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Churches

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APRIL, 2018

Monday - Thursday 8am - 5pm

Ashley's Grove
Askeville
Aulander
Beth Emet -
Messianic Synagogue
Bethany
Bethel
Bethlehem
Brantleys Grove
Buckhorn
Capehart
Cashie
Center Grove
Christian Harbor
Colerain
Connaritsa
Conway
Creech Memorial
Creeksville
Earlys
Edgewood
Elam
Elm Grove
First Baptist Ahoskie
First Baptist Lewiston
Galatia
Greens Cross
Harrellsville
Holly Grove
Holly Springs
Hortons
Jackson
Kelford
Lasker
Lawrence
Margarettsville
Mars Hill
Meherrin
Menola
Merry Hill
Mt. Carmel
Mt. Tabor
Murfreesboro
Oak Grove
Pleasant Grove
Potecasi
Potters House
Powellsville
Republican
Rich Square
Riverside
Roberts Chapel
Ross
Sandy Run
Seaboard
Severn
Siloam
St. Johns
Union
Wakelon
Winton
Woodland

West Chowan Baptist Association Executive Council and 33rd WCBA Spring Meeting

April 15, 2018

6:00 pm Mission Resource Center

Theme:

"Making Christ Followers who Follow Christ"

Matthew 28:18-20

***Music: Praise Team "Redeemed"
from Conway Baptist Church***

***Speaker: Dr. Jeff Crabtree
Pastor of Harrellsville Baptist Church***

Churches don't forget to elect your **messengers** for this meeting if you have not done so.

Our constitution says under Article 2: Membership
This association shall be composed of churches cooperating with the SBC or the BSC of NC. Furthermore, it shall be composed of messengers elected by the churches connected with this body and all ordained ministers who are pastors of said churches, together with the officers of this Association and team leaders of all associational teams. Each church of 100 members and under shall be entitled to two messengers and for each additional 100 members an additional messenger provided that no church shall have more than 10 messengers.

TERRY'S THOUGHTS

Finally and incredibly we have arrived in April to warmer weather, blooming flowers and trees, farmers gearing up for another year of harvest, and our Spring Meeting. What is amazing to me is the fact that we are already in April especially since it seems we have been in full on winter for quite some time. It is this time of year that holds much significance to us who are believers in Jesus Christ. For it is the Spring season that reminds us of what our Savior unselfishly did on our behalf. He went to the cruel cross, endured great suffering, and ultimately paid the incredible price for our sins. We call this time of year Easter. Let us not forget, while participating in the many different activities of this season, the real reason we celebrate Easter. **IT IS THE SEASON WE REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE HIS RESURRECTION FROM THE GRAVE AND HIS VICTORY OVER DEATH WHICH PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US ALL TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE!!!! PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME!!!!**

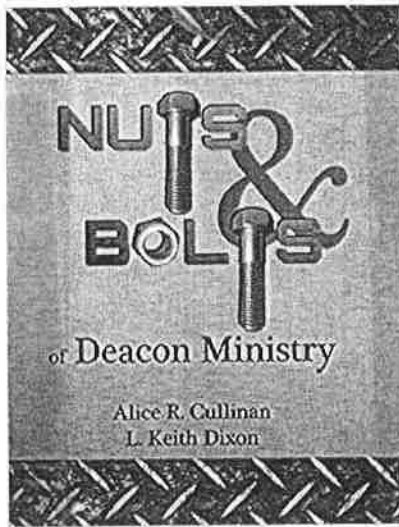
As we celebrate this most important of seasons I would like to remind each of you of the many activities involving our great Association. The following are some of those reminders:

