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Chowan Baptist Association

**July
2018**

Executive Meeting at Cale: Camp & Conference Center

July 17th at 7:00 PM meal starts at 6:30 PM

Please contact the CBA office if you plan to eat

Donations will be taken for the meal



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Somebody is Waiting to the Hear The Good News of Jesus Christ!

As I am writing this article I am sitting in a dorm room at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia while spending the week with our teenagers for an XFuge on Mission Camp. Tomorrow we will head out to an apartment complex to spend a few hours teaching children about Jesus and playing games and touching families.

Before we leave the campus we will have a worship service and a group bible study.

Then we will return to campus for some fun and games and after dinner more worship and bible study. That will continue for the next three days.

On Thursday night we will receive an offering that will be designated for East Asia Mission efforts through the IMB. The goal for this one week of camp is \$10,000. And this camp is duplicated in numerous places around the country throughout the summer.

Two weeks ago (as of this writing) I was sitting in Dallas Texas on a Tuesday night listening to the stories of almost eighty people who have surrendered their lives to missions around the world. Some of them can not even show their faces on stage because of security concerns related to their destinations.

We were handed envelopes prior to the service that had names of people groups around the world that had 2% or less exposure to the story of Jesus. We held up those cards and called out the names of the people groups that were in our envelope and then we prayed.

The service ended with all 70-plus missionaries coming out into the audience and those in attendance gathered around these people and laid hands on them. Thousands of people all around that conference center were laying hands on missionaries or getting as close to them as possible. It was powerful and very moving and most humbling.

The world needs Jesus like never before and the time is surely drawing nigh.

The Southern Baptist Convention is not perfect for sure and as the old saying goes, "Where there are two Baptists there will be three opinions."

But when it comes to coming together and raising money to reach people around the world there is no better organization, or should I say organism, than The Southern Baptist Convention.

We can all do something! Some can Go! Some can give financially! All can pray!

I Thank God for the efforts of our Missions organizations and the millions of lives they touch every year. I also thank God for our Convention for leading the way!

Blessings,

James Harrington

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July Birthdays and Events



- 3 Bill Thorn, Pastor, Burgess
- 3 Philip Deitz, Pastor, Sladesville
- 10 Tom Gregory, Pastor, Chowan Christian Fellowship
- 13 Joan Feehan, Pastor's Wife, Woodville
- 13 Jim Parrish, Pastor, Creswell
- 20 Barbara Clark, Pastor's Wife, Powell's Point
- 25 Stacy Duncan, Pastor's Wife, Soundside
- 27 Charles Stevens, Pastor, Providence
- 3 Elizabeth City Ministers Meeting, TBA, 11:30am
- 4 Chowan/Perquimans Ministers Meeting, Captain Bob's, 10:00am
- 10 Beach Ministers Meeting, Place TBA at 11:30am
- 17 Leadership Council Meeting, Cale at 4:00pm
- 17 Executive Committee Meeting at Cale at 7:00pm

I would like to encourage you to support our local Christian Bookstores.

Obviously, we have Lifeway in Chesapeake. But I would like to remind you of some smaller local businesses who could really use the support of local churches.

Having researched our area I am aware of two Christian Bookstores in our ten county area...

1. Footprint Christian Resources

206 N. Poindexter St in Downtown Elizabeth City
www.footprintchristianresources.com

2. The Christian Book Seller

303 S. Broad St in Downtown Edenton
www.christianbkseller.com

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Nancy Scaff will be doing refreshments for the Military Wives Retreat again August 18-19. She is in need of homemade goodies, individual bags of chips, trail mix or money. She will be doing a beach theme this week and will need donations by August 16 to get there on the 17th to set up. Nancy's address is 632 Old US 17, Elizabeth City, NC 27909. Please call 252-339-4328 if you will be doing food so she knows how to plan.

Thank you for your help.

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Macedonia Baptist Church, located in Edenton, North Carolina, is seeking a full-time senior pastor. Applicants need to be a born again believer with a sure testimony of salvation and stand in agreement with the Baptist Faith and Message (adopted in 2000) [bfm2000.asp](http://www.bfm2000.org). The pastor will have in his charge the welfare and oversight of the church according to 1 Peter 5:1-3. Applicants need to be gifted in teaching, communicating Scripture, and possess strong Bible-based counseling skills. The pastor will provide leadership and supervision to other church staff members as well.

