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*"As the deer pants for streams of water,
 so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
 When can I go and meet with God?" Psalm 42:1-2*

I just returned from Phoenix, Arizona. I had the privilege of attending the SBCAL, one of our national conferences for associational leaders. I also had the opportunity to fellowship with other Baptists at the Southern Baptist Convention.

My wife and I traveled to the Grand Canyon one day. On our journey, I noticed the difference in the ecosystems from the desert of the Phoenix area, to the forests of the areas around the Grand Canyon. One area was very dry, with little to no vegetation. The other was totally different. Even in the canyon, it was cool to pick out areas where you knew water was present because of the green vegetation and growth. We also hiked Camelback Mountain one afternoon. When talking to the locals, one thing I heard often was, "Be sure and drink plenty of water." The dry heat of the area can lead quickly to dehydration. Water is important for growth and survival.

The writer of Psalm 42 compared their thirst for water and their thirst for God. My prayer is that we too, thirst for the living God. Wanting more of Him, and wanting others to want Him as well. In John 4, Jesus tells the woman at well that He is all that she needs! May we long for Jesus and tell others that He is all that we need!

Praying and Serving with you!
 Wesley

"Jesus answered," Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 4:13-14
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I am currently reading *Flickering Lamps* by Henry & Richard Blackaby. In it Henry Blackaby, says "If churches recognize almighty God's presence right where they are, it will revolutionize their ministry." He, then, goes on to describe 5 differences Christ's presence makes in a church.

1. Christ's presence reflects a relationship. If Christ is in your church, your members will see, feel, and understand that Christ does not just want us to be practicing a religion, He wants a real relationship with us.
2. Christ's presence brings joy. When people come to our churches, they should see smiling faces, joyful worship, and members that are focused on serving Christ.
3. Christ's presence transforms our service. When Christ is in our church, people serve with a willing heart and do so because they are called by Christ.
4. Christ's presence brings peace. If Christ is part of our church, when troubles come to members in the church, they are assured that He is with them and will protect, provide, and strengthen them.

Thoughts from our staff.....

5. Christ's presence brings focus. When Christ is in our church, the focus of everything we do is Him. All the programs started, money spent, staff hired, etc. are all to lead us in the direction of what He has called us to do.

After reading these principles, take a few minutes to reflect on your own church. Has Christ been asked to be a part of everything you do? Is His presence making a difference? If not, it's time to confess our sin, ask Him to join us, and worship Him as He leads us.

Katie Harris

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GET THE SUMMER HAPPINESS

The heavens have the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. Psalm 19:1

It's nice to see all the small families, our children, our young people, and even some adults happy to be enjoying summer vacation. They are all joyful as they talk about everything and make plans. They promise to call and write each other and speak of seeing each other again soon. The parents are happy at first because the fights of getting up and homework and what to wear can rest for the summer. There may even be a little peace in the house. But, then there is some concern about who will watch the children for parents that work and what activities will fill each day. How will they feed these children who eat so many snacks and meals? What will happen when the kids begin to fight and argue? All of a sudden the summer joy turns to animosity. But, even this animosity is short lived. The summer lends itself to share as a family, to make plans for picnics, to visit a park, to climb the mountain, to visit a river, to go to the beach, to visit our friends and family, and to join interests. Summer is really fun for everyone. There may be times of sadness and frustration, but it fades in the happiness of summer. Summer is a great opportunity to recognize our surroundings. There is a God who holds all of creation and each one of us in the palm of His hands. Summer is an opportunity to also keep in mind the activities that have to do with the spiritual life of people in our city, county, state, country, and world. Summer is really a season which can be exploited by the leaders of our churches in Cleveland County to conduct activities that create a lasting spiritual impact. In everything we do this summer, we should remember and live as though Christ is at the center of our lives. We as an association promote life and the union in the power of Christ in our congregations. This is the true summer happiness. Blessings. Greetings from my desk.

Jose Espinal



Jose and Maria Espinal are available to come cook a meal for your church family and share about GCCBA mission work in Nicaragua. The proceeds from the meal go to help support our dental clinic in Jinotega, Nicaragua. To schedule his group to cook a meal, please contact Katie Harris.

Education and Network Opportunities

What: Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University 9 week class where you will learn how to handle money God's way

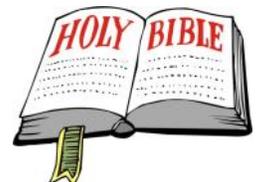
When: 2:00 pm— <https://fpu.com/1043487> or 6:00 pm— <https://fpu.com/1043469> or call Katie Harris at 704-482-3472

Where: GCCBA Office

Led by: Katie Harris

DAVE RAMSEY'S
FINANCIAL Peace
UNIVERSITY

The new **Bible Reading Plan** will begin on July 16th! We have copies at the office we can mail to you or you can come by and pick one up. We can also email the plan to you and it will be on our website.



