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"How, then can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?" Romans 10:14

As I'm writing this, we are preparing for our GCCBA Mission Trip to Indiana. We have been praying, planning and preparing to join God at work in southern Indiana. We will be working with five pastors and churches in that area. Seven GCCBA churches are making ONE team to help churches share the gospel! This makes me smile! It's great vision of Kingdom Ministry. I was so glad to hear about churches here in Cleveland County sharing VBS decorations. Partnering together in sharing the gospel! That's just one way we can partner together. My prayer is that we continue to unite together in reaching the lost in Cleveland County. I want to share some stats with you that I have been sharing as I speak this summer.

There are over 5.8 million lost people in NC.

In North Carolina there is one church for every 2,262 people.

Nineteen churches a week close in North America. (1,000 a year)

Eighty five percent of churches are declining.

I pray that God gives us a burden for the lost. I pray that God gives us a desire to know and love our neighbors. I pray that our churches will unite together to reach Cleveland County and beyond with the gospel of Jesus! That's what the world needs. They need to know the love of Jesus!

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

Praying and Serving with you!
 Wesley

**Minister's Conference/Learning
 Community**

Monday, August 29, 2016

10:00 Fellowship

10:30 Program

Dr. Danny West GWU

Through the years, I made it a practice to make folders in which to keep the many papers I had and still have to keep up with, at school and at home. It is the same principle when trying to keep up with computer documents: make a folder and put them in it. But, you have probably learned as have I, problems occur when I cannot remember where I put the folder! They are on the computer somewhere, but are not available to me when I need them without searching.

This past Sunday in my Sunday School class, we began a study on doctrine that is taught in the hymns we sing. I told my class that they had to find the doctrine in the Bible in order to substantiate its truth. I told them to first 'check the concordance in their heads,' verses they remembered because they had filed them somewhere in their memory folder. It was fun to see what they did remember before we went to printed and online concordances. I reminded

Thoughts from our staff.....

them that it is important for us to 'hide God's Word in our hearts' in order for the Spirit to retrieve the information from our 'folders' when we need it. It is quite a shock to go to a folder in our filing cabinet and it is empty! I imagine the Spirit feels sad when He goes to our memory files and finds little there with which to comfort or guide us. Are you faithfully putting truth in your spiritual memory files?

Dr. Alice Cullinan



While I am writing this article we are on our mission trip in Indiana. We have seen God do amazing things through the work the churches are doing here. We have done repairs at churches, prayer walked, done Block parties and VBS and through it all God has given us a chance to share his love to others. I am excited about this new partnership we have formed in Indiana, and we look forward to many more mission trips to this area. If you would like to hear more information about the work being done in Indiana, I would love to come speak about it at your church.

Serving together,
Katie Harris



WITH THE ARMOR OF GOD TOWARD INDIANA

Ephesians 6:10-20

Joy was boundless and emotion filled each heart. We had prayed diligently that we could reach people in the state of Indiana. We met early in the morning to make the trip, bringing many suitcases and other belongings since we would spend several days away from the comforts of home. The trip was a blessing for me personally as I was able to reflect on the word of God about the armor He has provided for His children. He provided the anointing of the Spirit and provided the power of Jesus to be with us. Although we knew that the struggles would be very intense, because we were going to work in the field of the enemy, Satan. But we give thanks to God for all of the team members who are prayer warriors. Every day we put on the armor of God, daily resisting Satan's attacks. Every day we were able to share God's truth; every day we put on the breastplate of righteousness. Every day we tied our shoes with laces of the Gospel of peace. And above all, in our prayers filled with faith, we could stop the burning arrows of the enemy. We put on the helmet of salvation and took the sword of the spirit of God, which kept us alert so the enemy wouldn't take advantage of us. All of this spiritual equipment gave us the strength and the perseverance to minister to the people and churches Indiana. We visited hundreds of homes where we shared information about the gospel. We challenged church leaders to live out the mission the Lord called them to do. We planted many seeds of truth that we know will flourish one day.