Educational requirements: Bachelor's degree, with a preference for seminary training (complete or in progress)

Learn more about Macedonia Baptist Church at: <http://mbcedenton.com>

Applicants should email resume and letter of interest to: macedonia1004@gmail.com, or materials can be mailed to: Macedonia Baptist Church, PO Box 18, Edenton, NC 27932.

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Coinjock Baptist Church of Coinjock, NC is prayerfully seeking a Lead Pastor who is called by God and equipped to effectively preach and teach the Word of God and disciple God's people. Please send any correspondence to 193 Worth Guard Road, Coinjock, NC 27923 (attn: Pastor Search Committee or digital to correspondence to admin@coinjock.org).

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Pastor and Church Relations Group

If you are not familiar with Dr. James Emery White as a church leader, you need to get acquainted with his blog. While you may not always agree with his findings and position, he gives some valuable insights into church life today. This blog posting from June of this year is a great example.

"The church is the hope of the world. According to Jesus, who said He came to establish the church, it was intended to be something so filled with energy that not even hell itself could withstand its onslaught.

The idea is that we are the light of the world, and as that light is brought together through the church it gains intensity the way focused light becomes a laser beam.

So what's wrong?

Most churches are anything but energy-filled. Hell seems to not only be standing its ground, but gaining territory.

Let's bracket off all the things churches are doing wrong today.

Let's put aside the scandals, the splits and the outdated strategies.

Let's not worry for a moment about any disappointments you may have with leadership.

Let's talk instead about what any individual person, in any particular church, can do to help their church reach its full redemptive potential. In other words, let's go after the lowest-hanging, solution-oriented fruit.

Isn't that what all of us will answer for at the end of our lives anyway? Not what others did, but what we did?

Here's a baker's dozen:

1. Embody the idea that it's not about you, but about the person who isn't even there yet. And be a willing participant in whatever it might take to reach them, even if it means you are inconvenienced.
2. Be generous with your financial resources. How much ministry can you do for \$1? \$1 worth. Help your church do all that it can by giving all that you can.
3. Invite your unchurched friends. Really, it's the only way your church can grow through the unchurched.
4. Step up and serve. Don't wait to be asked; just volunteer. If it looks like everything is covered, trust me, it's not.
5. Leaders and teachers are desperately needed. Please let your church know if this is a gift in your mix and that you, as a more mature follower of Christ, are willing to serve in these pivotal roles.
6. Give your pastor an umbrella of grace for all that they aren't, and pray for them on a regular basis. They can't walk on water, but they can drown. Be one of their "floaties."
7. Realize that those on your church's staff do not get a thousand emails a day giving them encouragement. Most of the people who bother to email do so to critique. Send them a word to feast on to keep them going. They are human and get as discouraged as anyone.
8. As a volunteer, or simply as an attender, show up and be on time. Repeat: Show up and be on time. You have no idea how much this matters.
9. Talk about your church like gossip over the backyard fence, but in a good way. Like a great movie you saw, or a good restaurant. Unleash positive public relations in your neighborhood and community.
10. Work hard on having a positive attitude of a cup half-full instead of a cup half-empty. You'll be surprised how contagious it is.
11. Handle friction and disagreement in a way that honors God, which means handle it biblically (Matthew 18:15). In general, just practice the habit of "agreeing to disagree agreeably." And remember Augustine's rejoinder: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; and in all things, charity." And much more falls into the "non-essential" camp than we often admit.
12. Welcome those who come into your church with messed-up lives, screwed-up marriages, piercings, tattoos, addictions, divorce, homosexual orientation, children out of wedlock, roommates who aren't their spouse... in other words, welcome everyone's differences and scandals with the greater scandal of grace. Not affirmation, necessarily, but always acceptance so that they can experience that grace for themselves. It's the Jesus way.
13. Pray, pray, pray. In 14th century England there were holy women who placed themselves in little rooms at the base of churches and gave themselves to prayer. They prayed for the church and its members and the extension of the kingdom of God. These women were called by the quaint but telling name of " anchoress," for they were spiritual anchors that held the church amid the storms of that century. Be that anchor.

