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"For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia."

1 Thessalonians 1:4-7

I have really enjoyed getting to know many of you during the past two months. I look forward to continuing to meet many more of you as I visit in your churches. Please be in prayer for our Summer Missions Team as we travel to New Albany, Indiana July 9-16. We will be doing a lot of prayer walking and working with several churches to help reach those around them. Pray that God will give us opportunities to share Jesus. Pray for these churches that they will receive encouragement while we are there!

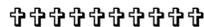
I have talked to many recently who are experiencing tough circumstances. Life is tough! I pray, just as Paul was encouraging to the church at Thessalonica, may we be encouraging to those around us. May we be a model to all believers to find joy in our sufferings through the Holy Spirit. This summer as you travel or go about your daily activities, look for ways to be encouraging. Share the hope of the gospel! Jesus walks with us! Life is not promised to be perfect, but the power of the Holy Spirit gives us hope! People need to hear this message!

May we as believers in Christ live in a way that shows we trust and believe in Jesus!

"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you." 1 Thessalonians 3:12

Praying and serving with you!

Wesley



It is amazing how your perspective can change so quickly. While I was on vacation recently, I experienced a flare up in my feet due to trying to break in a new set of orthotics. As you know, most of the time when you are on vacation, especially in a place like Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, walking is a large part of what you have to do! Thankfully, I was able to rent a small scooter-chair to ride the streets of Gatlinburg! When I went to Walmart at the close of a busy day, I decided to use one of the carts they provide. That's when my eyes were opened to just how different things are when you are in one of those! Not only do you have to be careful that you do not run over someone, and you have difficulty reaching things on the shelves, I was simply amazed that I seemed to be invisible to those walking the aisles! They seemed not to see me at all and often stepped out right in front of me as I was trying to avoid killing them! Perhaps it was because I was no longer at eye-level with them, but it was a strange feeling being invisible to so many people.

Thoughts from our staff.....

The whole experience made me more appreciative of my health and ability to walk, but it also made me realize that there are scores of people in the world who feel invisible to others. I wonder how many people visit our church and no one seems to notice them? I wonder how many people are suffering great emotional pain, and no one seems to care? Look around the next time you are in a fast food restaurant and notice how many people are sitting there alone...almost invisible. I sometimes think that this is one of the reasons Facebook and other social media outlets are so popular. They keep you from feeling invisible. What will you do today to bring joy and hope to someone around you who may feel like no one notices them at all?

Dr. Alice Cullinan

THE MISSION

"Ephesians 4:13. "Until all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the son of God, a man perfect, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

The emphasis of this verse is: ALL LIVING IN MISSION. I always mention in my prayers the love that our Association has for missions here and around the world. I like the approach that all who work here have, that we are on mission. God desires wholeheartedly that we come to understand that we were created to have a constant and safe relationship with Him. We were created to worship Him in spirit and in truth, and were commissioned to publicize His gospel, no matter where in this world we live. We all have something in common: to present to others the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God wants everyone to understand the knowledge of his son Jesus Christ. We march with the banner of truth as a way of reaching out to all those who still do not have the privilege of knowing Him. We march together because everyone should believe by faith that one day all believers will arrive in heaven and be complete and perfect in Jesus. Jesus Christ is our model of the life we should be living as missionaries, people who are growing in the Spirit's fullness, on mission for God's kingdom. God himself tells us in his word that He is in mission with us.

We thank you for being on mission with us, because we understand that many people in the world do not know and do not worship God. We go to share with them and to teach the truths that will lead them to know and worship God. God wants all the people of the world to know and to worship him. Our association is therefore focused on helping all of our member churches to be involved in the great Commission. If we fail to spread the truth throughout the world, many will die without hope.

So God has overtaken my life and has chosen to include me in His mission to the world. I have committed my mind, heart and my life so that thousands of children, young people, and adults can know the blessedness of life with God. All too many people are lost, self-destructing without knowledge of our Supreme God who wants them to know and to worship Him. I am thankful for this desire to serve Him and to be on mission for him as long as I live. Thanks to every church and his servants who are willing to take part in the great Commission. Blessings.



Happy Fourth of July!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer receptionists are needed to greet clients who come into our center for assistance and answer the phone to screen potential clients, set up appointments, and assist the staff in serving the clients. Training will be offered and rewards of showing the Love of Christ to hurting people are heavenly. Call Charles at (704) 482-3472, ext. 106 for more information.

Education and Network Opportunities



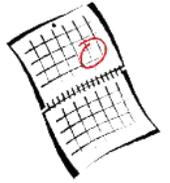
Tuesday Morning Bible Class resumes the first Tuesday in August.

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.

Put these dates on your calendar!

Sept. 12, 6:00-8:00 **Sunday School Leadership Training Conference** at Zoar Baptist. Light supper served, so we will need you to **preregister**. Call us at the associational office or register on our web-site.



Sept. 19, 6:30-8:30 **Deacon Training**

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/w162tdak1w1016k/>

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

LUKE 10:1

The Lord ... sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

PREPARE THE WAY

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Missions Opportunities

Cleveland County Schools Summer Meal Sites for Students

Cleveland County Schools is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Lunch will be provided from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm to all children under the age of 18 free of charge June 8 - August 12, 2016 at: Burns Middle School, 215 Shady Grove Road, Lawndale, 704-476-8000 (ext. 4211)

Kings Mountain Intermediate School, 227 Kings Mountain Boulevard, Kings Mountain, 476-8000 (ext. 4815) Shelby Middle School, 1480 South DeKalb Street, Shelby, 476-8000 (ext. 4376)

Turning Point Academy, 409 West Sumter Street, Shelby, 476-8000 (ext. 7793)

For additional locations for summer meals during June and July, contact the School Nutrition Department at 704-476-8129.

