BereaOne Life



⁵This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in Him. ⁶If we say, "We have fellowship with Him," and yet we walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth. ⁷If we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:5-7

We are better together!

That simple truth translates into all levels of church life. Berea will never be what God has designed us to be with members on the sidelines. Pasquotank County will never experience God's light and He intended if the churches are isolated and hoarding sheep into their pens. Northeast North Carolina will never accomplish the commission God has given us if the Chowan Baptist Association does not cooperate together to see it fulfilled.

North Carolina will never be the mission force God made us to be unless we live by the State Convention's slogan: "We are a movement of churches On Mission Together." Southern Baptists will never see the Great Commission completed in our lifetime unless we continue to give to the Cooperative Program and join together to commission and send IMB Missionaries.

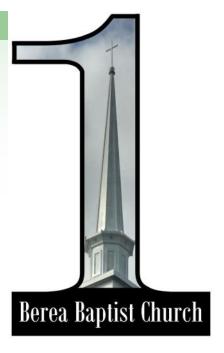
The fact is that Christian fellowship and cooperation are the fabric of God's plan to reach the world with the Gospel. God's Plan A for world evangelization is the church. And the plan only works if the Church international will join forces to see His Spirit work. One small step in this plan for Christian cooperation is our affiliation with the Chowan Baptist Association. The Chowan Baptist Association is a group of 60+ Southern Baptist churches spread across the 10 counties of Northeast North Carolina that join together to see the Gospel impact our communities.

Every year, on the third Tuesday of October, the Association's churches gather for its Annual Meeting. Berea has been privileged to host this meeting multiple times, most recently in 2023. This year's meeting was held in Manteo and Berea was very well represented. A total of 10 Bereans gathered with about 50 other Chowan Baptists to hear about the successes and activities of the previous year, to hear reports from State Baptist entities, to approve next year's budget for the Association and Cale and to corporately worship our Lord.

This year's theme verses are shown above as we were reminded through a "theme interpretation" given by Greg Clark that "God is Light!" During the evening service I was given the privilege of having the final word on the gathering as I encouraged all the attendees to work to see God's light shine through us. As I prepared to preach and then again as I presented the message, I was reminded of how essential it is to work together to see God's Kingdom expand. Just like I cannot grow Berea alone, none of our churches can reach our counties alone and certainly none can reach the entire region by themselves.

What part does God have for you to play in His plan to reach Northeast North Carolina with the Gospel? How will He use Berea to cooperate with other Pasquotank County churches to accomplish the same? Will you join me in praying for God to use us mightily to see His light SHINE!

Love you all, Jason



November 2025

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Weekly Activities:

Sundays

- ★ 10:00am Sunday School
- ★ 11:00am Children's Church
- ★ 11:00am Sunday Worship
- ★ 4:00pm Puppets
- ★ 6:30pm Youth Bible Study-FLC

Wednesdays

- ★ 11:00am Adult Bible Study
- ★ 6:15pm Awana

November @ a Glance:

- ★ Business Meeting 11/9 @ 12:15pm
- Fellowship Meal 11/16 @ 12:30pm
- ★ Deacon's Meeting 11/17 @ 7:00pm
- ★ Newsletter Deadline 11/19 @ 12:00pm
- ★ Church Council 11/23 @ 12:15pm

Thoughtful Reflections from Your Family Deacons



Ross Tenny — Chairman Steve Durham— Vice Chairman Matt Reed— Reflections Cameron Quigley— Secretary John Gregory Don Alexander Church should be a place where we find strength and companions for our journey of faith. But we can't forget those outside of the congregation. They need to know about Jesus and experience His remarkable love too.

1 Peter 2:4-10 is a marvelous passage that explains who we are in Christ. We are the "living stones" of His church, "a holy nation" brought together by the One who "called [us] out of darkness into His marvelous light." Sometimes, we might be tempted to close ranks against the world, to think of life as an "us versus them" situation. Yet Peter plainly tells us that's not true. "For you once were not a people," he says, "but now you are the people of God" (v. 10).

