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**Chowan Baptist Association**

**108 Berry St.**

**Hertford, NC 27944**



**Executive Committee Meeting**

**July 21, 2026**

**Gatesville Baptist**

**Meal 6:30PM/Meeting 7PM**

## ***Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday America!***

I remember spending the afternoon with my girlfriend on Sunday, July 4th, 1976. It seemed very cool that we were celebrating our nation's two hundredth birthday. As a young couple we had no idea what would lie before us or how the world would change.

Imagine this, just two years prior in 1974, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act was passed, giving women the right to borrow money and apply for credit without a male co-signer. The median annual family income was just under \$15,000.00. The average cost for a new home was just under \$50,000 with an average payment of \$281 on a 30 year mortgage at 8.86% interest.

Today the median household income is approximately \$84,000 and the median sale price for a home is hovering around \$400,000.

One dollar today would have had the purchasing power of seventeen cents in 1976. To put it differently, to have the purchasing power of one dollar in 1976, for the same goods, you would need almost \$6.00 today.

In 1976, I was riding high after earning an hourly wage of \$1.35 three years earlier, at a fast food eatery, now making an impressive \$5.00 an hour at the Winn Dixie. Marriage was still two years away and no clue as to what came next.

Fast forward fifty years and now we are celebrating our Nation's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday. And Oh, how things have changed. So many good and not so good things have taken place in and to the U.S. since then.

Well, two years later, I married that pretty little girl and 48 years later we will celebrate another 50 years of America together. With a lot more experience and a little more wisdom and a few steps closer to eternity it has been a good journey. Not perfect, mind you but blessed by His Grace and Mercy.

So, after walking on the soil of five continents and experiencing the world outside of the United States, I dare say, with all our faults and shortcomings, we are still the Greatest Nation. Oh, how God has blessed our country and now brothers and sisters let our cry to God be, "Have Mercy on us O, Lord!"

Happy Birthday and God Bless you!

James

## Leadership Council Members

### AMS

James Harrington, Fellowship  
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Becky McLawhorn, Eure  
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### Church Planting & Revitalization

Wayne Proctor, Gatesville  
Interim 312-9910

### WMU

Nancy Scaff, Woodville  
339-4328

Section 5 Leader (Tyrell, Hyde  
& Washington):

### **General Fund Budgeted Amount: \$150,000**

CBA Amount Given in May: \$11,902.76

General Fund Given to-Date \$49,630.61 (33.09% given toward budget requirement of 41.65%)

### **Camp Cale Budgeted Amount: \$72,000**

Camp Cale Given in May: \$5,596.75

Camp Cale Given To-Date \$27,985.18 (38.87% given towards budget requirement of 41.65%)

**(These figures are through the end of May)**

## THE FAILURE OF ISOLATION

By Wayne Proctor, Church Planting and Revitalization

Isolation. What do I mean? It is when pastors choose to isolate themselves from other pastors – they develop “no” meaningful relationships with other pastors around them. I’m talking about other pastors in their community and county and within denominational networks, but particularly pastors who are geographically close. Geography matters.

Here is what I have seen. When pastors operate in isolation from other pastors, their church operates in isolation from other like-minded churches. And when churches operate in isolation, the community suffers. The pastor suffers, the church suffers, the community suffers. Isolation is the curse of death in ministry.

During this month I have “in-person” shared with three different churches in our association that are in an interim season. They are looking for their next pastor. While I have some tools that I share, such as “Matching Pastor and Church,” there are many vital preliminary questions to ask first. If you want to have a healthy church, there are certain things that need to be true. Success is built on strong and healthy foundations. “Connectivity” is one of those healthy foundations. Being connected to other churches makes all churches stronger. “We are stronger together.” Again, I am talking about meaningful relationships. Let me put it this way, pastors. If five or six or ten other churches know you and trust you, you are doing it right.

“Iron sharpens iron” (Prov. 27:17). Think of it like this: Jesus chose 12 disciples. He trained them to become apostles. He had an inner three, Peter, James, and John. He also sent out 70. And he preached and ministered to multitudes. Jesus did not live in isolation. Jesus did not minister in isolation. And, when Jesus created His church, it was not to operate in isolation. If you want to do a deep dive in how church should work, study Acts 11:19-26. Look at this church in Antioch. How did they do church? There were a few elders or leaders, and one of them was Barnabas. Barnabas went out and found Saul of Tarsus in Tarsus and brought him to Antioch. Together they, and some others, taught the church and within a year, were ready to send out mission teams. What happened in Antioch was different from Jerusalem. Jerusalem was the church more in isolation – they were “Jewish converts only.” “Us four and no more.” The church in Antioch became the “sending” church – the church to the Gentiles. They thrived because they were not in isolation.

If you want proof, go to the last chapter of Romans, chapter 16. Identify how many people Paul mentions by name – people he thanked God for because they were part of church success (Hint: It's about 30; men, women, married couples). Paul did not do it alone. To be healthy, avoid the curse of isolation.



# Camp Cale

**\$75**

## **Scholarship for multi-week signups!**

*\*Only eligible for those signed up for Kids Week 4  
as their second week.*

*\*Must call or email for scholarship to be applied!*

*\*Limited to first 30 campers*

**252-264-2513**  
**info@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



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I want to thank each one who came out to prayer walk Camp Cale. With the staff and summer staff we had 75 people to pray for staff and to pray for each part of Cale. I also thank each individual and group that took a summer staff name to pray for them during summer camp. What a blessing to be part of this ministry. The theme song this year is Phil Wickham's "What An Awesome God" and He is an awesome God. Pray for each staff, camper that will be at Cale this year that they will grow closer to God or accept Him for the first time as they hear and learn about our awesome God. I pray each one of us will continue to grow closer and more like God each day.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Blessings,  
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