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Please join us as we celebrate with Dr. Alice Cullinan on her retirement, Monday, June 5th.
 Drop in: 4:00-6:00 pm GCCBA Office



"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

John 17:20-23

I pray the same prayer for our churches that Jesus prayed. I pray that we are light in our communities, pointing people to Jesus. I pray that we are one, moving toward complete unity. I pray that our communities see the glory of God in his church!

The summer is a great time to get out in your community. If you need anything from us, please let us know. The block party trailer is a great tool as well as Vacation Bible School. There are great ways to prayer walk your communities. It's important to engage your community to find out what needs there may be. You can pass out free water, bake cookies, hand out light bulbs, smoke detectors, and other things that every household needs. This gives you a connection to see about possible prayer needs or other physical needs that maybe you can meet.

I want to share with you a quote from John Piper that Mark Clifton uses in his book, Reclaiming Glory. "Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exist because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever. Worship, therefore, is the fuel and goal of missions. It's the goal of missions because in missions we simply aim to bring the nations into the white hot enjoyment of God's glory. The goal of missions is the gladness of the peoples in the greatness of God."

Just a reminder that everything is created for God's glory! May that be our focus! The Glory of God!

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

Wesley Smith

Thoughts from our staff.....

I was driving to work this morning and thinking about what the Lord might have in store for me in the months and years ahead. I will soon stop these Tuesday morning trips to the office, as the Lord has led me to retire from GCCBA at the end of May. As someone has aptly said, this is a 'bitter sweet time.' I am horrible at saying 'goodbyes' to those who mean so much in my life. At the same time, I am filled with excitement and anticipation as to what the Lord has in store for me in the future. As I pondered these truths this morning while I drove along, I glanced up into the sky ahead of me and saw bright beams of light flowing down through dark clouds. This is something we all see from time to time, of course, but this morning it seemed different. It was a glowing shower of light, as if blessing the way ahead of me. It was not overhead of me...but ahead. I know He goes before us...and before me during this time of transition in my life. He has plans that are higher than ours and thoughts that we cannot fathom. Although it is sometimes hard to turn loose of one ministry in order to pursue another one, there is great encouragement in knowing that He is in charge and knows what He is doing. And, being obedient to His leadership is something we all must do.

I hope that you know just how much of a blessing it has been to me to serve the churches in our association....and you...during these last 12 ½ years. Please be assured of my continued love and prayers for you, and please remember me in prayer. At this point, I feel I am to focus on my writing ministry, and to work with Lamplighters Ministries that some friends and I felt led to begin. But I still know He will open up other doors for me to teach and to speak. I hope that these opportunities will lead me to be with you! Blessings on each of you as you continue to walk with and faithfully serve our Lord.

Dr. Alice Cullinan

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I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. ~Philippians 1:3-5

I want to say a special thank you and not goodbye but see you later to Alice. Alice has been a great mentor and friend to me the past 11 ½ years as I have served with her at the association. She has taught me a lot about the church, how to serve others, and the importance of reading God's word. Alice, I hope you enjoy your retirement and try not to work too hard.

Please be in prayer for our Indiana Mission trip. We have a team of 52 who will be on mission July 8th-14th. While there we will hold 6 blocks parties, a sports camp, and do several day camps and VBS's. We are excited about the opportunities that God has given us to minister alongside churches and church plants in Indiana.

Katie Harris

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Should we only celebrate our Mother's one day a year?

Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They are a garland grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck. Proverbs 1:8-9

Mother's Day is a beautiful time to reflect on the value of the women in our life. Everything a mother does from taking care of the children and doing for their husband is through the strength and wisdom from God. To me women are heroes. Some women work where others can see them, yet some women work behind the scenes where no one see them. I enjoy Mother's Day, giving flowers, writing poems, sharing pictures, and sending sweet messages. But the honoring of mothers should not be limited to one day a year. Today women are leaders, educated, and in positions of power and we must remember to respect

Thoughts from our staff.....

them. Mothers are wonderful companions to their husband. Without them man would be lost and could not accomplish the things they do. I want to thank my mother for what she did for me and all of the mothers in Cleveland County, North Carolina, and beyond for raising wonderful Christian children who will make a difference in our world. Today and everyday I will celebrate mothers and the positive influence they have on us. Please join me in this celebration.

