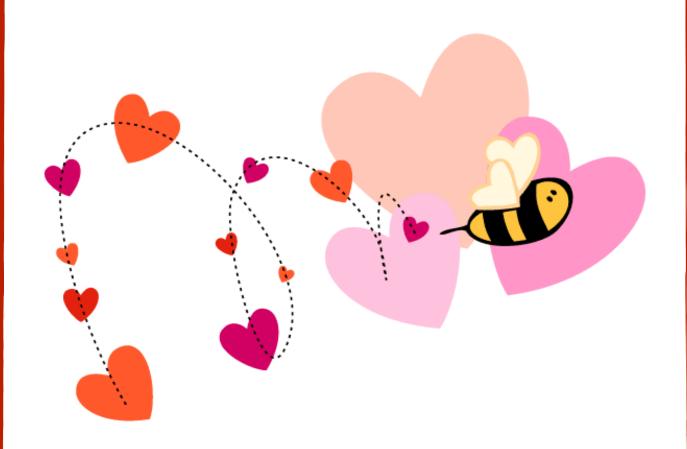
2025

February

Chowan Baptist Association



Another Full Month!

Often, pastors seem to think, "If I can just get through December, I will be able to coast a bit".

Well, that is not always the case, not just for pastors but many others as well. There are always more than enough items to fill the calendar regardless which month we are entering or leaving.

January has been a fairly busy month on the Associational Mission Strategist's calendar. The only county I haven't driven through or stopped in during the month of January, was Hyde County. I met with a total of about 25 of our pastors either for a lunch meeting or some other occasion during the month. I always enjoy the fellowship I have with our pastors and the encouragement that is shared during those occasions.

I have met with one pastor search committee to help get them on the right foot beginning the search for their new pastor. Which reminds me to ask you to pray for our churches who are currently seeking their next pastor. Pray for the candidates that are being considered and the families that will soon be a part of one of our church families.

I had the privilege of facilitating a two-hour deacon training session with one of our churches. Another thirty minutes of eating a nice lunch and good fellowship. I have enjoyed sharing that Deacon training in several of our churches over the years. My prayer is that it may be found helpful.

Along with our moderator I also met with one of our church plant pastors to discuss the privileges and duties of coming under "watch care" in the association. We expect to be presenting two churches for watch-care at our upcoming Executive Committee meeting.

Also, plans are in place to conduct an ordination council examination of one of the young pastors who has recently become the pastor of one of our churches. This will be done on the afternoon prior to our Executive Committee meeting.

Speaking of that meeting, it was scheduled for January 21st, but was rescheduled due to our snow event on that day. We will have several things to present at this meeting and several things to be educated about. I hope many of you will attend.

There will be a meal at 6:15(ish) hosted by Beulah Baptist Church in Sunbury, NC. The meeting will begin at 7:00 and we try to have you out in an appropriate amount of time.

Finally, I attended an AMS Zoom meeting with Todd Unzicker and other Mission Strategists from across the state.

I pray that January has been a blessing to you and that February will be even better.

James Harrington,

Associational Mission Strategist

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CBA Amount Given in December: \$17,359.29

General Fund Given to-Date \$145,100.37(103.64% given toward budget requirement of 99.96%)

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BELONG, BELIEVE, BECOME

by Wayne Proctor, Church Planting/Revitalization group

I first heard this sequence about a year ago. I have given it much thought ever since and I believe it is a true progression of faith for many, if not most, Christians. It is certainly true in the field of church planting. As I have listened to and watched Andrew (Browder) and K.J. (Ellington) on their mission fields, they have spent an incredible amount of time building relationships, relationships with many non-believers and some believers. Before many people come to Christ, particularly those who did not grow up in a church, they need to develop a level of trust before they commit to Christ and any particular church. Belonging is all about establishing trusting relationships. Second, is "I believe." I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord. This belief is Jesus is the bold decision that changes everything, because we are changed from the inside out. The Christian's life is Holy Spirit driven, and lived in a new kingdom, the Kingdom of God. Finally, we become. We become the person God has planned from the very beginning. We become like Christ. We become an intentional and growing disciple of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Years ago people evaluated the health of a church by three different B's – Buildings, Budgets, and Butts. For most of us who are pastors and church leaders, we still think of church health somewhat in these terms. We need ways to measure church health, and statistics tell part of the story. Notice I said "part." The bigger picture is more intrinsic, because it is spiritual. Of course, established churches want to grow both numerically and spiritually.

In my own spiritual journey, I am now a transitional pastor. If you don't know, I am the interim pastor at Gatesville Baptist. I began the first of January. Other than preaching, my first objective is getting to know the people. That means attending virtually every church event, inside the building and outside the buildings. So far we've updated the directory, and we're looking at all forms of communication. And I'm totally excited about working with these fine church leaders and helping them find their next new pastor. Furthermore, I want to help the church in this process of belonging, believing (in Jesus), and becoming. It's an exciting journey.

We are in need of some more people on our WMU Leadership team, if you like planning events and working to help them happen we need you.

Our events already planned are:

March 8 ...VIP Party for physically or mentally challenged adults. We need help with crafts, games, singing and providing lunch.

June 3...We will be prayer walking Cale and end with ice cream with lots of toppings.

We will also be prayer partners with staff and summer staff and encourage them by praying for them, sending notes and small gifts.

October 4...Abound training sponsored by NCWMU. This will be held at Berea Baptist

Church in Elizabeth City. We will have more information later. Sure hope to see you at these events, if you are willing to help or have a group in your church that will help let me know. Last year men from Edenton Baptist provided lunch for our VIP Party.

I look forward to seeing you as we are the hands and feet of Jesus in Chowan Baptist Association.

Blessings,
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The Baptists on Mission dental and Health Screening buses were used in a medical clinic on Jan. 17 and 18 at the Avon Volunteer Fire Department. About 30 volunteers from across NC saw about 95 patents in 2 days.

The dental bus had 2 dentists, 2 dental assistants, 2 Dental Hygienists, 1 RN and a driver/host. Available procedures were: cleanings, extractions, fillings, x-rays, and repairs.

The health screening bus had an RN, Nutritionist, Paramedic, Optometrist, and 2 driver/hosts. Services included blood pressure, BMI, cholesterol, A1C (blood sugar), Eye evaluation, and nutrition counseling.

Along with the medical personal we also had many volunteers to support the efforts. They helped sign patients in and out, escort patients to treatment areas, provided food, visited patients while they waited, and handled other housekeeping duties.

The Avon VFD provided the space for the clinic as well as accommodations for 8 of the volunteers in the bunk room. They also provided the electricity for the dental bus by providing a 50amp breaker.

Other accommodations were provided by community members and a house rented with donations.

The First Flight Rotary Club provided a grant to cover the cost of the clinic itself. While all services are free to patients, there is a small cost per patient for supplies. The grant also covered the cost of travel costs and fees for the buses.

One Church Avon was the hosting church and assisted with scheduling appointments, organizing accommodations and food, and support staff during the clinic. One Church will also be following up with all of the patients. Many of the patients allowed personal to pray with them and several gospel conversations were had.

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