our Lord.

Remember this date May 6 for the Children's Mission Day for grades 1-6 at Camp Cale with more information later, they still have not opened it to register yet. Please do register your children when it opens. They will have a day of fun and learning.

The other date is June 5 to Prayer Walk Camp Cale. We will begin at 6:30 in the conference center where we will pray for and with the interns who will be there in training that week. Then we will spread out and pray for each area where the campers will sleep, eat, play and worship. We will pray for the staff and speakers who will lead worship each week but most important pray for the campers that they will grow in faith and some will come to know Jesus. We are so blessed to have Camp Cale and our wonderful staff so lift them up in your prayers everyday during the year. We focus on the summer camp weeks but the staff are busy all year. Also this year I would like us to take a name of an intern and pray for them, drop them a note and a little gift to let them know you are remembering them and appreciate them. Let me know if you are willing to do this.

We got a message from Ashley that the money we gave her at the tea they were able to provide all the food and gifts they gave out at the six different outreaches they did at Christmas. Thank you ladies for helping us be a part of people hearing about Jesus and coming to know him as Savior.

Joyfully His,  
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**ATD**  
**Association Training Day**  
**Saturday, September 30**  
**9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
**4 Learning Opportunities**  
**Location yet to be Determined**  
**Please Place this date on your Calendar**

It was a privilege to be a part of that tea party, to meet all of the WMU ladies, and to share about our lives and ministry in Myanmar. The Chowan Baptist Association WMU ladies gave our family \$1100 to use for ministry purposes. We used that money to cover food that was served at each of the Christmas outreaches that we held this year; there were 6 this year! Different believers hosted Christmas outreaches at their homes and choose (within budget) the snack/light meal that they would serve their neighbors, friends and family members, who they personally invited to their party. Additionally, each guest received a gift of dried fish, fried peanuts that locals use in a lot of dishes, and packets of ready-made tea. The \$1100 was used to cover all of this, and we are so grateful.

Around 300 people heard a clear presentation of the gospel during these outreaches. We are encouraging each of the believers to follow up with the neighbors, friends and family members who they personally invited to the outreaches and who have expressed interest in what they heard. In several areas, we have started follow up groups that will meet once a week for 6 weeks for those that want to know more God and what it means to be a Christian.

These outreaches were a huge success, and we are so thankful for the significant part you played. Even though most locals here have never heard the true meaning of Christmas, they expect gifts and it is the biggest time of the year for these new believers and a time that they really want to celebrate and introduce their family, friends and neighbors to the God that has changed their life. Without a small gift and food to serve, these parties wouldn't be possible. Thank you!  
-Ashley Freeman