- **April 3** – Marks the date for the annual WMU Meeting beginning at 7:00 P.M. at Cashie Baptist Church in Windsor.
- **April 5** – Our Ex. Board will meet for its 2nd quarterly gathering.
- **April 8** – Marks the date for our Spring Senior Adult Gala beginning at 3:00 P.M. here at the MRC.
- **April 13-14** – Marks the dates for our associational deacon's training being held at Center Grove Baptist Church of Ahoskie. We will be looking at the book **"The Nuts and Bolts of Deacon Ministry."** To register for this training please visit our website westchowan.org, scroll down to this training event, and click the registration tab. All the details are found there.
- **April 15** - Marks the date of our 2nd quarterly Ex. Council meeting and Spring meeting. We begin our Ex. Council activities at 6:00 P.M. with our Spring Worship Meeting following beginning no later than 7:00 P.M. This year we are privileged to have the praise team of Conway Baptist Church leading us in worship and Dr. Jeff Crabtree of Harrellsville Baptist Church preaching for us. We look forward to a great time of fellowship and worship. **REMEMBER ALL ARE INVITED TO THIS TIME OF WORSHIP.**
- **April 19** – We will be hosting, here at the MRC, a **"Lunch and Learn session featuring Dr. Art Rainer author and Vice President at Southeastern Seminary and Neal Eller Team Leader from the BSCNC.** Dr. Rainer will be sharing an overview of one of his latest books "The Money Challenge." This event is specifically for pastors and leaders within the church, but those interested in discovering ways to deal with the difficult task of money are welcome. **IN ORDER TO ATTEND YOU MUST VISIT NCBAPTIST.ORG, HIT THE EVENTS TAB, AND REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT.** Lunch will be provided, however, there is a \$10.00 fee for the book.

As you can see April will be an incredibly busy month. The above dates are just a few of the events happening around our Association. There are many more featured here within this newsletter. Please take time to check out each event and experience a great time with fellow believers within our association.

Finally, I would like to update you on the progress of our building reconstruction. As of the writing of this article the contractors are hard at work repairing what was damaged during our water leak issue back in January. After receiving three bids our Building Grounds Team was able to secure someone who is doing the needed work for what we received in funds from our Insurance Company. Our hopes are that the work will be completed by the time you receive this newsletter. I want to thank Albert Vann and his team for their dedicated work on this project and your patience during this time of disruption.

Terry



Deacon Training Event

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April 13-14 at Center Grove Baptist Church of Ahsokie.

We will be using the book "Nuts and Bolts of Deacon Training" by Former DOM Keith Dixon and assisted by Dr. Alice R. Cullinan. This is a great comprehensive look at how to do deacon ministry that lines up with the word.

The cost of the book is \$18.00.

Deadline for registration is Monday April 9, 2018.

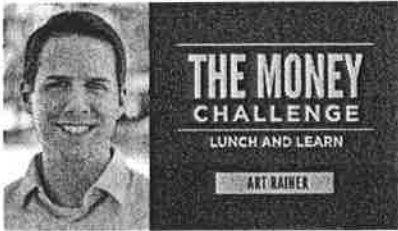
For more information please call Daniel Mullins at 252-370-0243 or Terry Stockman.



The Money Challenge

"Money Challenge Lunch and Learn: Creating a Culture of Generosity within Your Church"

Thursday April 19 from 11:00 - 1:00 P.M.



This two hour lunch and learn event will feature Dr. Art Rainer author of "Money Challenge" and VP at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary along with Neal Eller Team Leader Church Strengthening and Stewardship Consultant of the BSCNC.

Location: MRC in Ahsokie

Cost: \$10 (covers lunch and book)



Pastors Fellowship



Fall 2017//Spring 2018 Schedule (click on the date to register)

"Living Out Biblical Essentials Everyday"

April 23, 2018: Dr. Milton Holifield (Ex. Director of BSCNC) "Living Out of Vision in Everyday Ministry" @10:30am

May 7, 2018: Marty Dupree "Evangelism in Everyday Ministry" @10:30am.

Pray for the churches that are seeking a pastor

Capehart, Conway, Creech Memorial, Earlys,
Galatia, Holly Springs, Mars Hill, Merry Hill,
Seaboard

FOLLOW-UP SECURITY TRAINING

Sponsored by Church Mutual and West Chowan Baptist Association

As a follow-up to our Informational session, with the county Sheriffs of North Hampton, Hertford, and Bertie counties, concerning security within the churches of the association Church Mutual and the West Chowan Baptist Association (WCBA) would like to invite you to a more detail security briefing and training on Tuesday May 15, 2018 beginning at 7:00 P.M. here at our offices. We are located at 335 NC Hwy. 42 West, Ahoskie, NC 27910.

Experts from A.L.I.C.E. Training Institute will be on hand to provide this detailed training. A.L.I.C.E. stands for Alert – Lockdown – Inform – Counter – Evacuate. Given the recent violence in our churches and schools it is important for us to be prepared and safe while also reaching out to those in need of the gospel. Please announce this opportunity for those interested and especially the leadership of the churches within the WCBA. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Terry Stockman, Director of Missions for the WCBA, at 252-332-3235.