All children must have adult supervision while on premises.

Indiana Mission Trip July 9th-16th

As you read this newsletter we will be preparing to leave for our mission trip to Indiana. I am very excited about the opportunity we have to work alongside the churches in New Albany and surrounding towns. I ask that you be in prayer for our team of 34 as we travel, hold block parties, backyard Bible clubs, and prayer walking. I know that God has great things in store for



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. If you would like more information about the trip please contact Katie.

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.

Even though school is just ending, it is time for us to start thinking about our **Back to School Supply Ministry**. This year we will once again be giving the supplies to teachers to use in their classrooms. We welcome donations of any school supplies and they can be brought to our office between now and August 5th. We will have a luncheon in August to give these supplies to the schools. We appreciate your support of this ministry so that we can show God's love to teachers in our county.



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

POTATO PROJECT UPDATE

Harvest time is almost here for the white potatoes! The weather for growing potatoes was far more ideal than in 2015 when there so much cold and rain and the prediction is for a good crop of white potatoes to be harvested in 2016.

One particular harvest will take place on Travis Mangum's farm with volunteers from Shelby Civitan Club and Junior Civitans, North Shelby School, and other volunteers who can give two hours of time and energy to help. Dairy Queen hot dogs, chips, cold drinks, and a Blizzard will be served to the volunteers at the end of the harvesting. The potatoes will be distributed to North Shelby School families and GCCBA food pantry to feed hungry people in our area! Thank you Travis and Amy for opening you hearts and farm to meet the needs of hungry people!

Sweet potato planting has started with 15,000 plants already in the ground at Patterson Springs. The team of Crest High School and Poplar Springs Baptist Church will plant approx. 8,000 plants more on church property this week.

Pulling sweet potato plants requires a lot of volunteers, our way of saying we could use you for 2 to 4 hours each week for a while. We get our plants from the Lloyd Lewis Farm in Fallston, an easy location to find. If interested, please call Doug Sharp at 704-472-5128 for dates and times.

During the Missions Minute at Boiling Springs Church in late June, Doug Sharp or Bill Horn will share with that church about the status of this uniquely Cleveland County project. Doug and Bill would be happy to come to your church or organization to share about this ministry program, within any required time frame that would best suit your group.

Expenses for the project peak at this time of year with the purchase of plants, fertilizer, herbicides, etc. Donations are absolutely essential for this effort to continue. Checks may be made to Cleveland County Potato Project and sent to: Charles Reed, CC Potato Project Treasurer; 1175 Wyke Rd; Shelby, NC 28150.

One of the great joys of working with the potato project is to see the many new friendships formed by people of all ages working together to fight hunger in our county. So many people have committed their time, energy, financial resources, and other talents for a great cause and make great new friends in the process. I have appreciated my friendship with our two co-founders: Doug Sharp and Bill Horn!

Congratulations to Bill and Elaine Horn who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary last week!!! Now that's commitment- I don't care who you are!!! It is also exciting to see people introduced to

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 July

Bethel:

Tim Sims , 12 years

Buffalo:

Macky Turner, 27 years

Christian Freedom:

Michael Chambers, 23 years

Double Springs:

Bill Fryar, 7 years

Fallston:

David Blanton, 8 years

Immanuel:

Ted Easter, 15 years

Kings Mountain:

Tim Whitesides, 2 years

Lattimore:

Court Greene, 3 years

Mount Sinai:

Tim Trexler, 16 years

New Camp Creek:

Richard Stroup, 15 years

New Jerusalem:

Zavier Terrill, 35 years



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 scanning the code below, or you can go to the play store or appstore on your phone and typing in "Greater Cleveland county ba"



Apple Devices



Android Devices



Check out the church events page on our website www.gccba.org. We list any church event on this page and also on our facebook page. Just due to space, I never know if I will have the room in the Beacon.

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 Grove:

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church is searching for a part-time Youth and Children's Minister, working 20 hours a week with the youth and children. If interested, please send resume to: Personnel Committee, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 3932 Pleasant Grove Church Road, Shelby, NC 28150.

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

Pray for our Pastor less Churches

Allen Memorial ~ Beaver Dam ~
Christopher Road ~ Crestview ~ Grover First ~
New Prospect ~ Temple

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

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- 1**— Friday Hungry Program—Union Baptist
- 4**— Happy Fourth of July GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 5**- GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30pm
- 7**— Grover Breakfast Carolina Crossing 8:30 am
- 8**- Friday Hungry Program
- 9-15**— Indian Mission Trip
- 14**— Lattimore Breakfast Bulldog Quick Snak 8:30 am
- 15**- Friday Hungry Program
- 21**—Belwood Lunch Hwy 18 North Café 11:30 am
- 22**- Friday Hungry Program
- 26**- GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30pm
- 28**—Thrive/Revive 9:30 am GCCBA
- 29**- Friday Hungry Program—Union Baptist

