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Christian Women's Job Corps News from Pat Byrd, Director

It is so exciting to be able to share that one of our Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) participants, Akevia Wilson, has received the **2018 National CWJC Sybil Bentley Dove Award**. The Dove Endowment provides a grant each year to the Dove Award recipient, helping a current or former CWJC student become independent and enhance her ability to nurture the development of her children. Akevia has just graduated from Chowan University with an A average and a degree in Education. Let me share her testimony written a few months ago:

I started college many, many years ago. All through school I was considered at-risk due to poverty and being raised in a single parent home. This resulted with me working two jobs to survive, and I ended up a college dropout by the age of 19.

Fast forward a few years. I worked hard at dead-end jobs throughout my early twenties until I experienced a significant loss of a loved one. This death led me into a deep depression to the point where I could not work or even function daily. I was left homeless, pregnant, and hopeless.

But . . . the Lord led me to Britton Ministries in Ahoskie NC. Britton Ministries is transitional housing for single mothers run by the Baptist Children's Home. Once there I met Pat Byrd and entered Roanoke Chowan Christian Women's Job Corps. CWJC helped me with encouragement, school, clothes, classes, items for my son, bible study, and many other things. Everyone's help enabled me to go to the local community college to add to some of my class needs and move me closer to my goal of one day having a teaching degree. Once I had all the classes I could get at the community college, the questions were,

"Where and how can I reach my goal and earn my teaching degree?"

Mrs. Byrd and I looked at all the surrounding colleges, Elizabeth City State in Elizabeth City, ECU in Greenville, and close by was Chowan University, a Baptist University. Chowan seemed out of reach, but Mrs. Byrd called someone and we made an appointment to check out the possibilities.

I thought it was impossible, but with God all things are possible, and I began at Chowan. I worked part-time, worked in the summer, and did whatever it took. After the first year, I thought there were roadblocks as I searched for scholarships, loans and grants to finish school. However, again God had an answer. I received several scholarships, assistance, money for books, and help with transportation.

I am a few months away from reaching my goal in May 2018 and becoming what and who I was destined to be. God has used my journey to strengthen my faith. Because of these organizations and the wonderful Christian people who have helped and encouraged us, my son, Mark Jeremiah, will not have to experience food insecurity or homelessness. Generational poverty ended with me because of all of you.

Thank you, FBC church family for your support of the CWJC ministry. With your help, we are loving our neighbors as ourselves by providing women a hand up toward self-sufficiency, and a full and rich life.

Pat Byrd



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From the Associate Pastor



For several weeks now, the church staff has benefitted greatly from the help of a crew of volunteers who have “held down the fort” while we’ve been without administrative help in the church office.

These volunteers have answered the phone, welcomed folks at the West St. entrance, and performed a variety of other tasks as needed. We’ve thanked them in person, but also want to use this space to offer our thanks.

On Monday, May 14, we will welcome Janice Cesil as our new Financial Secretary, (See details elsewhere in this newsletter.) And though we expect her to be a great addition to the church staff, we feel we are still going to need volunteers for the foreseeable future. We’re hoping we’ll be able to staff a volunteer team that will require five persons each week:

1. Mondays from 9 am to 12 noon.
2. Mondays from 1 pm to 5 pm.
3. Wednesdays from 9 am to 12 noon.
4. Wednesdays from 1 pm to 5 pm.
5. Fridays from 9 am to 12 noon.

Perhaps your schedule will permit you to volunteer on a set day and time each week, That would be great! Or maybe you can volunteer more sporadically, or prefer being on a substitute list. However you would like to volunteer, we would love to help you work that out.

If you’d like to volunteer, please speak to me or Trey. Or . . . the next time you’re in the church building, come by the main office and look at the red calendar on the desk. We’re using it to keep up with the office volunteer schedule. If you see an opening at a time that works for you, go ahead and pencil in your name. Though the pay’s not great, the job comes with a “bouquet” of gratitude from your church staff!

Grace & peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anita', written in a cursive style.

Pentecost Sunday

May 20, 2018



On Pentecost Sunday we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit. *Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus’ death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called “the church.” Thus, from an historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. This is also true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it.*—Mark D. Roberts

As has become our tradition, you’re invited to dress casually, wearing the colors of fire.

Baptism on Pentecost Sunday



On May 20th we will celebrate the birthday of the church and, as part of that celebration, we encourage anyone who is sensing the Holy Spirit’s encouragement to be baptized, to please speak with Dr. Gilliam, Rev. Thompson, or Mrs. Villegas about the possibility of being baptized on Pentecost Sunday. Also, we know of two people who’ve been regular attenders of our church who plan to officially join that day. If you might be interested in joining our church, would you please speak with Dr. Gilliam, Rev. Thompson, or Mrs. Villegas?