Education and Network Opportunities

Tuesday Morning Bible Study:

We are very excited about our new Bible Study line up beginning with our summer quarter in August. Please make note of the time change to 10:00 A.M. In the absence of Dr. Cullinan we will be getting local teachers to facilitate our quarterly Bible Studies. We will continue our Diploma program, so if you just got started, we will keep track of hours and present awards at our bi-annual meetings. Be looking for our Winter Quarter topic, teacher, and dates to be announced soon! Spread the word, invite friends and neighbors. Let's study the Word together.



Tuesdays, August 1-August 29 10:00am-11:30am

"The Book of Revelation:

It's More Amazing than you Might Imagine"

Dr. Robert Canoy-

Dean of Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity

Tuesdays, September 12-October 17. 10:00am-11:30am

"Anonymous: Discovering the Somebody You Are To God"

Cindi Wood- Local Author and Speaker
Cost of book, est. \$12, See Nicole and we can order book for you, or you can order at www.cokesbury.com or www.lifeway.com on your own. See Nicole by September 1, to order book from the association.



Resource Library

We are very excited to begin updating our resource library. We are going to be purchasing Bible Studies of various kinds for our churches to use. We will keep them in our library so they will be available for churches to check out. If you have studies that you are no longer using we would love to put them in our library. If you have some to donate, please call Katie or Nicole or drop them by the office. We are hoping to have DVD studies from Beth Moore, Kay Arthur, Tony Evans, etc. We will have also have studies for children and youth.

Praying for July Vacation Bible Schools!

JULY 8-14

Elizabeth – July 9-13 and we are doing the Lifeway one.

Pleasant Hill – July 9-13, Hero Central (Cokesbury) Discover Your Strength in God

Polkville – July 9-12. 6:00 pm Our theme is Orange's Gizmo and Gadgets

Ross Grove - July 8th 10 AM to 3 PM



JULY 15-21

Christopher Road - July 18 -21

Lily Memorial - July 16-20

Mulls Memorial - July 17-21 from 6-8 pm.

New Hope - Sunday July 16 - Thursday July 20, 5:30 - 8:00, Theme: (Group) Paul's Underground Church

Pleasant Grove -July 17-19 from 6 until 8, with dinner being served at 5:30 Our theme is Galactic Starveyors.



JULY 22-28

Calvary - July 23 thru 27, 6-8:15pm.

Zion - July 28th-30th. The theme is "Under Construction." This Vacation Bible School has a mission focus and will tie in to our church's commitment to partnership missions with Guatemala, Haiti, Buffalo St., and Lumberton. Friday 6-9pm--Hotdogs and Bulldozer Family night; Saturday 10am-1pm; Sunday 10-12 during Sunday School, and have a celebration worship followed by Construct-a-Sandwich lunch.



JULY 29-Aug 4

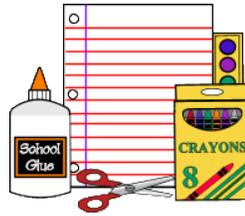
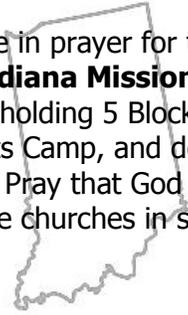
David - July 31st thru' Aug. 4th, 6 pm

Eastside (Shelby) – Eastside VBS July 30 – August 3.



Missions Opportunities

Please be in prayer for the 53 people going on our **Indiana Mission Trip** July 8th-14th. We will be holding 5 Block Parties, doing a VBS and Sports Camp, and doing repairs to a church building. Pray that God will use our work to bless the churches in southeastern Indiana.



Back to School Supplies Ministry

We know the school year has just ended but it is not too soon to be collecting school supplies for us to give away to local teachers for the 2017-2018 school year. We ask that all donations be brought to our office by August 1st.

