
2026

May

Chowan Baptist Association

108 Berry St.

Hertford, NC 27944



“Dear Prospective Church:”

So, you are in search of a new pastor? Wait, wait, don't stop reading because you are not currently in search of a new pastor. In fact, it may be good to hear some of this when you are not in that particular position. Eventually, you will find yourself there, so why not at least think about some things that will face you at that time.

So, what's first? Prayer, lots of prayer! Well, that was easy, now we can move on, right? Not so fast. There is nothing more important than serious, intentional, specific, heart felt prayer. Here is what you might expect ... “Dear Lord, please bless our committee and lead us to the right man. Amen!” Well, that is sweet and certainly is a start, but there is so much more that should lead to that.

Here is a list of things to pray for just to get you started before you ever even start thinking about Resume's:

The heart of the church ... Unity in the church ... Seeking God's Will for the church ... Right people on the committee ... Patience for a long trying journey ... Boldness to deal with needed changes ... Compassion ... Vision ... The church being the Body of Christ in the interim period ... The community around the church ... The lost people around the church and even in the church ... The lost people in the circles of each current church members and attenders ... The effect of the church in the Association as well as the Conventions and Missions around the world ... NOW, The right man ... the man's family ... the church or situation the right man will be leaving behind and their well being ... and let me repeat one from the top line, GOD'S WILL FOR THE CHURCH!

Hours of prayer by the whole church and then more hours of prayer by the committee will be imperative to you seeking the man God has to lead you to and in the next leg of your church family journey.

Then, ask questions from your church family. Hear their hearts on how they anticipate the future of the ministry where you are. Do tons of research on who you are as a family and who you want to be in order to serve the Kingdom better than ever.

When it comes to considering resume's, pull out all the stops. Leave no stone unturned as it relates to who you are considering. Take your time and expect this process to take a while but it will be worth it if you pursue it with fine-tuned research, heart-felt compassion for both the church and the “guy” and following God's direction.

When you are about to present the candidate to the church, know his favorite color, his favorite flavor of ice-cream and his favorite meal. But more important, know his heart, his theology, his doctrine, his Call to the ministry, his vision (not as much for the church he hasn't been to yet, but for God's call on his life).

Too many churches and prospective pastors alike, find themselves in uncomfortable and unhealthy and unproductive circumstances because of rushing into a relationship that wasn't a good fit for either party. That always ends up in heartache and discouragement and very often, splintered ministries.

Give this some serious consideration and I share this because I care about our churches and the men God calls to the work.

In His Service

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General Fund Budgeted Amount: \$150,000

CBA Amount Given in March: \$7,573.61

General Fund Given to-Date \$20,319.96(13.55% given toward budget requirement of 24.99%)

Camp Cale Budgeted Amount: \$72,000

Camp Cale Given in March: \$3,827.24

Camp Cale Given To-Date \$9,538.56(13.25% given towards budget requirement of 24.99%)

(These figures are through the end of March)

MAY DAY

\$25 for a 10x10 space
\$15 for Churches & Civic Organizations



inside & outside spaces available or donate your items and we'll sell it!

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

SATURDAY • MAY 9 • 8:30AM-1:00PM
CAMP CALE
HERTFORD NC, 27944



Camp Cale

Check out our summer camp weeks and all upcoming events online at www.campcale.com!
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2026 SUMMER CAMP WEEKS

110 Spots per week*



Cost: \$455 (all inclusive)

- *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

Ages:

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

SPECIALITY WEEKS

Alpha Week: July 19-24

Cost: \$355 (all inclusive) Ages 14-17

Day Camp: July 20-24

Cost: \$355 (all inclusive) Dragonfly Campers Ages 6-8

Cost: \$375 (all inclusive) Firefly Campers Ages 9-11

Scan to register



WHY COMMUNITY REVIVALS?

By Wayne Proctor, Church Planting and Revitalization

The pastors of Gates County have been conducting Community Revivals the past three years. The results have been amazing, astounding, truly a blessing. Last night we began the latest week of Community Revivals, which will extend for 6 nights in 6 different churches, with 6 different pastors delivering messages around a common theme. In effect, these Revival meetings will encompass the entire county, from east to west. And it's not just the gray hairs attending – some high school and young adults also attend.

Why community revivals? As many of you know, I served as pastor of the same church in Gates County for almost 22 years – quite the blessing! As pastor, I sought to provide revival meetings for our people and truthfully, some of those efforts did not turn out very well. I thought that bringing in a renowned evangelist would attract a large crowd – wrong. I thought that doing drama would attract a large crowd – wrong. Eventually I realized that our people responded better to our own pastors than an outsider. And because my story was not unique – yes, the same type of mixed results were experienced by other pastors – we collectively decided to do community based revivals to bring “all” of our churches together. Because of the effectiveness of the community revivals, most of our churches no longer do other types of revival meetings.

Why community revivals? One great benefit is how it brings pastors together. It builds camaraderie. It increases fellowship. It helps connect pastors not only to the churches, but also to the schools and other important county services and entities. Community revivals are the pastors' gift to the community – a spiritual gift. We do not collect offerings to pay ourselves – if we collect offerings it is to support a Christian ministry. The ministry we are supporting this week is Lifewise Academy, a way to teach the Bible through released time for one hour during the school day. This instruction will not conflict with the teaching of core subjects, and will not involve any “county” monies. By the way, our pastors support before school **prayer** gatherings at a number of our county schools, and when there was a tragic death in a school last week, pastors responded by helping counsel students.

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National Day of Prayer
Theme: "Glorify God Among the Nation, Seeking Him in all Generations"
Thursday, May 7th
12 noon
First Christian Church
800 Beech St.
Elizabeth City, NC

7 PM
Grace & Truth Community Church
1300 Walker Ave
Elizabeth City, NC

We will prayer walk Camp Cale June 2nd. at 6:30, we will have ice cream with lots of toppings afterwards. Come and pray for each area of camp and with the interns and staff. We will also take names again of each intern and staff to pray for them, send cards of encouragement and small gifts during summer camp. If you need to get in touch with me Nancy Scaff 628 Old US 17 Elizabeth City, NC 27909, 252-339-4328 or email ncmom78@hotmail.com.
Blessings,
Nancy Scaff

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BRING A BLANKET OR CHAIR!