



# WEST CHOWAN NEWS

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February, 2019

Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm

Ashley's Grove  
 Askewville  
 Aulander  
 Beth Emet-  
 Messianic Synagogue  
 Bethany  
 Bethel  
 Bethlehem  
 Brantley's 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  
 Potter's House  
 Powellsville  
 Republican  
 Rich Square  
 Riverside  
 Robert's Chapel  
 Ross  
 Sandy Run  
 Seaboard  
 Severn  
 Siloam  
 St. John's  
 Union  
 Wakelon  
 Winton  
 Woodland

## ON MISSION CONNECTION

### March 15-17, 2019



***“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)***

Many of us have been waiting for 3 years to have another OMC, and it is almost here!! We have almost 20 churches signed up! What a great opportunity this is for mission celebration, inspiration, information and worship! Most of the missionaries will arrive on the evening of Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> for a meal and meeting. Each church needs to have a representative at that meeting so that they can guide their missionary to where they will be staying for the weekend.

Churches that are not hosting a missionary are still invited to be a part of the Missions Fair and the Missions Banquet which will be held at Meherrin Baptist Church, on Sat., March 16<sup>th</sup>! During the Missions Fair you will have the opportunity to walk around and meet some of your missionaries that serve overseas, in the US and even some from right here in NC! You will have the opportunity to learn about their ministries and ask them questions. We will also have a catered banquet that evening and then a powerful worship service featuring the parade of flags, great music and our keynote speaker, Rev. D. Ray Davis from the International Mission Board. There is no cost for the meal, but you must make a reservation so that we will be sure to have enough food for everyone! Reservations may be made on line at [www.westchowan.com](http://www.westchowan.com) or by calling the Missions Service Center at (252)332-3235.

On Sunday morning, March 17<sup>th</sup> the missionary that each church is hosting will speak during their regular worship service. Some churches may choose to have another missionary come and share with them on Sunday night too! (If your church would like a speaker for Sunday night, please let David Ross know.) A love offering for our missionaries should be taken up at each service where they speak and sent to the WCBA Mission Resource Center. For more information go to [www.westchowan.org](http://www.westchowan.org) or Terry Stockman at the WCBA at 332-3235 or Rev. David Ross at 587-7911. Join us for this great opportunity!

## TERRY'S THOUGHTS

Already we have begun 2019 with an unplanned transition. As most of you know JoAnn announced, at our January Ex. Council meeting, her plans to retire after 32 years of serving our great association. Her note to the association was filled with gratitude, sadness, joy, and resolve as she begins a new chapter in her life. Her decision was based on sincere prayer and a dedication to follow the Lord in this matter. We could all take a lesson from this very deliberate process she went through. Because of her trust in the Lord this decision was made with confidence and assurance she was and is in the will of the Lord for her life. **We salute you JoAnn!** We will of course provide an opportunity for the entire association to express their appreciation with a reception here at the Association office. As soon as we have the details we will of course pass them on to you. Please be looking for those details in the newsletter, on the website, and from your pastors.

Allow me to share proof that God is indeed on the move here and our efforts to build a disciple-making culture is well under way within our association. Just a few days ago one of our pastors shared with me the following comment: "Terry this past year (2018) we had 28 additions with 10 (including adults and children) of that number by salvation. Additionally we are looking at baptizing 3 more teenagers in the next few weeks." This story could be told over and over again within the WCBA if we would all understand His desire to see His people involved in genuine disciple-making. If this is His priority it should be ours. I and our leadership are more committed to this end than ever before. The goal of our Leadership Development Team is to provide models along with training in the area of disciple-making that works. Foremost among those models is, of course, G3 which you have heard me and many others discuss. In fact we devoted the entire Annual meeting last year to this effort. It is clear making disciples is number one on God's agenda let's make it number one on our agenda. Would love to talk to you about setting up a genuine disciple-making process that actually works. There are so many around us that need Jesus in addition to the countless others who need their lives turned around. Join us as we seek ways to assist our churches to impact lostness through disciple-making.

