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# THE BEACON

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He is not here, for He has Risen

As we approach the time in the scriptures that deal with the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that we should not just deal with those thoughts, but with the command that Jesus gave to each of us before his ascension.

The angel had it right when he said, "He is not here," for He truly is not here in bodily form, but in the form of the Holy Spirit. Jesus gave us His directions about how we are to live our lives in the here and now. He said that we are to make disciples (seek out those who do not know Him as their personal Savior, baptize them, and teach them).

It is an awesome responsibility that the Lord has placed on each of us. We are to be his hands, his feet, and his voice, to reach a lost and dying world. We are the instrument that He uses to reach and teach. As we prepare to share that responsibility in our churches during this season of the year, let us not forget to share that it is an individual responsibility. It has not been reserved for just a few to share, but we as Christians must take that responsibility seriously. There must also be a time when we can teach them that the Lord can use them in service for Him. He has gifted each of us with a special gift to be used in the reaching and teaching of those who do not know Him.

We have a story to tell to the nations that will turn the hearts of men, women, boys and girls, to the right. Let us not be weary in well doing. What a joy it would be on this Easter Sunday morning to stand with someone in service who had accepted the Lord Jesus because you were faithful to the commandment of the Lord.

To God Be the Glory; great thing He has done.

May God Bless

Tony ታታታታታታታታታ

I drove into the parking lot of the grocery store about a week after it had snowed in the area. It was a pretty snow, thankfully without the predicted ice. I enjoyed being snowed in for three days...well, let's put it this way, I did OK for a couple of days and then became stir crazy! "Cabin fever" is the name some have given to the need to get outside after being stranded inside for a few days. I was surprised that my pups enjoyed romping in the snow since they are sissies when it comes to going out in the rain. I caught up on some work and some reading, but found myself wanting to get outside in the sunshine. I realized just how bad a case of cabin fever I had acquired when I found it fun to go to the local dollar store!

But back to the grocery store story I was discussing. A week after the snow had first arrived with its pristine whiteness, there were now piles of gray, black and white 'leftovers' on the sides of the parking lot. Ugly, to be sure. A far cry from the beauty of the white flakes I had enjoyed just a week earlier. Hmmmm. A spiritual truth for sure. When we accept the Lord as

### Thoughts from our staff.....

our Savior, He makes our hearts 'white as snow.' But along comes life with its sin and disobedience, and our lives become dirty....ugly in His sight and to all who look at us. We may try to push the ugliness out to the sidelines in hopes God and no one else will notice. It does not work that way. God tells us to come to Him...the only One who can melt away the ugliness and turn our lives back into beauty. I wonder why we are so reluctant to do this?

Dr. Alice Cullinan

I recently watched a video of Francis Chan speaking about making disciples. He talked about how often times we as Christians study and memorize what Jesus tells us to do but do not actually "do" what Jesus tells us to "do". Jesus' word is not just a worthy book that we should read but it's a guideline on how we should live our life. It is good thing to read and study the Bible, but if we stop there we have totally missed the point of God's word. Putting the scriptures into action is not as easy as it sounds, but in my life God has convicted me to put the word in action in the daily opportunities I come across. Holding a door for someone, letting a car go in front of me, giving a smile to a lonely person, or stopping to really listen to a person's story. These actions may not further someone's relationship with Christ, but I believe they can show someone who does not know God a small glimpse of His love. What are the small things God is asking you to do in your daily life to show others a glimpse of Him? Think about it this week! Serving together, Katie

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#### OBEYING GOD'S COMMAND Matthew 28:18-20

"All authority is given to me in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, and of the son and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and behold I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Amen.

