2024

March

Chowan Baptist Association



Floating in on Broken Pieces!

We are about to finish a series on the book of Acts at FBC. It has been an interesting journey. A couple of weeks ago we watched as Paul and the Alexandrian grain ship slammed into a reef and was busted to pieces. Those who could swim were instructed to do so and the rest were to float in to Malta on broken pieces. One thing Paul knew was, that they were all going to make it onto that island based on his communication with God all along the journey to Rome.

Physically, I assume Paul found something to latch on to as he floated to a safe haven, a place of refuge. But my mind moved toward the experiential and spiritual aspect of this journey.

With that in mind, I kind of imagined four things that Paul may well have floated in on.

#1- Principle!

The whole reason that Paul was on this journey was Principle. A definition of principle is: a fundamental truth that serves as the foundation for a system of belief or for a chain of reasoning. Paul had been mistreated and was about to face a trial in Jerusalem that would surely lead to his demise. But because he was a Roman citizen, he had the right to appeal to Caesar. He invoked that right on the principle of it.

We are reminded here, of the importance of have principles and defending them. This is what Paul is floating in on.

#2- Prophecy!

Paul was confident in the safe arrival of the entire crew and himself because of a prophecy he received from an angel of God. The prophecy, found in Acts 27:23-24, assured Paul that God had granted Paul and all the other 275 men on the ship safe arrival to his destination.

We can be reminded that we can trust the prophecies and the truths of God's infallible Word. They will deliver us to that safe haven, that place of precious refuge in the storms of this life and for eternity!

#3- Purpose!

Paul tells the Romans earlier in Romans 1:15-17 that he was eager to preach the gospel to them. Because, he was not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power for salvation to everyone who believes.

Paul had a purpose in visiting Rome and that was to enthusiastically preach the life changing truths of Jesus Christ.

What a great source to float in on, God's Purpose for His children, to glorify Him in sharing His gospel!

#4- Promise!

God promised Paul that not a hair from the head of any of them would perish (Acts 27:34). Then in verse 44 Luke states "And so it happened that they all were brought safely to land."

How wonderful it is to know that God keeps His promises and that is something we can float in on to our place of Refuge.

May you find your Safe Haven in Him!

James Harrington, Associational Mission Strategist



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Summer Staff

Kids Week 2: June 16-21 Youth Week: June 23-28 Kids Week 3: July 7-12 Kids Week 4: July 14-19 Kids Week 5: July 21-26

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Base Pay Per Week

Under 18: \$300 Under 18 - All Summer: \$350 Over 18: \$400 Over 18 - All Summer: \$450



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General Fund Budgeted Amount: \$140,000

CBA Amount Given in January: \$5,780.76

General Fund Given to-Date \$5,780.76(4.13% given toward budget requirement of 8.33%)

Camp Cale Budgeted Amount: \$67,000

Camp Cale Given in January: \$4,474.58

Camp Cale Given To-Date \$4,474.58(6.68% given towards budget requirement of 8.33%)

(These figures are through the end of January)

CHURCH PLANTING IN THE CBA

The new work on Hatteras Island is called One Church, meeting currently at the Fire Station in Avon. Below is an update from pastor K.J. Ellington. Last month I drove out to Avon and spent some time with K.J. and some of the folks attending the One Church Tuesday Bible study. Please pray for this family and One Church. Also, pray for River City Church and church planter, Andrew Browder. River City's main connection is with ECSU students.

Wayne Proctor, Church Planting, Revitalization, Spiritual Formation Group

Howdy Partner! The theme for February has been consistency. After a couple weekends at partner churches, we have enjoyed a few weeks with no traveling. It's been nice to stay home. We have used that time to rest and focus on daily life. The boys and I have been working on school. Sharon has been concentrating on teaching the boys, crafts, and all the church administration jobs. It is tax season! Our schedule does ramp up for the next few weekends with traveling. Praises

- 1. We had great times with Red Mountain Baptist in Rougemont, NC and Fairview Baptist in Reidsville, NC. What a blessing they were to us.
- 2. We hosted a Super Bowl watching party in our home. We had 13 people.
- 3. Bible study has been steady even with the weather not cooperating.
- 4. We received a new camera to help with posting our studies on YouTube. This has been a major opportunity to help people get a feel for the gathering without showing up. In a small community this is big.
- 5. One of the attendees has offered some space for me to have a little office for uninterrupted work.

Prayers

- 1. Sharon is sharing the next 2 Sundays at church for WMU emphasis days.
- 2. I am speaking at an "On Mission Connection Weekend" for Anson Association and Brown Creek Baptist church, both in Wadesboro. Dates are March 2-3
- 3. My school work and all it requires. I have a class on campus in Wake Forest on Feb. 23-24 as part of a hybrid class. Finances are always an issue with school as there are fees and such not covered by the scholarship. I am hoping to test out of 4 classes, but I have to pay to take the tests.
- 4. Both boys are starting baseball. Pray for new interacts and relationships. Baseball was a great opportunity last year and we saw God bless it.
- 5. Salvations Those 5 are still on my list! If you'd like to pray for someone specific, contact me directly and I'll give you a name to pray for.

We are still working on mission trip opportunities and transitioning the Bible study to a worship service. Those are still in the works, we've had a couple hiccups (nothing major) but making adjustments has slowed us down a bit. Specifically related to mission trip ideas, we have to navigate issues with housing and hosting teams. We are also looking to minster in ways that are not duplicative or unnecessary.

God is working! We are seeing results of prayer and we are excited to see what the rest of this year holds. Thank you for joining us on this adventure. As Paul wrote in Philippians 1, "I give thanks to my God... because of your partnership in the Gospel..."

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Link for One Church Avon: https://youtu.be/vyv6ejtufGM?si=mwoTGAwX5ldlRooX

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My husband and I welcomed our 2nd child the end of July and I will be working more from home for a little while. Please call or email the CBA office or my cell to make an appointment if you need to come by the CBA office.

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-Annie Weir, CBA Administrative Assistant

Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church is seeking to employ a Bi-Vocational Pastor. We are located on N. Road St., Elizabeth City, NC. The Part-time position falls within Blackwell's budget and hopefully and graciously can be expanded to grow back to its past glory days to include Youth Ministries and other programs to round out offering a holistic environment for all ages to worship and grow in Jesus Christ.

Please contact John Marshall at jcmarshall1024@gmail.com

Rehoboth Baptist Church in Maple, NC is seeking a part time pianist. This is a paid position. Please contact Pastor Andrew Williams for more information at 910-651-7671

March 9th is the VIP party for our mentally and physically challenged adults at Camp Cale. We can always use money and volunteers. If you can help call or text me so we have the correct number for lunch.

We will be prayer walking Camp Cale on Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30. Please plan to be there as this is such an encouragement to the summer staff to see and know we will be praying for them. We also want to take names and pray for them all summer, send them encouraging notes and small gifts of appreciation as they minister to the children and I found out last year a lot of these children do not attend church. We have a mission field right in our association to reach the next generations. Be in prayer as Matt and staff are looking for summer staff that they will be able to fill the positions with young adults who love Jesus and love working with children. I volunteered down there some last year and it was a blessing to hear those children singing and sometimes shouting out praise to our precious Lord. Continue to pray for our missionaries, our pastors, our churches and the communities we serve as the hands and feet of Jesus.

Many blessings, Nancy Scaff ncmom78@hotmail.com 252-339-4328