Prayer Team Up-date "Spring Prayer Walking Planned"

We hope to sponsor a "prayer walking" event at many of our WCBA churches this spring. The format is flexible, but includes "conversational prayer" for Spirit-led ministry and community outreach. Watch for more info next month, and/or in the weekly emails.



- 01 EASTER
- 02 Mission Resource Center closed
- 03 124th WMU Annual meeting, Cashie
- 05 Executive Board meeting, 6:30 pm, MRC
- 6-7 NC Baptist Men Missions Conf., Charlotte
- 8 Senior Adult Gala (see full page)
- 09 Prayer time, MRC, 9 AM
- 15 Executive Council/33rd WCBA Spring meeting (front page)
- 16 Prayer time, 9 am, MRC
- 18 MRC closed
- 19 Neal Eller (see insert)
- 23 Prayer-time, 9 am, MRC
- 23 Pastors Meeting with Milton Hollifield 10:30 am til noon with lunch
- 25 NATIONAL SECRETARIES DAY
- 27-28 WMU Missions Extravaganza, Winton-Salem
- 29 Bertie Co. 5th Sunday Singing at Bethany Ch.
- 30 Prayer-time, MRC, 9 am
- 30 **BAPTIST CHILDRENS FOOD/SUPPLIES DUE TO THE MISSION RESOURCE CENTER BY 4:00 PM**

Annual Missions Partnership Trip June 23-29, 2018



Our partnership with the Hudson Baptist Association of New York takes us back to Lee, Massachusetts to work with Pastor Jim Guenther and Open Door Church again. We also plan to assist Pastor Van McClain and Perry Road Baptist Church in (Wilton) Saratoga Springs, NY! We need volunteers who can assist with construction, nature trail building and door to door witnessing. We expect the trip to be very affordable and meaningful again this year and hope that many of you will want to be a part of God's great work in New England! For more information contact Rev. David Ross, email ashleysgrove@centurylink.net, cell: (252) 396-1368 or Rev. Terry Stockman, email: 60wcba@gmail.com or dad.stockman@gmail.com or phone: (252) 332-3235. The team is limited to 30 people, so please reserve your spot by signing up online at www.westchowan.org or by calling the WCBA Mission Service Center before **May 31, 2017!** Let's make a difference for Christ!



Pastor Ricky Browder
252-337-5550

P.O. Box 8, Potecasi N C 27867
252-587-7271

March 12th, 2018

Dear Pastor and Baptist Women Leaders,

Potecasi Baptist Church is excited to announce another ministry opportunity being made available through our church. On Saturday, April 21st, 2018 we will host the Third Annual Potecasi Ladies Conference. The theme for the conference this year is "Hope Changes Everything." Our theme verse is found in 2 Timothy 1:7 "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." Registration is only \$10.00 and includes lunch and snacks during breaks.

The conference will consist of three sessions with the first beginning at 11 am. Lunch will follow the first session at 12 noon and will be provided by the men of the church. The second session will begin around 1:00 followed by a 15 minute break with the final session starting around 2:15. This year we are excited to be able to offer three different speakers for our conference. One of our very own ladies, Mrs. Pam Collier, will be sharing her story of how God miraculously pulled her from the very portals of death after Gall Bladder surgery. Mrs. Heather Winslow, a school teacher in Perquimans County and cancer survivor, will be sharing her story about God's marvelous grace. Mrs. Tanya Turner, Assistant Superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools and great role model for ladies, will be sharing her story of life as a single Christian mom raising a son in a Godly home. It promises to be an exciting time so don't miss it. Worship in music will be led this year by Pastor Tyler Cone, Associate Pastor: Worship and Education at Rocky Hock Baptist Church.

As noted earlier the cost is only \$10.00 and can be paid the day of the conference. Registration will be open at 10:00 am. **We do ask that you provide us with the total number of ladies that will be attending no later than April 19th.** You can do this by contacting Pastor Ricky Browder @ 252-337-5550 or by email at r.browder@mchsi.com. Directions to the church can be found on our website, www.pbcnc.us

Please make plans to attend this conference and help us encourage, strengthen and uplift the ladies of this region.