Finally, please allow me to encourage all of you to be involved in our upcoming **On Mission Connection (OMC) scheduled for March 15-17**. For those who were able to attend our last OMC, back in 2016, you will remember an amazing event with missionaries who had and were currently serving around the world, great fellowship with fellow churches within the WCBA, and a great challenge to be involved with missions at every level. We have another great series of events planned for March 15-17 and encourage you all to be a part. The details of that weekend are spelled out in this newsletter as well as on our website. **One of the details that truly requires your attention is the registration of those planning to be a part of the banquet on Saturday night the 16<sup>th</sup>. People can register individually or your church can register corporately if someone would collect those names. Our goal is not to run out of food and give those catering a solid number to prepare for.** If you will visit our website at, [www.westchowan.org](http://www.westchowan.org), you will find registration details along with much more information concerning the events surrounding our OMC. Our last event saw over 350 people interacting with missionaries, enjoying a meal together, and worshipping with each other for the glory of God. I see no reason why we shouldn't have at least that many this year and possibly more. Friends, we have a great opportunity to grow this year but without your participation and assistance much of what we hope for will not be possible. The value of working together for the greater cause of reaching our world is more important than individual agendas or political positions.

Let us work harder than ever before to love one another despite our differences while not compromising our responsibility to obey His word and surrender to Him daily. Remember I love you and consider it an honor to serve the churches of the WCBA!!!

Terry

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**Associational Partnership with the  
Hudson Valley Baptist Association**



The Hudson Valley of the State of New York is among the places in our nation with the greatest percentage of lostness. We are continuing our support for this important partnership in 2019 and are encouraging you to join us in helping our sister churches there reach their communities for Christ. Please prayerfully consider a partnership with an individual church for prayer, finances or mission trips! We celebrate with Open Door Church in Lee, Mass. upon the completion of their renovated worship center. We have traveled to Lee for the last two years and helped them renovate an old gym into a worship center. They held their first worship service in the building right before Christmas! May God continue the great work that He is doing there!

***Our partnership mission trip for this year will be to Perry Road Baptist Church in Saratoga Springs, NY, August 3 -9, 2019!*** We plan to help them with some repairs to their building, holding a VBS and doing some community survey work. You can sign up on line or by contacting the WCBA Mission Resource Center online at [www.westchown.org](http://www.westchown.org), by email: [60wcba@gmail.com](mailto:60wcba@gmail.com) or by phone at 332-3235 or Rev. David Ross at 587-7911, [ashleysgrove@centurylink.net](mailto:ashleysgrove@centurylink.net)

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**WCBA Missions Fund**

Churches and/or individuals may apply for amounts of up to \$250 to assist with church approved mission projects. Only one award can be made to each church each year. For more information and an application please contact the WCBA Mission Service Center at: [60wcba@gmail.com](mailto:60wcba@gmail.com) or by phone at 332-3235 or Rev. David Ross at 587-7911, [ashleysgrove@centurylink.net](mailto:ashleysgrove@centurylink.net).



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**Church News**

**Harrellsville - Pastor Jeff Crabtree**

Women's Day will be held on Feb. 24 with a special time of worship at 11 am service. We will have a ladies choir and a special speaker The HBC family continues with their current Sunday night Bible study series from the book of Revelation at 6:00 pm each Sunday night. In January we observed Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, Jan. 20 and celebrated Men's day on Sunday, Jan. 27th. On January 2 the Senior Adults met for their monthly luncheon with 32 in attendance.

**Region 1 (Chowan & West Chowan  
2019 Disaster Relief Training will be held  
Friday, February 22-23 at Corinth Baptist  
Church, 1035 US Hwy 17 South,  
Elizabeth City, NC 27909**



**Basic Training** in the fields below are:

Administration	Forklift
Assessment	Medical Reserve Corp
Chaplaincy	Recovery
Communications/Technology	Shower & Laundry
Emergency Child Care	Logistics
Feeding	

Do not register for this event if you cannot stay for the entire event. Check in begins at 2:30 on Friday.

**Accommodations**

3 meals (Friday supper, Saturday breakfast and lunch. This is an OVERNIGHT training. Participants will sleep at the facility/church dormitory style, men & women separated. Bring your cot/air mattress (no doubles) and anything you need for sleeping. We do NOT provide sleep gear, only space!. Showers provided.

**Age**

18+ for all ministries. Exception: 15-17 year olds may participate in Recovery with a participating Parent or legal guardian.