CC POTATO PROJECT UPDATE

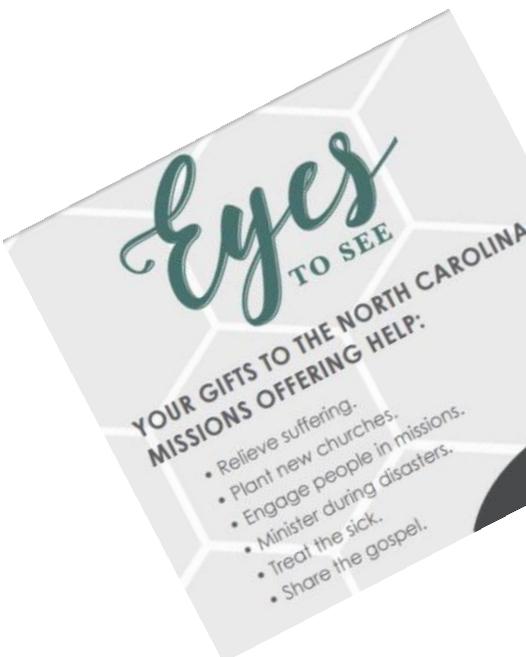
Doug Sharp and Bill Horn, co-chairmen of the CCPP, share these thoughts and comments with you: If you have that land around your church that could be used to grow vegetables it is still not too late to plant and grow some vegetables to feed hungry people who may not have enough to eat. Some churches have already presented fresh produce to folks who could use fresh food in their diets! The CCPP will provide any congregation with 25 sweet potato plants to grow and harvest sweet potatoes to give to those in need in their community.

One church is planning a Wednesday night dinner serving nothing but potatoes at their fellowship meal and if your church would like to offer an all potato menu the CCPP will furnish the potatoes. Remember- the white potatoes are being harvested now and the harvest season is short so if your church would like to do this contact **Doug Sharp at (704) 472-5128** to place your order!

STARTING JUNE 19 WHITE POTATOES CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE BACK OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE. First come first served!

A continuing need for the CCPP is for big tractors and harrows, tillers, etc., and also if you have a pickup truck and could help transport potatoes give Doug a call at the number above!

Financial contributions are always needed and appreciated to buy resources needed to plant, get rid of weeds, fertilize and harvest both white and sweet potatoes. Financial contributions can be mailed to: Charles Reed, Treasurer
Cleveland County Potato Project
1175 Wyke Road
Shelby, NC 28150



Missions Opportunities

Share the Warmth Summary for 2016 and 2017

As of October 1, 2016, we had a balance of \$6,560.19. We received three checks from Share the Warmth totaling \$10,465.93. On April 30, 2017, our balance was \$2,047.53. We were able to serve 181 families in assistance with power bills.

The last date we could distribute funding from **STW** by the agreement with Duke Energy was April 30, 2017. We can resume distribution with a balance carried over of \$2,047.53 beginning October 1, 2017. Thank you for your contributions to assist our neighbors in cooler weather that Duke Energy matches dollar-for-dollar.



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.

THANKS!

Thank you Jay McNeilly for your generous donation of food for our food pantry. Jay asked for donations of food to be brought to his 11th birthday party instead of gifts. He collected over 5,800 pounds of food. Jay you are a blessing to many hungry people in Cleveland County.

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.

Below are suggested items needed. (GCCBA churches by geographical areas) We can always use canned meat products, soups, peanut butter, crackers, canned vegetables (we have plenty corn and green beans right now), and nonperishable fruit!

2017 GCCBA FOOD GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

***** DIAPERS ALWAYS NEEDED *****

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

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

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

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

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

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



GCCBA Bulletin Board

Pastors Anniversaries for July



Allen Memorial:
Robbie Moore, 1 year

Bethel:
Tim Sims, 13 years

Buffalo:
Macky Turner, 28 years

Christian Freedom:
Michael Chambers, 24 years

Double Springs:
Bill Fryar, 8 years

Fallston:
David Blanton, 9 years

Immanuel:
Ted Easter, 16 years

Kings Mountain:
Tim Whitesides, 3 years

Mount Sinai:
Tim Trexler, 17 years

New Camp Creek:
Richard Stroup, 16 years

New Jerusalem:
Zavier Terrill, 26 years

Ross Grove:
Marcus McGill, 1 year

Please remember when shopping on Amazon to go through Amazon Smile and choose Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association as your charity. All you have to do is shop through this link and Amazon will donate a percentage to us. By doing this you will support mission work in Cleveland County and beyond.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-0711651>



Pray for our Pastor less Churches



Beaver Dam ~ Crestview ~ Grover First ~
Lattimore ~ Lily Memorial ~ Temple ~ Zoar

Our Website

There are many helpful resources on our website. Please check it 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>



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.



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, Shelby, NC is currently seeking a **full-time Senior Pastor**. We are a conservative, Southern Baptist, family and community oriented church that was established in 1850. We are a thriving church with an average Sunday School attendance of 150. The Senior pastor will lead three services each week (Sunday morning Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening). He will work alongside an associate pastor, minister of music, and minister of children and youth. Senior Pastor should have a minimum of five years pastoral experience with a seminary degree from an accredited seminary. After prayerful consideration, please submit résumés to: Pastor Search Committee, Beaver Dam Baptist Church, 123 Beaver Dam Church Road, Shelby, NC 28152.