Attention Pastors

Pastors monthly meeting will be held on April 23 (**note date**) at the MRC at 10:30 am with Dr. Milton Hollifield, Executive Director of the BSCNC. His program is entitled "Living Out of Vision in Everyday Ministry."

Mark your calendar and lets get together to hear how we as pastors can improve our everyday ministry as God has called us to do. Let's fellowship around the table with our brothers in Christ at no cost to you.

FaithHealth NC

A Shared Mission of Healing

FaithHealth NC Update for April 2018

FaithHealth NC, a ministry of the Wake Forest Baptist Hospital is working in your area to do things to better our communities. One way that we are trying to help is through helping elderly and low-income families be able to get their medications at low to no cost. This process is done through NC Med Assist and Patient Assistance foundations. If you have someone in your congregation that could benefit from these services due to their income, please have your church member contact Melissa Taylor, our local FaithHealth NC Connector/Representative for West Chowan Baptist Association. Not every person will qualify, but many do. And Melissa is available to train someone from your congregation in getting your elderly and income restricted congregants registered for these types of services. Call her at (252) 539-2644 or e-mail her at melissa.taylor@centurylink.net. FaithHealth NC is here to help you, your congregations and your families. Call today!

Another project that Melissa is working on with FaithHealth NC is Project Lifesaver. Project Lifesaver International is based out of Chesapeake, Virginia and is a cooperative project with local law enforcement officials and caregivers of Alzheimer's, dementia, developmental disability, and autism patients. Their purpose is to fit these patients with radio frequency devices that can be used to locate them should they wander away from their family or caregivers. Currently, she is working on establishing a unit with the Northampton County Sheriff's Department. Upon successful completion of this initial project, she hopes to establish units with Bertie and Hertford County Sheriff's Departments. Please pray that this underserved area of the state will be able to participate with this 100% success rate project!

After a brief hiatus, Melissa is also back working on the grant process for AEDs (automated external defibrillators) for our churches and association office. While she is not able to get full funding for the AEDs, which run in cost approximately \$1,500–2,000, she can often get partial to half funding with grants. If your church is interested and would like to purchase an AED and become trained in its use, please contact her at melissa.taylor@centurylink.net.

Working together as the Lord's hands and feet, we can make our churches and communities better places. After all, isn't this what He asked us to do?

Blessings,

Melissa M. Taylor, LPN, BSR, MTS

FaithHealth NC Connector



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Order Your Lifeway VBS Today

If your church is preparing for VBS and are using the Lifeway material titled "Game On – Gearing Up for Life's Big Game" based 2 Peter 1:3, then consider ordering it through the WCBA. By doing so we will be able to save you on shipping and receive at least 10% back on the total orders from our association. With this rebate we will be able to assist smaller membership churches needing assistance with their VBS Material. For more information please contact the association office.

THE MESSAGE OF EASTER

AN OUTDOOR DRAMA DEPICTING THE LAST DAYS OF Jesus Christ

About the Drama

- Whether you've known the story since childhood or never heard it before, you will experience the events of Christ's last days.
- **THE MESSAGE OF EASTER is a 90 minute outdoor drama** taken directly from the scriptures and interpreted to glorify God, presented under an open sky in a theater with bleacher seating for up to 2000 people.
- You'll see the joy in the faces of those who waited on the streets of Jerusalem just to get glimpse of the Prophet.
- You will feel the pain of Peter when he leaves the side of Jesus Christ, just as foretold.
- We will share the pain of Christ's death, and the joy of His resurrection and the challenge given to His people.
- **Performances for 2018 – the 39th Season includes:**
 1. Spanish – Thursday, March 22
 2. English – Friday, March 23 thru Sunday, March 25; and Thursday, March 29 thru Sunday April 1 (interpreter for hearing impaired – to be announced) EASTER
 3. All performances begin promptly at 8:00 pm
 4. No admission charge
 5. Pre-Performance Concerts (begin at 7:15 pm) to be announced ...
 6. Presented by Piney Grove Baptist Church

Children & Youth Bible Drill Association Drill

Children Association Winners:
Conway:
Kennedy Hatcher and Jadon Simmons

Askeville:
Carter Wells and Zoey Harden

Galatia:
Sarah DeBerry, Lindsay White, Colby Long, Chloe Long, and Jessa Pope

Jadon Simmons, Carter Wells and Sarah DeBerry were recognized as 3 year Association Winners.