**Registration**

You will need to go to [www.baptistonission.org](http://www.baptistonission.org) to register

**Cost**

\$40 includes training manual, hat, shirt, ID Badge, background check (if needed) housing, 3 meals and temporary accident insurance. NON-REFUNDABLE, Credit card/checks accepted.

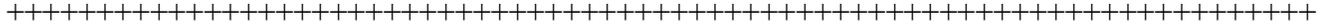


**"Adventures of Miss Patty's Goose & other Friends"**

Written by Trudy Gibson from Ashley's Grove Baptist Church,  
Illustrated by Diane Evans, Photos by Ken Christison and Graphic Design by Vanessa A. Council  
Contact Trudy Gibson at 252-398-3017 if you would like to purchase a really good Children's book!  
Cost: \$15



Everyone is invited for this special time of Prayer/ Bible Study with **Phyllis Elvington** on **Saturday, February 2, 2019** at the Mission Resource Center. Light breakfast is from 8:30 am to 9:00 am. Program begins at 9 am. Bring your Bibles!



### Chowan University News

We are so grateful for how WCBA churches support our students! Please join Chowan Campus Ministry, Monday, February 4 at Pizza Inn in Ahoskie from 5:30 pm-8:30 pm. Tips and 10% of the buffets purchased will support Chowan Students on Mission Trips. This is a great time to meet these students participating on the trips.

- Mission Team to Lumberton/Red Springs for Hurricane Florence Recovery (Spring Break, March 10-14 and
- Mission Team to Johannesburg, South Africa to work with Door of Hope building homes for abandoned babies (May 12-22).

The Chowan Campus Ministry Mission Team to South Africa along with Chowan Rotoract Club are still working to provide the one month's of diapers (nappies in ZA for the Door of Hope. The Door of Hope uses 10,000 diapers per month. From the monies collected a check will be presented to the Door of Hope by the Mission team during their trip May 12-22. The team will be collecting these funds through April. Many WCBA churches have been participating in this since the Fall meeting when we passed out collection bottles. We are grateful for your help!



### CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

We are so excited to be getting ready to attend a weekend at the Bertie Prison on February 21-24 for Kairos #23. Your prayers and support financially would be greatly appreciated. We will be accepting 42 men to attend the weekend along with our team of leaders. It has always been so appreciated to have the churches know and help in the association, especially the WMU Ladies who have been so faithful in helping us the Agape of **Chocolate Chip cookies on Thursday, February 21 by noon. Bring them to the WCBA office in Ahoskie or directly to the Assembly of God church in Windsor.**

**Please put 1 dozen in a quart bag for each inmate at the prison. Our goal is 1,500 dozen.** We welcome Children from Sunday School classes, GA's or RA's that would like to write or draw a message on a sheet of paper (which may be only a handprint with a first name only and age on it or a note saying Jesus Loves You or a scripture verse with first name only and age. We are asking that each note be written with marker or pencil only—no stickers or glitter are allowed.

Thank you for your help and support. If anyone would like to come and attend the **closing ceremony on Sunday, February 24 at 2:00** we would love for you to attend. We much have your name on the list to come in as written on drivers license. If further information is needed, please contact Becky or Jimmy Edwards at 252-332-9502 or Tony & Miriam Hughes at 252-331-5584.

Bertie Kairos #23

God Bless You All!

***Making Life for Older Adults the Best of Times***

*“Keeping Up” with the “Oldest Old” February 3-10 2019 NC Offering for the Baptist Retirement Homes. Goal: \$600,000. Every dollar contributed is used to financially assist Older Adults who cannot pay the total cost of their care.*

**WMU NC 2019 Heck Jones offering and Week of Prayer**

February 10—17, 2019

Goal: \$450,000

Send your gifts to WMU of NC, PO Box 18309, Raleigh, NC 27619-8309

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**OPERATION IN AS MUCH**

Last year you either attended an Operation Inasmuch Breakout Session at the Missions Conference in Charlotte or a Training session for OIAM at one of ten locations across the state. I wanted to touch base with you to encourage you to help your church and/or association plan an OIAM missions blitz in 2019.

In the past Baptists on Mission has promoted a major OIAM emphasis every two years. Many churches and associations already have ongoing or annual missions blitzes and we want to assist you in involving your members in Missions in any way possible. We want to encourage you to seize on the momentum that OIAM built last year by helping you plan an event this year.