We are back home now, but we left a field ready for planting new churches. Thank you believers in Indiana for the reception you gave us. Thank you for the many ways you shared your love with us. We bless you all in the precious name of Jesus Christ, and hope to return very soon to continue the work that has been entrusted to us. Thank you.

Rev. José A. Espinal. Hispanic Language Missionary



Education and Network Opportunities

Tuesday Morning Bible Class resumes the first Tuesday in August.



The topic: [Strengthening Our Faith](#)

Plan now to join us for this 5-week Bible study each Tuesday in August, 10:30-noon at the associational office taught by Dr. Alice Cullinan. Come early to fellowship with fellow believers (and get a good parking place!) Bring your Bible, pen and notebook. No preregistration needed and there is no cost.

Deacon Training Event

Monday, September 19,
Elizabeth Baptist Church, 301 N. Post Rd.
6:30-8:30 PM (Since a dinner will be served,
[please preregister at gccba.org](#) or by calling the
associational office,
704-482-3472. **Deadline is Wed. Sept 14, 5 PM**)
Topic: [Jesus, the Head of the Church](#) (A look at
what that means for our churches today)

Leaders: Alice Cullinan, Keith Dixon,
Wesley Smith
Present and former deacons as well as pastors
and staff are invited.

Western Regional Bivocational and Small Church Ministers' Family Retreat

October 21-22, 2016 — Fruitland Baptist Bible College,
Fruitland, NC "Built to Last" Registration Fee for Western
NC Regional Bivocational and Small Church Minister's Family
Retreat: Registration: \$50 per adult person, Ages 6-12: \$25
per Person, Children age 5 and under: Free

Registration Deadline: October 7, 2016 **You can register
online at [https://ncbaptist.wufoo.com/forms
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Friday Afternoon - Session 1- Build a Solid Spiritual
Foundation — Bob & Phyllis Foy

Friday Evening - Session 2- Build a Strong Marriage —
Perry and Della Brindley

Saturday Morning - Session 3- Build a Durable Ministry —
Ray Gilder

Saturday Morning - Session 4- Build a Kingdom Focused
Church — Robert Fernandez

Sunday School Leadership Training Event

Monday, September 12,
Zoar Baptist Church, 1740 S. Lafayette St.
5:45-8:00 PM (Light Supper served, so [please pre-
register](#) at gccba.org or by calling the Association:
704-482-3472; **Deadline is Wed. Sept 7, 5:00 PM**)

Theme: "Healthy Harvesters: Sunday
School Matters"

Schedule:

5:45-6:15 Light Supper

6:15-6:30 Opening session

6:30-7:00 Speaker: **Dr. Chip Sloan**, First Baptist
Church, Kings Mountain



7:15-8:00 Classes

1. Growing our Church Through
Small Groups: Katie Harris, Assoc. Staff
2. Using Your Own Teaching Style Effectively:
Perry Holleman, First Baptist, Shelby
3. Growing Your Church Through Strategic
Planning: Wesley Smith, Assoc. Staff
4. Color-coding Your Bible for Effective Teach-
ing and Learning: Alice Cullinan, Assoc. Staff

The Baptist State Convention, in conjunc-
tion with Bald Mountain Baptist Church in
West Jefferson, will host a training event
for senior adult pastors, as well as those
who lead senior adult ministries.

The Future of Senior Adult Ministry

will be led by Eddie Thompson,
Senior Consultant for Pastoral Ministries at
the BSCNC. Participants will be challenged
to see not only the future of work among
this age group but also how they impact
the stability and strength of the church.
The event schedule is as follows:

Thursday, August 25, 2016
9 am - 3 pm (lunch included)

- Cost - no charge for this event

Space is limited, so registration is
required.

Please register at <http://>

www.ncbaptist.org/index.php?id=940.

Call or email Eddie Thompson at (919) 459
-5644 or ethompson@ncbaptist.org.