Our Heavenly Father didn't shut the church door the minute we walked through it. He didn't proclaim the club full and forbid any new members. Far from it. New "living stones" are being added every day all around this big, beautiful world of ours, and it's our privilege to welcome them home. So, let's make our church warm and welcoming— a place where people feel safe and respected and where God's affection abounds.

Next Deacons' Meeting will be November 17th @ 7:00pm in the choir room.

Handyman Ministry



This ramp was built for Mrs. Felicia Brown. She has to take her mother who is wheelchair bound for dialysis three days a week.





Built for an elderly lady. She has problems climbing stairs.



Our Children and Youth!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Awana on Wednesday Nights from 6:15-8

Awana has been moving forward this year with tremendous success as we see new children and teenagers visit and become involved in our group. As always we are looking for those who would prayerfully consider being a part of what God is doing by volunteering. You can serve as a part of the weekly rotation, serving just once a month, or as a backup serving as needed.

Looking for another way to support? Consider contributing to our Awana Store which will be opening once again in December for our Christmas Store Night. This year our store is in need of Christmas related items that our clubbers can purchase with Awana shares as gifts for family and friends. We are also looking to restock our toy section with things like Hotwheels, dolls, and other similar items. Bring your items to the church office or contact Pastor Charlie with more questions.

Sunday School for Children & Youth - Sunday Mornings @ 10 am

Children's Church - Sunday Mornings @ 11 am

Awana Schedule

Nov. 5th - Double Shares

Nov. 12th - Give Thanks

Nov. 19th - Lil' Big Table

Nov. 26th - Thanksgiving Break



Youth Group News



November 23 - Big Table

December 20 - Live Nativity

December 21 - Youth Christmas Party

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:

All Students, 6th grade and above, are welcome to join us every Sunday evening from 6:30-8:30 in the FLC, as we share a meal together, shoot hoops, play games and study God's Word.



¹¹Command and teach these things. ¹²Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. ¹³Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. ¹⁴Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you. ¹⁵Be diligent in these matters; give yourself

wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. ¹⁶Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers. 1 Timothy 4:11-16

If you ever have questions or need anything, please feel free to contact Pastor Charlie - (252) 333-4242.



Faith on the field: 11 NC high school football players baptized after recent practice

CARY, N.C. — It looked like a typical scene following a high school football practice — sweaty jerseys, tired players and a tub of cold water sitting just past the endzone. The tub wasn't for icing down sore muscles, however. One by one, nearly a dozen players from Cary High School's football team stepped into the water, not for recovery, but to demonstrate rebirth.

In a moving public display of faith, 11 players from Cary High's varsity and junior varsity football teams were baptized following a recent practice on Tuesday, Oct. 7, in front of teammates, coaches, family, friends and members of a local Baptist church. The post-practice baptisms were a highlight of two years of consistent ministry by Cary First Baptist Church that began with a simple gesture — providing pregame meals to the teams each week.

"Cary First Baptist exists to demonstrate the love and share the Good News of Jesus Christ everyday, everywhere, with everyone," said Pat Kilby, the church's senior pastor. "We firmly believe that if you demonstrate the love of Jesus to your community consistently and strategically, you will see fruit. This has been a work in progress over two years. It's one of the avenues that God has allowed us to serve our community and share the Good News with them."

Back in 2024, Cary First Baptist's Worship and Student Pastor Mark Page reached out to Cary High's head football coach Coleman Tyrance to see if there were any ways the church could serve the team. "We need someone to feed us," Tyrance said.

So church members began serving the team by preparing meals before junior varsity games on Thursdays and varsity games on Fridays. What started as a simple act of hospitality has grown into a ministry that has changed lives. With each meal, Page and others have consistently shared the Gospel and seen many players come to faith in Christ over the past two seasons.

"Immediately lots of players started praying to receive Christ," Page said. "There have been more and more every week." Page estimates that of the approximately 80 players who make up both the junior varsity and varsity squads, all but about 10 have made professions of faith over the past two years. "It's just been the gospel and a bold call to come to Christ and follow Him," Page said.

