
2026

March

Chowan Baptist Association

108 Berry St.

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Short AMS Report

So, just a short report on February's activities.

Our Section 2 luncheon was scarcely attended on the first Tuesday of February but we had a good discussion as we enjoyed our tacos. Section 1 luncheon at the beach was well attended with nine pastors and included a good meal and helpful conversations. I was unable to attend sections 3 and 4 luncheons.

I counted ten of our associational pastors at the Missions Rally in Edenton on the 17th. Of course there were many other leaders and members from all across Chowan and West Chowan Associations. These events are always very informative and encouraging. It begins with a wonderful meal and then numerous reports and personal stories from Baptist on Mission groups and also individuals. There is fellowship and worship as well, rounding out a very nice experience.

During the Mission Rally I was able to spend some time with one of our Commission Catalyst, John Gordy and his wife Pat. They served as IMB missionaries for over 40 years and to me, are a real asset to us in the role they play in NC Baptist life. Eating dinner with us also, was Richard Brunson, Executive Director of Baptist on Mission. Rounding out the table was our own Billy Nixon, and Jonathan and LeeAnn Nixon. Everyone at that table had experience not only in local missions but also International Missions. I'm sure that was the case with many in that room.

These events happen two times a year and I highly recommend them. There is no cost and you will have a good meal and you might even win a hat or a cup or something.

I had the opportunity to lead a Deacon Workshop at Cornerstone Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, February 22. They had a great crowd of men to attend and offered a lot of discussion.

I have had several conversations this month with Pastors covering a variety of issues. I have also had a number of meetings with other church leaders.

Sections 3 and 4 are currently involved in planning joint revivals in their sections. These sections represent Chowan and Perquimans Counties and also Gates County.

I am scheduled to preach revival at one of our churches in May and can also be available for one or two more this year if interested.

Respectfully,

James Harrington

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General Fund Budgeted Amount: \$150,000

CBA Amount Given in January: \$8,550.71

General Fund Given to-Date \$8,550.71(5.70% given toward budget requirement of 8.33%)

Camp Cale Budgeted Amount: \$72,000

Camp Cale Given in January: \$2,331.73

Camp Cale Given To-Date \$2,331.73(3.24% given towards budget requirement of 8.33%)

(These figures are through the end of January)



Camp Cale

"Experiences 4 Life"

Senior Adult Valentine Lunch

Tuesday
February 10th, 2026
11:30am-1:00pm

\$8 Tickets

Entertainment:
Trey & Juli Rogers



MARCH 20TH - 21ST 2026

Friday Concert Bake Sale
BBQ Cook-off Trap Shoot
Auctions Vendors

Spring Break DAY CAMP

Tuesday, April 7th
Wednesday, April 8th
Thursday, April 9th



\$50 a day

2026 SUMMER CAMP WEEKS

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
Alpha Week: July 19-24
Day Camp: July 20-24

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Tickets and registration information can be found
online at www.campcale.com

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TEN QUESTIONS – PASTOR SEARCH HELP
by Wayne Proctor

I am currently in month 14 of my intentional interim at Gatesville Baptist Church. This is a great congregation, and it is a joy to serve. One of my prime jobs is to help train and guide the Pastor Search Committee. One great resource to me has been Church Answers, podcasts and articles done primarily by Thom Rainer and sons. In a more recent podcast, they addressed “10 Questions that should be asked before a staff hire is made.” I have reworded these ten into ten subjects worth exploring with candidates. Here they are:

1. ENERGY. What energizes you and brings joy to you in leadership and life?
2. CULTURE. What is a good and healthy church culture?
3. REJECTION. How do you handle it? What do you do when your idea is not chosen?
4. BELIEFS AND BEHAVIORS. What are yours?
5. CHURCH. What is a healthy church? What makes a church healthy?
6. SUCCESS. What is it? How is it measured?
7. SUPERVISION. Who supervises the pastor? What is healthy and unhealthy supervision?
8. HEALTH. How do you take care of yourself and your family?
9. LEADERSHIP. How do you lead? Who is a mentor to you?
- 10 – GROWTH. What is your personal and professional growth plan. Who are you listening to? Who are you talking with? Who and what are you reading?

Pastors and church leaders, I hope you will find this helpful, not just in times of a pastor or staff search, but in evaluating your own calling and place in ministry.

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What's in a Name?

Do they still have those little books of name suggestions for soon to be new parents? You know, the books full of ideas of what to name your child. My guess is that most people have their own ideas like favorite uncle names or granddaddy names. Well, that didn't work out for me as my grandson is not named James Aubrey. That's okay, I'll get me a gold fish and name him James Aubrey. Sorry, I got off track here.

Some people like to go to the bible to find a name for there children. If you have quadruplets what better way to go then Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Or if you have twins, easy, I Timothy and II Timothy, wait ... what?

But what about Zaphenath-Paneah (Pronounced "Zaph E nath – Pan E uh")? Try that on for size.

Never heard of that name? Well, check out the first book in the bible. You will find a guy who is mentioned over 300 times there and is the third most mentioned character in Genesis. His name is Zaphenath-Paneah, seriously. Okay, you obviously know him as "Joseph". Once he nailed the interpretation for Pharaoh and laid out a brilliant plan to deal with the realities of the dream, he received a new name.

It all started with his own dream that really ticked off his brothers and was intensified by Jacob's preference of him above the others. They were seriously going to kill him, but opted rather to sell him to a band of slave traders. That resulted in him being sold a second time to an Egyptian officer who liked him a lot. But the officer's wife liked him a whole lot more in an inappropriate way. Not giving in to that sin, he was victimized and lied against and ended in jail.

Poor guy, talking about "Having a bad day"! His bad days extended to years all because he was hated by his brothers. Until, his God given gift to interpret dreams served to bump his status from "pit master" to "prison mate" to "Palace Manager". And not only did his dream, from so many years ago, come true, but people from miles around are depending on him for survival.

So, whether with a normal name or a really weird name, one can trust in the one who knows our name and even has numbered the hairs on our heads.

Joseph says in chapter 50 to his brothers, "you meant evil against me but God meant it for good" because God had a purpose for Joseph and He has a purpose for you and I too.

Stay faithful no matter what and use your abilities to His glory because He desires "good" for you.

James