Missions Opportunities

We are collecting schools supplies to give to teachers. Included in this newsletter is a list of needed items. We ask that school supplies be brought to our office by **August 5th**.

- Book bag
- Primary tablets
- Pocket folders
- Crayons
- Large pencils
- Glue sticks
- Spiral notebooks (college and wide ruled)
- Notebook paper (college and wide ruled)
- Scissors (safety and regular)
- Pencils
- Eraser (large)
- 3 ring binder
- Colored pencils or markers
- Glue
- Erasers for pencils

Our greatest need will be pencils, pens, crayons, markers, glue, paper, and spiral note books.



We are honored to have those who have so faithfully served in our association. We have many volunteer opportunities from helping with our newsletter to working in our assistance office. If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities please give us a call. We would love to have you serve alongside us.



It is almost time to start planning our **Greatest Treat Festival**. This will be our 13th annual festival and will take place at the Shelby City Park on **October 30th from 4-6 pm**. This is the largest local outreach event we do each year. If your church would like to be involved, please contact Katie for more information.

Family Missions Weekend

Family Missions Weekend- September 17th& 18th at the Shelby Mission Camp.

All families are invited to join us for a weekend of fun, worship, and missions. We will start Friday afternoon at 4 and conclude on Saturday by 4 pm. Cost of lodging and meals is \$21 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. All ages from birth to senior adults are invited. We will be participating in age appropriate mission projects. To sign up or for more information contact David Brown 919-422-9990 or Katie Harris at 704-482-3472.

Nicaragua Mission Trip: Sept. 30-Oct. 8

Our Nicaragua Mission Trip will be September 30th-October 8th. We will be traveling to Granada, Nicaragua, to minister in a village through a church. We will hold VBS and help with their feeding program. Pray and give so we can be a shining light to the families of Granada.



Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program

We still have several dates open for the Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch program. Summer is a great time to get youth and children's groups involved in this important ministry.

Missions Opportunities

PARTNERSHIP FOR CHANGE

The Partnership for Change has been in existence for a few years to partner with Chief Jeff Ledford, Shelby City Police Department, and other law enforcement entities in Cleveland County to discuss problems that have been identified in Shelby and other areas in the county. Those who come to the quarterly meetings are clergy from many Shelby churches, the Sheriff's office, elected officials in Shelby and other persons who are concerned about identifying problems and working together to make Shelby a safer and better place to live. This group's worth revealed itself when the shooter of the 9 people murdered in Mother Emmanuel Church in Charleston was arrested in Shelby. Chief Ledford sent out a message to pastors they were bringing the shooter to the Shelby Police Department and clergy were needed to inform the crowds gathering outside the police department and deal with the media who were pouring into Shelby. This assistance allowed Chief Ledford and the District Attorney, Mike Miller, to do their jobs quickly and efficiently and turn the suspected shooter over to South Carolina authorities to fly out of Shelby and be home before dark! Without this training and cooperation between clergy and police, things would probably not have run as quickly and smoothly as they did.

Today I met with Chief Ledford and Sheriff Norman and clergy and the media, District Attorney, City Mayor and Manager to discuss issues that may have ramifications in Shelby, and we not only had dialogue but we now have plans in place and have strategized proactive ways to counteract those who would try to cause problems in our city and area. These plans were lifted in prayer to our Heavenly Father to bless us and help us all create a safe and healthy place to live.

I ask you to pray for our Police Officers and staff, Sheriff's Office and staff, as there is much unrest in our nation directed at those who serve and protect us.

POTATO PROJECT UPDATE

Thousands of pounds of white potatoes have been harvested and distributed to people in need in Cleveland County. God bless those who have been so faithful and diligent to work in the summer heat and humidity to accomplish the mission of the project which is to feed hungry people by planting and harvesting and distributing potatoes to the needy in the county. Sweet potatoes are just about planted now for their growing season and should be ready to harvest in late September until the first frost.