Hayes Hatcher and Cole Taylor from Conway and Landen White from Askeville also participated (did not pass).

Youth Association Winners:
Josh Morris from Askeville
Carter Hatcher from Conway

High School Winner:
Elizabeth Eure from Askeville

We are planning to attend Regionals at Berea Baptist Church in Pembroke on April 28.



56th Annual NC Baptist Ministers' Wives Retreat

July 9, Caraway Conference
Center, Asheboro

Theme "ABIDE" with speakers
Amy Whitfield and Lindsay Bess

Register on line at
<http://www.ncbminwives.wixsite.com/ncbmw>

Administrative
Professionals
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APRIL 25, 2018

Church News

Askewville – Pastor Zach Hicks

Held Youth and Children Church Bible Drill. Easter egg hunt will be held March 31 at 1:00 pm at the church. Heck Jones offering was \$720 and we collected \$685 for the Bible Stick project. Annie Armstrong Easter offering goal is \$3,000 and will be received Easter Sunday, April 1. Easter Sunrise service on Easter Sunday, April 1 at the church and begins at 7:00 am with light breakfast. Youth Sunday, April 22nd. RA Retreat April 13-15 in the mountains of VA.

Galatia – Pastor Bob Deacon, Interim

AAEO goal is \$4,000. Easter Cantata "It Happened on a Sunday" will be presented on March 25th (Palm Sunday) at the 11:00 am Worship service. The church is collecting items all the year for the backpack project in November.

Pleasant Grove – Pastor Mickey Willard

Goal for the AAEO is \$500. Easter Sunrise service on April 1 begins at 7:00 am with a light breakfast afterwards. If your church is not having a Sunrise Service you are invited to attend.

We have been preparing our hearts, souls and spirits for special revival services April 8 (10 am & 7 pm) and April 9, 10, 11 (at 7:00 pm.) Our guest speaker will be Dr. Chris Schofield, Director of the Office of Prayer for Evangelization & Spiritual Awakening for the NC Baptist State Convention. Nursery will be provided for children up through kindergarten at each service.

Riverside – Pastor Gene Martin

Good Friday service on March 30th at 7:00 pm. Easter egg hunt, March 31st at 10:30 am. Remember to bring wrapped eggs for the Egg Hunt and leave them in the kitchen. Easter Sunrise service begins at 6:30 am with breakfast to follow. April 1 Easter Worship service at 11:00 am. Everyone is welcome. Go out into the community and invite everyone.

Holly Springs – no pastor

Gained 2 new members. The youth had youth night with 13 present. Everyone enjoyed themselves with food and games and are looking forward to this summer for some trips and cookouts. Thanks to April and Michelle and their helpers working with our youth. They have a trip planned to the Norfolk Zoo on March 31 and Easter egg hunt at church April 1. We had Sheriff Hayes come to WMU/Brotherhood and go over our security with us and he gave us many ideas to keep our members as safe as possible. We will have Sunrise Service with Pastor Lloyd Dunlow doing the service and bringing the message at 11:00 am on April 1. If you don't have a church, once you visit us you will look forward to every Sunday being with our family.

Oak Grove – Pastor Greg Hurdle

On Sunday, March 25 the church will have a Dedication service for the new Fellowship hall followed by a luncheon after Worship. Oak Grove church will host the Sunrise service at 6:30 am at the Aulander Cemetery along with other churches. Will return to Oak Grove church for a light breakfast and then Worship service.

St. John – Pastor Douglas VanNiel

St. John will celebrate "holy Week" with a Passover Seder on Thursday, March 29 at 6:30 pm. The service includes several symbolic foods (matzah crackers, parsley/bitter herbs, horseradish, etc.) in the re-telling of the Exodus Story. The meal includes a Pot Luck Supper as part of the feasting and celebration, and a communion remembrance as Jesus did at his Last Supper. For information call Pastor Doug VanNiel, 252-332-4612. We will also be up early on Easter morning for a 7:00 am Sunrise Service at the pond on Mallard Lane, followed by a full breakfast at our new Fellowship building. Visitors and Guests welcome.