We will have several trainings this spring but not all in time for you to plan for April 27 or May 4. Right now we have one scheduled for 7 pm on **February 12 at the North Roanoke Association in Rocky Mount for the east.**

Please encourage your church to set a date, if they have not already, and recruit a coordinator. The trainings will help the coordinator greatly, as will communication with local churches and your association to find out what worked in your area. Baptists on Mission will help in any way we can.

Paul Langston, Mission Mobilization Consultant  
919-459-5611 (office) 800-395-5102 ext. 5611 (toll free)

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**2019 Annual International Students’ Conference at Fort Caswell**

The churches are asked to send a monetary gift to the WMU Treasurer: Myra Northcott, 153 Blowe Rd, Ahoskie, NC 27910 to help send these students from Chowan University to Caswell so they may have the opportunity to encounter God in a real way as they are surrounded by an environment that seeks to show them that God loves them right where they are. Caswell is a community and ministry training ground for students. **Gifts are due by February 13, 2019.**

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**2019 Association-wide North American Mission Study — “Sending Hope”**

Colerain Baptist Church - Sunday, March 3, 2019 @ 3:00 pm  
Earlys Baptist Church - Sunday, March 10, 2019 @ 7:00 pm  
Both studies led by Rev. Terry Stockman, Director of Missions

**Mileage Rates from the IRS for 2019**

The IRS mileage rates for 2019 are as follows:

1. **58 cents per mile** for each business mile, up 3.5 cents from 54.5 cents for 2018;
2. **20 cents per mile** to cover moving or medical purposes, up 2 cents from 18 cents for 2018;
3. **14 cents per mile** driven for charitable organizations. This rate is set by statute and doesn't vary.

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**BAPTISTS ON MISSION**

**Mission Rallies for Men, Women, and Youth: Tuesday, February 19**  
**Cashie Baptist Church**

Come join us for a night of mission inspiration as we experience what God is doing through NC Baptists around the world. There will be worship, testimonies, videos, and information on mission opportunities.

**Supper (no cost) - 5:50 pm**

**Program from 6:50 pm — 8:30 pm**

Mark your calendar now for this exciting event for men, women, and youth.

Meal is free, but we need to have an accurate head count. Register by going to our website

**[www.westchowan.org](http://www.westchowan.org)** or

**[www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org)**

**Events/Region Rallies** or by contacting our office: call Tracey Ford, 800-395-5102 x 5596;

e-mail **[tford@ncbaptist.org](mailto:tford@ncbaptist.org)**.

Registration is due one week prior to rally date



- 01 Jeff Russell, Ross
- 07 Penny Hare, Capehart
- 09 Lloyd Dunlow, Lewiston
- 18 Becky Crabtree, Harrellsville
- 28 Lynette Jernigan, Elm Grove
- 28 Johnny Byrum, Holly Grove

**Happy Anniversary**

- 14 Rev & Mrs. David White, Wakelon

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**Missions Day**

**for Mission Friends on Saturday, February 9th at Creech Memorial Baptist church from 10 am till noon. "Jesus Loves Me and You Party." If you plan to attend contact Gayle Rimel at 344-3266 or Tracy White at 209-1383. Pre-registration is a must. Call by Thursday, Feb. 7th**

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**Churches seeking a shepherd for the flock:**

- Buckhorn Cashie Galatia*
- Center Grove Creech Memorial*
- Creeksville Earlys Holly Springs*
- Merry Hill Powellsville Roberts Chapel*

Please join us at a reception on

Sunday, March 24, 2019

at 3:00 p.m.

at the West Chowan Baptist Association  
Mission Resource Center

honoring the retirement of

**Jo-Ann Mizelle**

Jo-Ann has faithfully served as WCBA Administrative Assistant for 32 years.

Let's celebrate her service with fellowship, refreshments,  
and the warm wishes of guests and members of our WCBA church families.

Tributes, cards, or notes of appreciation for Jo-Ann are welcomed.  
We ask that someone from each church collect all that are received  
from your congregation and bring them to the reception.

If anyone prefers to email a message to Jo-Ann, please send to  
[debvin57@gmail.com](mailto:debvin57@gmail.com)  
prior to March 24 so these emails can be printed and given at reception.