A poster for a Spring Concert. The title 'Spring Concert' is written in a large, green, cursive font at the top. Below the title, there is a stylized tree where the branches are musical notes and treble clefs, with green leaves and pink flowers. To the right of the tree, the text reads: 'Sunday, May 20 4:00 pm Presented by the Sanctuary Choir, Vocal Ensemble, Chair, Children Choristers, and Music Friends'.

Spring Concert

**Sunday, May 20
4:00 pm**

Presented by
the Sanctuary Choir,
Vocal Ensemble,
Chair,
Children Choristers,
and
Music Friends



Worshiping Together

May 13, 2018

11:00 am

*The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day*

Bucket List

1 John 5:9-13

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choir: The Sanctuary Choir

The Week Ahead



Sunday, May 13

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

There are no afternoon or evening programs today.

Monday, May 14

3:00 pm Church Staff Meeting

5:45 pm Girl Scout Troop 1702

7:00 pm Building & Grounds Committee

Tuesday, May 15

6:00 pm Missions Committee

7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, May 16

12 noon Ahoskie Woman's Club

6:00 pm Christ's Kids (Grades 1-6)

Adult Bible Study, FH

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm Vocal Ensemble

Friday, May 18

9:00 am Christian Women's Job Corps

Sunday, May 20: *Pentecost Sunday*

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

2:30 pm Chairo Rehearsal

3:00 pm Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

3:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

3:30 pm Children Choristers (*Grades 1-6*) and

Music Friends (*Age 3—Kindergarten*)

Rehearsal

4:00 pm Spring Choral Concert

A Cake & Ice Cream Reception will follow.

New Staff Member

On Monday, May 14 we will welcome Janice Cesil as our new Financial Secretary. Mrs. Cesil will be working full days, Monday—Wednesday.

She comes to us with previous administrative and financial experience on a church staff in Weldon, NC. She is currently a resident of Point Comfort in Colerain.

The next time you're in the building during her work hours, please introduce yourself and welcome her to our church staff.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Alvin Newsome who passed away on April 29. A memorial service was held at FBC on Saturday, May 5.

Name That House!



You're invited to help come up with a name for our North Street house. We're hoping the name will reflect the ministry we intend the house to provide...a transitional home for women who are bettering their lives through the Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) ministry. Share your ideas with Pat Byrd, Director of Roanoke Chowan CWJC.

Deacon Ministry Update

We are grateful for the service of Frank Britt, who has agreed to serve as a deacon in place of Chuck Revelle who resigned due to other commitments. Frank will serve a 3-year term ending December 31, 2021.



May 6, 2018

Weekly Need	\$	8,555.00
Weekly Offering	\$	9,404.57
Difference	\$	849.57

YTD Needs	\$	153,990.00
YTD Offerings	\$	143,135.99
YTD Difference	\$	-10,854.01

YTD Global Missions Offering	\$	5,855.01
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Thank you for your generous gifts!

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Week of May 13-19

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

Deacons on Call

Bill Arrington, 395-0937

Brandon Zoch, 862-5767

Extended Session—May 13

Birth-Age 2: Jean Parker, Debbie Rawls, &
Lou Riddick

Ages 3-5: Jessica Britton & Anna Dawson

Ushers—May 13

J. C. Doughtie, Tim Frei, Mollee Frei Lamm,
Spencer Matthews, Lane Slachta & Justice
Zoch; Balcony— Colby Hauser & Dawson Rose

Sound System —May 13

Henry Daniels

Floral Offering—May 13

Family of Iris Bazemore

Home Delivered Meals—May 14

William & Bess Leary

Food Pantry—May 18

Bonnie Revelle

Week of May 20-26

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Pat Byrd, 209-4301

Scott Outlaw, 287-6721

Sunday School at Creekside Care—May 20

Edith Freeman Class

Extended Session—May 20

Birth-Age 2: Susan Earley, Jerri Harrell, &
JoAnn Herring

Ages 3-5: Alex & Sarah Grace Britton

Ushers—May 20

Jamie Burns, Lee Byrum, Gloria Freeman, Steven
Hollingsworth, Frank Rose, & Carroll Thompson;
Balcony— Keith Rawls & Andy Woodard

Sound System —May 20

Walt Pierce

Floral Offering—May 20

Worship Decorating Committee

Home Delivered Meals—May 21

Bill & Susan Earley

Food Pantry—May 25

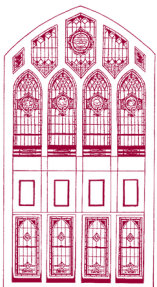
Vicky Overman & Barbara Roberson

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