Blessings,
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

Praying for June Vacation Bible Schools!

JUNE 10-16

Beaver Dam – VBS: Sunday, June 11 - Thursday, June 15 with Friday, June 16 as a Family Celebration Night (6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.), Theme: Galactic Starveyors: Discovering the God of the Universe, 5:30 p.m. Supper, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Bethel - "Camp Out" at SONRISE National Park! June 11th – June 15th, 6:30 PM – 8:45PM, Ages: K3 – 8th gr.

Boiling Springs – June 11 - 15. The theme is Galactic Starveyors

Double Shoals – June 11-15 Maker Fun Factory

Fallston – Fallston is June 10th - 14th, 6:00 - 8:30.

Mt. Sinai – June 11-16th - Galactic Starveyors

New Bethel – June 14-17 meal at 5:15pm 6pm - 8:30pm. Galactic Starveyors

Northside – Kick off is Wednesday June 7th and VBS starts June 11th – 16th. Theme: Galactic Starveyors

Shelby First – June 11-15, 5:00 – 8:00 PM, Maker Fun Factory, Publisher: Group

Union – June 11-16, 6:15-8:30pm, Galactic Starveyors

JUNE 24-30

Camps Creek – We kick off VBS with our Block Party on Saturday June 24th from 8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM at the cross roads of NC150 and Bachelor Rd. VBS will be June 25-29 with Commencement on June 30th at 6:30. Supper will be served every night of VBS beginning at 5:30. Our theme: Galactic Starveyors

Hope Community - June 25-30 from 6:00-8:30. The Theme is "Gadgets & Gizmos".

Kings Mtn. First – June 26-30, 9:00am -12:15pm daily

Oak Grove – June 25 - June 30, 2017 -- 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Patterson Grove – June 25-30, 6:00-8:35, Galactic Starveyors

Putnam – Kick-off on Sunday evening...June 25th 6pm, Monday - Thursday...June 26-29 9am - 12:30pm

Trinity – June 25-29th 6:00 pm, Over the Moat

Westview – June 25 to 29 from 5:45 to 8:30, and we our theme is "Galactic Starveyors



Decently and in Order: **Developing Policies and Procedures for Churches**

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Gardner-Webb University, Tucker Student Center, Faith Hall

Speaker: Dr. Brian Davis, Associate Executive Director-Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of NC

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Missions Opportunities

THANK YOU

Thank you for participating in the **National Day of Prayer for 2017**. It is a very humbling experience to gather with other citizens for prayer at our City Halls and other places of government to pray for the moral rebirth of our nation and cry out to God for mercy and forgiveness of our sins and pray for our leaders in our churches and nation.

Truly it was an awesome feeling to experience 2 Chronicles 7:14- If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (NIV)
Remember that the National Day of Prayer is proclaimed on the First Thursday in May each year.

I also thank you for your participation in the **Food Round Up for the NC Baptist Children's Homes**. Your generosity will not only help the children and staff with food and cleaning supplies but the floods last fall really took its toll on some of the locations and the items contributed will be such a blessing to them in their restoration process.



Thank you Jose & Maria Espinal for preparing the wonderful meal we had at our WMU Spring Meeting. Thank you also to those who attended and gave to the offering to support the work of our Dental Clinic in Nicaragua.

Thank you

This month is also the time when we recognize and honor our volunteers who serve in so many needed and wonderful ways in our association. As one recently said about her agency's volunteers, "They are truly an extension of the Lord's arms and hands with their selfless service to others." Volunteers- please know we love you and thank God for you. You are like family to us.

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Let us introduce you to our **summer missionary** Jasmine Lomas!
I grew up in Concord, NC with my 5 younger siblings. I come from a blended family that is wild and unpredictable. I like to sit outside by the pool with a book or go out on the lake. My home church is Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Concord. I majored in Discipleship Studies and minored in Missiology. My goal is to work for a non-profit or parachurch organization that is involved in the community and fulfills the needs of people who need help. I love to cuddle with my cat Delilah and I am always in the mood for mac and cheese!