Page has had the opportunity to baptize a number of the players prior to the recent post-practice baptism with more planning to be baptized soon. The approximately 60 members of Cary First Baptist who volunteer to prepare and serve the meals have also witnessed the changed lives. In fact, a large contingent of the volunteers came out to see the players get baptized after the recent practice. "We have a committed team who prepare the meals," Kilby said. "It takes a lot to serve these kids and earn the right to share with them, but these volunteers do it week after week with joy and a humble spirit. They love these kids, and the kids love them." Page, Kilby, Associate Pastor Myron Burris and the rest of Cary First Baptist aren't stopping with seeing players come to faith. They're also committed to helping them grow spiritually. Page said he is working to connect players with mentors and get them in groups to read and study the Bible together.

The spiritual awakening that's taking place on the team this season also comes amid one of Cary High School's best seasons in recent memory. The varsity team is undefeated on the season, holding a 7-0 record for the first time since 2004 with a bye scheduled for this week. The team is also guaranteed to finish the season with a winning record for the first time since 2011.

"I've seen a lot of bonding as a team," said Anthony Atunku, a sophomore defensive tackle. "We're a lot more united, and I feel like that has to be God. A team can only win if you have that connection with one another. But most importantly, it's about glorifying God in the way we play." Coach Tyrance added, "It is awesome seeing young people finding faith and being received by family, friends and teammates." Following the post-practice baptisms, Page gathered the team together and prayed a prayer of commissioning over them. "Let's take another step," Page told the team. "Let's go back to Cary High School united as brothers and preach Jesus." Page said he hopes what's happening at Cary High School will happen in other places.

And God may indeed be moving in similar ways elsewhere. Social media posts about the baptisms have generated thousands of views and hundreds of likes, shares and comments online. Additionally, Page said other high school and college athletes have sent him messages asking him to come speak to their teams.

"I'm always amazed at what God can do," Page said. "God is bringing an awakening to our towns and our cities through sports. The thing that I'm believing God for in the future is that this becomes a catalytic spark to awaken revival in our town in such a powerful way that it spreads to Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill and beyond."





Built To Serve Berea





J. Walkers Meeting

November 17th @ 10:30 in OFH.



Agape Meeting

Tuesday, November 18th @ 6:00pm in the OFH.



Poinsettia Order Time for Christmas!

Poinsettias come in 6" pots with green foil with red or white bows for \$ 12.00 each. All poinsettias must be ordered no later than **November 20, 2025**. Orders can be made at the church or by contacting the office.



Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal

Join the Fellowship Committee for a Thanksgiving fellowship meal in the FLC on November 16th right after morning worship service. Please bring a side and dessert to share with others.



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Success Stories



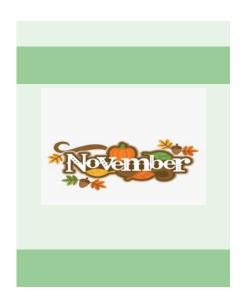
Albemarle Area United Way

"Quinn" After recently being released from prison, "Quinn" was working hard to rebuild her life and navigate the many challenges of re-entry. Despite the hurdles, she secured steady employment and was approved for an apartment—a major step toward stability. But with her first paycheck still pending, she faced a heartbreaking reality: without help covering the move-in costs, she could lose the opportunity altogether. Thankfully, the Community Care Collaborative (CCC) was there to step in. By covering the remaining expenses, CCC ensured Quinn could move into her new home and continue her journey forward with dignity and hope.

"Jace" is the sole provider for his household. When a knee injury required surgery and left him temporarily unable to work, the loss of income quickly snowballed, putting him behind on rent and at risk of losing his home. Families like Jace's are often doing everything right, managing to stay afloat, until one unexpected crisis threatens to unravel it all. Thankfully, the Community Care Collaborative (CCC) was there to help. With financial support from CCC, Jace was able to stay in his home and focus on healing, knowing his family's stability was protected.

Berea partners with the Community Care Collaborative in meeting human needs by providing assistance to those facing temporary emergency crisis. To learn how you can offer additional support visit:

aaunitedway.org/communitycarecollaborative.



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Bonnie Spear

Mike Duncan

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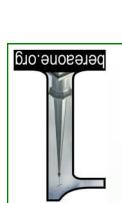
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