If you would like to make a donation to the project make your check payable to the Cleveland County Potato Project; 1175 Wyke Rd.; Shelby, NC 28150 to the attention of: Charles Reed

2016 FOOD GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

**** DIAPERS ALWAYS NEEDED ****

GROVER: macaroni & cheese, canned salmon or tuna, soup, stew, flour, powdered milk, paper towels

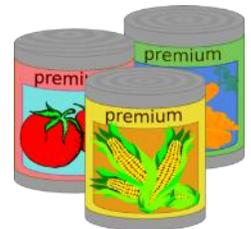
POLKVILLE: rice, canned vegetables and meats, peanut butter, crackers, macaroni & cheese, powdered milk, spaghetti & canned meat sauce, sugar, flour, shampoo

LATTIMORE: canned spaghetti & meatballs, ravioli, oatmeal, rice, dried beans, flour, powdered milk, paper napkins, clothing detergent

SHELBY: canned meats, stew, tuna, cereal, peanut butter, saltine crackers, soup, dried beans, Kleenex, clothing detergent

WACO: canned spaghetti sauce and noodles, grits, oatmeal, cereal, rice, dried beans, dish detergent

KINGS MOUNTAIN: peanut butter, saltine crackers, soup, canned fruits & juice, sugar, flour, bath soap, toilet tissue



Here are suggested food items needed. (GCCBA churches by geographical areas) We can always use canned meat products, soups, peanut butter, crackers, canned vegetables, and nonperishable fruit!

GCCBA Bulletin Board

Pastors Anniversaries for August

Macedonia:
Michael Horne, 8 years
Westview:
Rick Bowling, 7 years



It is that time of year!! Time for the Annual Church Profile. I have your packets ready to be picked up here at the GCCBA Office! This information is important to us and helps us in so many ways. I am available anytime to help you with your profile or help you to put it on the computer. Just call me or email and we will schedule a time that I can come out and help you! 704-482-3472 or nicole@gccba.org

Volunteers needed At Shelby Manor Assisted Living. We need volunteers for: Music, Bible Study, Crafts, Story Telling, Piano playing or sing along, Clowning around, Visiting in rooms, Playing Games.

Thank You,
Del Hunt
704-482-0000



Check out the church events page on our website www.gccba.org. We list church events on this page and on our facebook page since space is limited in the Beacon.

Block Party Trailer

Please remember that we have a block party trailer available for our churches to use for VBS, day camps, block parties, and other fun summer activities. If you would like to reserve a date please call Katie.



Our APP and Website

There are many helpful resources on our app and our website. Please check these out and help us get the word out to others. We have Bible study materials and links to Bible study and training videos that will be helpful to you. Website address: <http://www.gccba.org> You can get our app by going to the website or you can go to the play store or appstore on your phone and typing in "Greater Cleveland county ba"



Wanted

- Bibles (all kinds in any condition); Christian Literature (Sunday School, church training, tracts, devotionals, magazines from Christian publishers, sheet music, etc.);
- Christian Books of all kinds (hymns, Bible Study, concordances, Bible dictionaries and regular dictionaries, commentaries, children and adult Christian books and paperbacks, etc.);
- Christian CDs, DVDs, & Blu-Ray. , etc.
- Spanish: Bibles, Sunday School literature, and Devotional books.

Literature can be new or used. All material is sorted, boxed and sent to another Ministry, where it is sent to our brothers and sisters in poor Third World Countries. If you or your church would like to join "Harvest Seeds Ministry", please contact Pat Hamrick from Mt. Sinai Baptist Church 704-487-7518 or for Churches in Upper Cleveland County, New Bethel Baptist Church in Lawndale is now a collection site for "Harvest Seeds." Please contact Tony Fogleman at 704-538-0223 or you can bring them by the GCCBA Office.

Please do not send: RA, GA, Acteens, & Mission Friends material; No Mission Mosaics, Mature Living, Guide Posts, & Angels on Earth magazines; No cassette or VHS tapes.

Church Needs.....