Church Needs.....

Calvary:

Calvary Baptist Church is currently looking for a **youth director**. The position will be about six to eight hours per week coinciding with the academic calendar increasing to about fifteen hours per week in the summer months. Salary will be adjusted to accommodate this hourly difference. The position will be responsible for planning and coordinating a comprehensive youth ministry. A full job description is available upon request. All inquiries should be directed to Pastor Tony Sisk. Please send a letter of interest and a resume with references to tony@visitcalvaryonline.com.

Crestview:

Crestview Baptist Church, Shelby, N.C.—We are a small rural church seeking to fill the **pastor** position. We are looking for an outstanding communicator, leader, strong administrator and visionary. The person will teach the word of God, provide pastoral care, and has prior pastoral experience. Must be an excellent teacher who can challenge all ages through his sermons, have strong leadership skills and uphold the biblical doctrine of the Baptist faith. The pastor should also emphasize evangelism and the importance of lifestyle witnessing. Candidate should have at minimum a bachelor's degree. Please mail resume to Pastor Search Committee, Crestview Baptist Church, 1090 Old Boiling Springs Road, Shelby, N.C. 28152.

Grover First:

First Baptist Church of Grover, N.C. , a small conservative congregation, is seeking an evangelistic and mission – minded **pastor** who will help us reach our community through visitation and inspirational worship. Send resume to PO Box 237, Grover NC 28073 or email groverfirstbaptist@yahoo.com

Kings Mountain, Second: Part-time Minister of Music

Second Baptist Church of Kings Mountain, NC has an opening for a part-time Minister of Music for all Sunday Worship Services. Full job description at gccba.org. If you are interested in this ministry opportunity, please send your resume to Pastor Dennis Pruitt by email at pastor-dennis@secondbaptistkm.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 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

Poplar Springs:

Poplar Springs Baptist Church is seeking an experienced **part time organist**. Responsibilities include playing all regularly scheduled Sunday Services, practice with choir on Wednesday night, playing for any specially scheduled church activities, funerals and weddings as needed. Resumes may be mailed to Personnel Committee, Poplar Springs Baptist Church, 1106 Poplar Springs Church Road, Shelby, NC 28152.

Ross Grove:

Ross Grove is looking for a **part time Minister of Music**. The interested parties would need to send a resume to 1225 Fallston Rd Shelby NC 28150 Attn: Personnel Committee or email them to rossgrovebaptistchurch@gmail.com The church phone number is 704-482-6051.

Waco:

Needed: **Part-time youth & children's leader**. Call the church 70-4435-9311 to leave a message or call Everette Grigg at 704-435-2937. Send resume to Waco Baptist Church PO Box 297, Waco, NC 28169

Zoar:

Zoar is prayerfully seeking a part-time **Worship Leader/ Minister of Music**. We are a community and mission minded church that participates in a blended style worship. All resumes should be sent to Zoar Baptist Church, Attn. Worship Leader Search, 1740 S. Lafayette Street, Shelby, NC 28152 or arcarroll92@gmail.com. For a full job description or questions, please contact Alex Carroll, 704-466-4359.

Zoar Baptist Church of Shelby, N.C. is seeking a **part-time Children and Youth Minister**. Some of the responsibilities will be planning, coordination and directing the Children/Youth Ministries. This job will involve approximately 20 hours per week. Please send a letter of interest, resume, and 3 references to lynnpitches@carolina.rr.com or Zoar Baptist Church, Attention: Y&C Committee, 1740 S. Lafayette St., Shelby, NC 28152 or contact the church office at 704-482-4151

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

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- 4**— GCCBA Office Closed
- 6**— Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am, KM Youth Minister's Fellowship, Love's Fish Box 1:00 pm
- 7** – Hungry program with Dover Volunteers 12:30 pm
- 8-14**— GCCBA Mission Trip to Indiana
- 13** –Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am Shelby Youth Ministers Fellowship at Jammin J's, 12:00pm WMU Salad Supper at Crestview, 6:30 pm
- 14**- Hungry program with Miss Shelby Organization Volunteers 12:30 pm
- 18** — GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:00pm
- 20** – Polkville and Waco Minister's Fellowship at Hwy 18 North Café, 11:30 am
- 21** – Hungry program with Pleasant Grove Volunteers, 12:30 pm
- 24** – Shelby Minister's Coffee Fellowship at Hannah's Coffee House, 10:00 am
- 25** — GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:00pm
- 27** - Thrive/Revive at GCCBA 9:30 am
- 28** - Hungry program with Crestview Volunteers 12:30 pm