Notes from "Empowered Conference" (Feb. 27, 2018 in Norfolk, VA) by Doug VanNiel. Several of us attended this conference to hear motivational speakers and be encouraged to "Share Jesus (without freaking out). *"Here's some highlights - David Wheeler* of Liberty University shared a "harvest analogy" process of making disciples of Jesus Christ. He reminded us that we all are called to join Jesus on God's Mission. I was impressed by the contrast between a ministry of "addition" (adding members to the church), and a ministry of "multiplication" (teaching disciples to make more disciples ...) **Alvin Reid** of Southwestern Baptist Seminary gave us a copy of his book, "Sharing Jesus (without freaking out)". He used the Apostle Paul's strategy of outreach in Acts 17 to encourage us to seek opportunities for "Gospel conversations."

Online teaching videos and study guide are available at ShareJesusBook.com

Ashleys Grove – Pastor David Ross

The church would like to invite our sister churches and community to our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24th at 11 am. Our Spring **REVIVAL** services will be April 16-18 nightly at 7:30 pm. Rev. Gary Saffell from Colerain Baptist Church will be speaking. Bring a friend **First Baptist Church of Ahoskie – Pastor Trey Gilliam** FBA is seeking a **part-time custodian** to work 15-18 hours per week. Please contact Jamie Burns 252-332-7583.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL

West Chowan Baptist Association		
Church Contributions 2018 Thru 20 March 2018		
CHURCHES	MARCH	TOTAL
Ashley's Grove		\$871.00
Askewville		\$0.00
Aulander		\$375.00
Bethany	\$247.00	\$908.00
Bethel	\$50.00	\$150.00
Beth Emet	\$150.00	\$150.00
Bethlehem		\$0.00
Brantley's Grove		\$290.70
Buckhorn		\$0.00
Capeharts	\$183.00	\$610.05
Cashie		\$1,000.00
Center Grove		\$1,197.82
Christian Harbor	\$225.00	\$225.00
Colerain		\$535.50
Connaritsa		\$250.00
Conway	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
Creech Memorial		\$112.52
Creeksville		\$500.00
Early's		\$0.00
Edgewood		\$1,042.00
Elam		\$761.30
Elm Grove		\$450.00
FB Ahoskie		\$350.00
Galatia	\$950.00	\$2,850.00
Green's Cross	\$312.50	\$937.50
Harrellsville		\$0.00
Holly Grove	\$250.00	\$250.00
Holly Springs		\$438.40
Horton's		\$0.00
Jackson		\$0.00
Kelford		\$0.00
Lasker		\$0.00
Lawrence		\$0.00
Lewiston		\$0.00
Margarettsville	\$40.00	\$120.00
Mars Hill		\$375.00
Meherrin		\$2,546.03
Menola	\$150.00	\$150.00
Merry Hill	\$500.00	\$500.00
Mt. Carmel	\$750.00	\$750.00
Mt. Tabor		\$472.22
Murfreesboro		\$75.00
Oak Grove		\$750.00
Pleasant Grove		\$0.00
Potecasi		\$187.50
Potter's House		\$120.00
Powellsville		\$0.00
Republican		\$0.00
Rich Square		\$250.00
Riverside		\$250.00
Robert's Chapel		\$0.00
Ross		\$0.00
Sandy Run		\$493.00
Seaboard	\$125.00	\$375.00
Severn		\$250.00
Siloam	\$125.00	\$250.00
St. Johns		\$150.00
Union		\$0.00
Wakelon		\$0.00
Winton		\$550.00
Woodland		\$1,250.00
TOTAL CONT.	\$4,557.50	\$25,618.54

April

4	Bertie Baggett	retired
11	Denise Browder	Potecasi
14	Alan Mizelle	Hortons/Siloam
15	Melissa Taylor	Beth Emet Synagogue
15	Jo-Ann Mizelle	Administrative Assistant
22	Ralph Brabban	Woodland
24	Alma Tarkington	retired
24	Mary Spivey	Kelford
28	Olga Ford	Greens Cross
30	Allison Davis	Winton

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4	Gary & Michelle Saffell	Colerain
10	Jim & Janice Hopkins	Powellsville
27	Termite & Jo-Ann Mizelle	Administrative Assistant
30	Daniel & Abby Mullens	Center Grove



ONLY READING GLASSES NEEDED FOR A MEDICAL MISSION TRIP. NEW OR USED. BRING THEM TO THE MRC BEFORE JULY 9TH. THANK YOU, JO-ANN



West Chowan Association Administrative Assistant Jo-Ann Mizelle and husband John (Termite) will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on April 27th. They have 2 grown children, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson.