Missions Opportunities

Block Party Trailer

This ministry tool is a great asset to churches during VBS, Block parties, and other ministry events. The cost of the trailer is \$100 and that includes all supplies needed to run the popcorn, snow cone, and cotton candy machines. The reservation calendar for the trailer fills up fast for the spring and summer so please call soon to reserve it.



We still need volunteer receptionists to assist in the Baptist Center downstairs and if you can work a 3 hour shift please call Charles at (704) 482-3472, ext. 106 for more information! We can't pay you but the benefits are heavenly!!!!



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.

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 ****

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

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

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

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

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

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



GCCBA Bulletin Board

Pastors Anniversaries for June



Bethlehem:

Steve Taylor, 8 years

Boiling Springs:

Keith McKinney, 2 years

Calvary:

Tony Sisk, 7 years

Faith

JR Robbins, 21 years

Pleasant Grove:

Jimmy Black, 5 years

Pleasant Ridge:

Eric Davis, 10 years

Waco:

Harold Fite, 15 years

Zion:

Matt Storie, 3 years

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.

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

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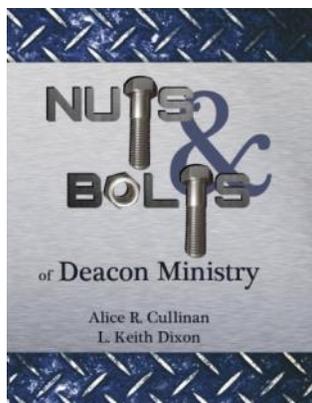
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TRAINING BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

Keith and Alice have worked for over 3 years compiling, writing and adding other helpful information from 10 years of deacon training events and their own personal ministry experience. They

have started a non-profit ministry called Lamplighters Ministries, through which they will make these books and other resources available to churches and church leaders. Please prayerfully consider purchasing books for your pastor and deacons as well as yourself. (The material is helpful for anyone wanting to grow in their walk with Jesus.)

Donations to Lamplighters Ministries are tax-deductible and will be used to provide books and other materials to churches who cannot afford to purchase them. Bi-vocational pastors, and churches with less than 100 members, will be given 2 free copies of the Deacon Ministry book as monies are available. (Visit lamplighters-ministries.org for more information about this ministry and resources. Prayers are appreciated.)



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.

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

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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. Deadline: April 24, 2017

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.

Full-Time Minister of Youth and Children -

Poplar Springs Baptist Church, Shelby, NC (www.poplarspringsonline.org) is seeking a full-time minister of youth and children. We are a moderate congregation that is dually aligned with the SBC and CBF that supports the Baptist Faith and Message of 1963. We seek a candidate with experience that is also a graduate of an accredited seminary or divinity school. Qualities we desire are an organized leader to continue to grow the youth and children's ministry. Send resume to Poplar Springs Baptist Church Search Committee, 1106 Poplar Springs Church Road, Shelby, NC 28152 or church_office@poplarspringsonline.org by April 28, 2017.

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

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- 1**— Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am, KM Youth Minister's Fellowship, Love's Fish Box 1:00 pm
- 2**— Hungry program with Westwood Heights Volunteers 12:30 pm
- 5**— Associational Council Meeting, GCCBA 100 pm
Dr. Alice Cullinan's Retirement Reception, GCCBA 4:30-6:30 pm
- 6**—GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30pm
- 8**—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
- 9**- Hungry program with Union Volunteers 12:30 pm
- 13**— GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30pm
- 15**— Polkville and Waco Minister's Fellowship at Hwy 18 North Café, 11:30 am
- 16**— Hungry program with Crestview Volunteers, 12:30 pm
- 20**— GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30pm
Decently and in Order: Developing Policies and Procedures for Churches, GWU 6:30 pm
- 22** - Thrive/Revive at GCCBA 9:30 am
- 23** - Hungry program with Calvary Volunteers 12:30 pm
- 26**— Shelby Minister's Coffee Fellowship at Hannah's Coffee House, 10:00 am
- 27**— GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30pm
- 30** - Hungry program with Union Volunteers 12:30 pm