Available Positions in our Churches:

Allen Memorial:

We are seeking a Pianist/Music Director part-time employment for Sunday morning, Sunday evening, choir practice, and Wednesday evening services Contact Kenny at 704-739-1262 or email Kenny at ambcgrover@aol.com for more info.

Beaver Dam:

Beaver Dam Baptist Church is a friendly, small town, family oriented church in Shelby, NC seeking a creative individual to serve as a full time Minister of Youth and Children. This person is responsible for developing, coordinating and overseeing all activities relating to children and youth, infant up to 12th grade. Please email resume to: phil@bdbcselby.com Or mail to: Youth and Children's Minister Search Committee 123 Beaver Dam Church Rd. Shelby, NC 28152

Boiling Springs:

Boiling Springs Baptist Church, N.C., is seeking a full-time **Associate Pastor for Music and Adults.** College and seminary degrees preferred. This individual would lead music ministries and adult ministries. Worship style is traditional with blended elements. BSBC is CBF and SBC affiliated. Send letter of interest, resume and references to bsbcmusicminister@gmail.com. Review of applicants will begin immediately. See church website for full ministry description: www.boilingspringsbaptist.org

Mulls Memorial:

Mulls Memorial is praying for a part time pianist. This position will require Sunday morning service and choir practice. They can send a letter of interest with salary requirements to MMBC Attn: worship committee- 3299 Fallston road, Shelby NC 28150.

Mulls memorial has a PT opening for music director focusing on traditional Baptist hymns but not limited to only traditional hymns. This position would only require attendance at morning worship and choir practice. Please send letter of interest and salary requirements to MMBC attn: worship committee 3299 Fallston Rd Shelby NC 28021.



Oak Grove:

Oak Grove Baptist is currently seeking a pianist and organist. If anyone shows an interest in either position, please have them contact : mjimison@carolina.rr.com, or phone 704-685-1735. They could also call the church office at 704-739-4833

Pleasant Hill:

Pleasant Hill Baptist is in need of a pianist/choir accompanist for Sunday morning worship and Wednesday night choir rehearsal. Music is traditional/blended style. Contact Amanda Lowery alowery52@gmail.com

Polkville:

Part-time Worship Minister

Polkville Baptist Church is seeking a part-time Worship Minister with a heart to follow God's will, being gifted in communicating and coordinating worship experiences, along with the pastor and musicians. Send résumé by email to: employment@polkvillebaptist.com; or by USPS to: Search Committee, Polkville Baptist Church, Post Office Box 245, Polkville, NC 28136.

Ross Grove:

Organist needed for Sunday morning worship services Please send letter of interest to: Ross Grove Baptist Church Attn: Personnel Committee 1225 Fallston Road Shelby, NC 28150

Zoar:

Zoar is prayerfully seeking a pastor, a part-time worship leader, part-time children/youth leader. Please contact the church office at 704-482-4151 or send resume to 1740 S. Lafayette Street, Shelby, NC 28152

If any of these positions have been filled please let me know at nicole@gccba.org

Pray for our Pastor less Churches

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- 2-** Dr. Cullinan Bible class at GCCBA, 10:30 am
GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30pm
- 4-** Grover Breakfast Carolina Crossing 8:30 am
- 5-** Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 9-** Dr. Cullinan Bible class at GCCBA, 10:30 am
GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30pm
- 11-** Lattimore Breakfast at Bulldog Quick Snak 8:30 am
- 12-** Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 16-** Dr. Cullinan Bible class at GCCBA, 10:30 am
GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30pm
- 18-** Belwood Lunch at Hwy 18 North Café 11:30 am
- 19-** Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 23-** Dr. Cullinan Bible class at GCCBA, 10:30 am
GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30pm
- 25-** Thrive/Revive 9:30 am GCCBA
- 26-** Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 29-** Minister's Conference at GCCBA 10:00 am
- 30-** Dr. Cullinan Bible class at GCCBA, 10:30 am
GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30pm