All to say, if each of us are called to be the light of the world, and that light is meant to be brought together in and through the church, then perhaps we need to bring an old song back into circulation: "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine."
<http://churchandculture.org>

Lead Like Jesus,

Greg Clark
Manteo Baptist Church



WOW! Summer camp has come on in full force. Registration has been going very well and we have had very good response from our first couple of sessions of camp.

Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!! Your generosity and donations of food items have helped tremendously. I believe this was the best and greatest amount of donations we have ever received. It is a great being able to give the campers a good meal.

Like Cale's Facebook page to see videos and pictures of summer camp!

Moving Forward

Camp Cale continues to see some tremendous growth in many different areas. We anticipate a very good year for camp enrollment. Weekend rentals have been outstanding and autumn bookings are strong. There are a couple of items we have introduced and will need to take action on during the Executive meeting.

- 1. Operations Manager:** The Operations Manager will be charged with the duties of maintaining the organizational infrastructure of the Cale Ministry. This will be a full-time position.
- 2. Foundation Director:** The Foundation Director will enhance the continued financial growth of the Cale ministry, the cultivation of donors, and the seeking of sponsorships. This will be a contract position.
- 3. Cale Foundation:** The establishment of a Foundation for the receiving of gifts, trusts, endowments, and financial support will be key in the long-term health of Cale. This will be a tool to help Cale to receive financial support in various ways and from various sources.

Bunkhouse

Work continues on the bunkhouse. We hope to see completion by the end of July. Once we have delivery of the building we will set a time of dedication.

Matt Thomas

INVESTING 101 – REQUIRED

When I went to college ages ago, I was required to take specific courses, but not Investing 101. If it were my decision, Investing 101 would be deemed a necessary class. Further, I would base the course content on two of Jesus' parables or "life teachings": (1) the parable of **the talents**, and (2) the parable of the **sower/seeds**.

Almost all I know about "investing" money comes from trial and error, mostly error, and reading and listening. It doesn't take a wizard to understand that investing is making money, whether it's done by stocks, bonds, cash, purchases of houses or land, etc., and letting compound interest and increased valuations work for you, not against you.

Investing 101, the course I would design, would speak to much more than money. In fact, making money would be secondary. Primary would be making Christians, making disciples, giving people hope and life.

The parable of the talents is about three men given a specific sum of money, which two of them doubled over time. They made good deals, good decisions. The third man squandered the opportunity - dug a hole and buried the treasure. The talent is also a metaphor for other things – like time invested, wisdom imparted, and a message that is transformative. That is happening as we speak – as counselors are sharing a transformative message, and as campers are soaking up God's Word – God's transformative Word.

The parable of the sower and the seeds reveals possibilities. The seed sown in the best soil produces fruit – 30, 60, 100 fold. That is compounded interest gone wild! We invest when we sow seeds, when we support ministries that make a difference. Cale is great soil. Great seeds are being sown, and God will see to the harvest.

Investing 101. What does it mean to me today? Or you today? Maybe you've reached a point in your life where you'd like to invest in something, and someone – to make an eternal difference. If you do, help the Cale ministry. Help Matt and the staff and the greater team invest in young people to help them know Christ, to help them discover their calling, to help them grow into men and women who can later serve in ministry – through camping, through church, through lifestyle. Invest to grow God's Kingdom. Invest to change a world.

Submitted by Wayne Proctor, Cale Management Group chair

Chowan Baptist Association Budgeted Amount: \$160,000

Chowan Baptist Association Amount Given in May: \$8,095.99

Chowan Baptist Amount Give To-Date \$56,897.82(35.56% given toward budget requirement of 41.65%)

Cale: Camp & Conference Center Budgeted Amount: \$65,000

Cale Camp and Conference Center Given in May: \$2,876.93

Cale: Camp & Conference Center Given To-Date \$19,940.66(30.68% given toward budget requirement of 41.65%)

Capital Campaign Gifts for Bunk Houses: \$30,770.00

Youth Bunkhouse Construction: \$304,453.92

(These figures are through the end of May)