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MBC Office Hours
Monday – Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

CIA & Mission Friends

Each week outdoors on Sundays at 6:30 pm.

Deacons of the Week:

4th Kevin Goodwin
Elmer Overton

11th Heath Hughes
Matthew Simons

18th David Earley
Mike Layton

25th Eric Goodwin
Chris Layton



**Chowan Baptist Association Annual Meeting on October 20, 2020 at
Manteo Baptist Church. Registration will be 1:00 PM-1:30 PM
The Meeting will start promptly at 1:30 PM**



Today as you read this, we are in the midst of another election cycle and getting closer to election day itself. It is in these days that we will be bombarded with ads, constant 24/7 cable news channel coverage of the election, and talking heads not really talking but yelling at each other over the air. In all honesty, these cycles are not something I look forward to. I understand their importance and I absolutely believe we should be mindful of the issues and vote according to biblical principles.

But in these times, we as believers need to remember to think about first and foremost who and what we are representing. I've seen it way too many times online on social media, where believers say things that do not represent our call to represent Christ and His kingdom. We most certainly need to stand on truth, but that does not necessitate wishing harm or death upon those who do not agree with us. Yes, stand for truth and for biblical principles like the sanctity of life (which includes from the womb to the end of life), recognition of biblical genders of male and female, and a biblical view of sexuality that stands firmly within the confines of marriage between a man and a woman. But in those stands, we must stand in grace because we were once lost ourselves. We often think that lost people should always act like us, when in fact, we should expect lost people to, well, *act like lost people*. That is why the Gospel should become preeminent in all discussions. That is why we must represent our primary citizenship of citizens of the Kingdom of God. Yes, be patriotic and love this country, but all of that must be submitted to our call to live as the church representing Jesus, and that often requires that we sacrifice our selves and even our rights so that others can be led to the One who sacrificed Himself for us. We cannot expect the world to change because we yell and scream and get the man or woman we want in office. But we can expect that it will change if people meet the Savior, Jesus Christ. The Gospel changes hearts, not a politician in office.

Remember these words by Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, to mentor young Timothy:

And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth. (2 Timothy 2:24-25)

- Pastor Chris

CAMP CALE

Friday Oct. 2—Movie Night. Free Admission. Drive in or bring a lawn chair to Camp Cale 377 Camp Cale Rd. Hertford. Gate opens at 6:30 pm. Movie starts at 7:00 pm. To reserve your spot, e-mail info@campcale.com. Ensure you receive confirmation before attending.

Saturday Oct. 3-Camp Cale Work Day. Volunteers needed: Help with cleaning, landscaping, painting, roofing, and other repairs to prepare their campus for the fall season. Come as an individual or with a group. Work day starts at 8:30 am and ends when all projects are complete. Bring your own drinks, snacks, and lunch. Call (252) 264-2513 or e-mail info@campcale.com if you would like to help!

The WMU is collecting 5 piece packs of chewing gum for the Red Box Ministry through Sunday Oct. 25. This is to fill Christmas boxes for women prisoners in North Carolina. Please place in the designated box in the church work room.

Sunday Morning Service Options: Outdoor service, weather permitting, at 9:00 am— bring your own chair or listen from your parked vehicle. Indoor service at 11:00 am in the fellowship hall. Online service also available live on our Facebook page at 11:00 am and later uploaded to our YouTube Channel and our website. For those who do not have technology to watch online, we will record these services. If you desire a copy of a CD, please let us know. Visit the website for more information and service guidelines: www.mbcgedenton.com/coronavirusupdate

October Edenton Chowan Food Pantry Collection

MBC will be collecting **SOUP** and **RICE** each Sunday during the month of October. Thank you for your generosity.

OCT. 21 –BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM
NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER INFORMATION DUE



MBC Family wishes HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following who were born in October!

1 Larry Ambrose 2 Carl Forehand, Mary Morris, Rachel Young 3 Tommy Forehand 4 Kevin Sary 5 Elizabeth Layton, Tanya Parrish 8 Larry Jones 9 Charlotte Baker, Danelle Forehand 10 Brady Hare 12 Tyler Colombo 13 Sarah Ainsley, Adam Baker, Bertha Blanchard 14 Eric Baker, Reagan Lee 19 Stacey Banks 20 Marjorie Smith, Sterling Baker 25 Jimmy Yates 28 Lane Hardison 29 Ramona Askew, Stacey Goodwin, Jimmie Keeter 30 Matthew Simons

Thank You

Dear Macedonia Baptist Church, I am deeply touched that you have purposed in your heart to give to the boys and girls who are entrusted to the care of Baptist Children's Homes. It is a blessing to know that their lives will be forever changed because of your compassion. Thank you! I extend my deepest appreciation to you for your generous contributions. Your prayers are felt every day and your impact is making an eternal difference in their lives. To God be the glory, **Michael C. Blackwell-President/CEO.**

Dear Pastor and Church Family, Thank you for your recent offering to help Edenton United bless the students and staff of Edenton/Chowan Schools. With your generous gift, along with many other contributing churches, we were able to bless the K-Middle schools with 480 nice individual pre-assembled school supply kits each and we supplied the High School with bulk supplies. We are also providing facemask lanyards for all students and staff at all schools. Your generosity has made all this possible. The schools and teachers have shown great excitement and expressed deep appreciation for all you've done. May God bless you richly. **Randy Pierce, Director-Edenton United**