Carry the Cross



On Good Friday, March 30th at 4:00 pm the 5th Annual Interdenominational "Carry the Cross" presentation will be held beginning at the Bertie County Courthouse parking area, proceeding down King Street to Granville to the Windsor Town utility building. Rev. Zach Hicks, pastor of Askewville Baptist Church, will bring a short message with Mr. Richard Simmons bringing special music. Everyone is invited to carry a Cross and participate in this commemoration of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Bring a Cross or just come walk with us as we try to spread God's Message throughout Bertie County. Bring a chair if you like. For more information contact Mr. Chris Surgeon (252)325-0049 or Dr. Jeff Russell (252) 340-3272.



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N.C. BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME FOOD



**More children to feed,
More lives to CHANGE!**

Help Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) care for more boys and girls. BCH will open another cottage in 2017 to provide a home for more hurting children. Make a difference by collecting \$350,000 in food, supplies and gift cards.

The annual "Food Roundup" has successfully united churches, businesses and other friends to collect much needed food, supplies and gift cards for Baptist Children's Homes' boys and girls. When you are feeding cottages that can have as many as 12 to 16 residents, it takes a lot of food to fill hungry bellies. BCH serves as many as 700,000 meals and snacks throughout the year! Consider that BCH operates care locations in 20 North Carolina communities and you can imagine how much it costs to feed so many. The Food Roundup makes it all possible.

Please encourage your church to participate in this mission for the children. **We will be collecting food here at the West Chowan MRC beginning March 26 through Monday, April 30.** These children are like our own, they need the same items that we use for our family. So ...happy shopping! **Make sure you look at the expiration date!**





Hello Game

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, April 8, 2018 | 3:00pm-⁵4:00pm, MRC.

West Chowan Baptist Association | 335 NC-42, Ahoskie | NC 27910

Bringing up end-of-life issues with your family can be challenging. Making your wishes known in legal documents can be even tougher. Yet, having the conversation now, while you are well and not in a crisis, will help ensure that your wishes are honored.

The Hello game is an experiential learning tool that helps people break down barriers and talk openly about personal values, what matters most to them and may in turn encourage participation in advance care planning. You can watch this video to get a better sense of the game and how it is played:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUV2A2CxGGM>

There is nothing attendees need to do in preparation, other than come with an open mind and a willingness to share. Personalized booklets and game chips will be provided to each attendee.

Note: Photo ID is required for the completion of documents.

To Register, please call West Chowan Baptist Association at: 252-332-3235



VIDANT HEALTH™



Senior Gala

Door Prizes

Refreshments



West Chowan Baptist Associational
 124th Annual Meeting
 Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Cashie BAPTIST CHURCH

A Light meal and Fellowship begins at 6:00 pm
 Business Meeting begins at 7:00 pm



Rev. Mari Wiles, Minister to Chowan University and
 Associate Dean of Students will be the guest speaker.

Please come prepared to vote on a change in the by-laws

**By All Means
 Adult Literacy Training**

**May 4th and 5th
 from 8 am to 4 pm each day.**

We will determine a convenient location
 when we have 8 people registered
Lunch and snacks provided

Training will be in the Laubach method of
 teaching adults to read and write.

Now is the time to step outside your church and
 give people in your community a skill that will
 change their lives. From reading the Bible to
 reading to their children, this gift will free your
 neighbors from the prison of illiteracy.

Call WCBA 332-3235 to register. **You
 MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED TO
 PARTICIPATE.**
Registration ends April 16th

*Save the date!
 Plan now to be a part of the*

**West Chowan Baptist Association
 On Mission Connection
 March 8-10, 2019**



*Sign up to be a part and/or to host a missionary!
 Plan now to join the celebration!*

**Interested in a trip to the
 Amish Country?
 May 14 – 17, 2018**

We will see JESUS and Songs of the
 Silver Screen. Three nights' lodging
 at the Suites at Hershey. Two
 meals at the Shady Maple
 Smorgasboard. Snacks, sodas, and
 water included. \$550 per person.
 Contact Tommy Tripp at
 356-4550 if interested

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