We plan to move forward for Christ in 2016. And we are happy that we are all focused on the mobilization of the Church to go out to reach the lost for Jesus. We must not expect the lost to come to us; we must go to them. They are people who are empty, who have no hope, who are lost, and who require a Savior. Jesus gave us the commission and there is a plan for how it will work. First, we must be filled with His power. Then we march under His authority and armed with such anointing that everything we do is a way to be the church and to reach the lost. The Church cannot be stopped; the Church has to go; the Church is the only one authorized to make disciples according to the model of Christ. We are trained to put into practice all the strategies that Jesus taught, and we must do so here in our community today. And we also must be missionaries, carriers of the word, to people from different parts of the world who now live in our country: Chinese, Japanese, Koreans, Cambodians, Germans, Argentineans, Mexicans, Hindus, Russians, Nicaraquans... all the Nations of the world want to live in the United States. God has already prepared us to teach them the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have the message they need to become sons of God. We must never lose the vision to be MISSIONARIES, to be people of God determined to meet the mandate of God for our lives. We have been given the power; we have been sent; we have a task to accomplish. So unless we forget the promise of Christ to be with us to the end of the world, we must not be afraid to carry out His commission, because God himself remains forever with those who love him and are obedient to Him. As an association of churches here in Cleveland County, we must continue marking a positive step in the area of missions. This year we hope to have four very important mission trips: one in America and three foreign mission trips. Will you prayerfully consider going with us on one of these trips? And, of course, we must be faithful witnesses here at home as well. We should continue praying for all the leaders of the community, their personal visions and the vision of the Association and the Convention. Blessings in the powerful name of Christ.

Rev. José A. Espinal. Hispanic Language Missionary.

### **Education and Network Opportunities**

#### **DEACON TRAINING EVENT**

Date: Monday, March 7, 2016 Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Zion Baptist (525 W. Zion Church Rd)
Topic: "Why Do I Sometimes Feel Like Quitting"
(Understanding and Dealing with Spiritual Burnout)
Leaders: Dr. Alice Cullinan and Rev. Keith Dixon
We need your reservations for dinner by Feb. 25.
Please call the associational office at 704-482-3472
or register on our website at gccba.org

Minister's Conference/Learning Community Monday, March 7, 2016 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Program

Associational Renovate Team will share about revitalization



Make Note of the new date for the RA Race



"The 16<sup>th</sup>Annual Senior Adult Music Day! "Music, Fun, Food, Fellowship!" <u>Flint Hill Baptist Church</u> Thursday, March 17, 2016-9AM-1PM (This is the rehearsal) <u>Elizabeth Baptist Church</u> Sunday, April 10, 2016- 6:00 PM

(The presentation)

<u>Led by</u>- Marty Parks, Creator of "Well Seasoned"

Praise" from Mississippi- learn more about him at martyparks.com

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#### **SENIOR ADULT MUSIC DAY REGISTRATION-2016**

(This registration and all money is due at the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Assoc. Office-

by Tues. March 8th)

Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association 1175 Wyke Road Shelby, NC 28150 Phone: 704.482.3472

\*Please pay \$7.00 per person-This includes a wonderful meal & snacks-

Make Checks to: GCCBA - ( write:Sr. Music Day on memo line of check)

Sr. Music Day is on St. Patrick's Day Make sure you wear your green! Door Prizes and St. Patty surprises!



The **Associational RA Race Car Derby** will be held on Friday **March 4th** at the Shelby Mission
Camp. The weigh in will be from
6-6:30 pm with the races starting
at 6:45. Please remember that all

RA groups racing must have a mission project display.



#### **Association Bible Drill**

Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 3:00 pm at Beaver Dam Baptist
You will register ALL drillers with the ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE (even those who do not qualify for the associational drill or those who participated in Bible Drill activities, but did not participate in the church drills) Please send the names to Nicole Mosley.



### Associational Senior Adult Rally: Faith and Fun

Boiling Springs Baptist Church Thursday, April 14, 2016 8:45-12:30



Free lunch. Please reserve a spot by April 7th by calling the associational office Music, door prizes, booths of local agencies serving seniors, free blood pressure checks, tour of the new Health Sciences Building at GWU (the old Crawley hospital building). Featured speaker is Kathryn Hamrick, author of <a href="The Farmer's Wife">The Farmer's Wife</a>, a collection of columns she wrote for the Shelby Star.

# **Missions Opportunities**



Plans are coming together for our **Summer Mission Trips**. We are excited to start a new partnership with an association in **South East Indiana**. This partnership will open up opportunities to come along side churches that are ministering to rural farmers, Hispanics, an Amish community, and a Muslim community. The dates for this trip are **July 9th-16th**. Cost, travel plans, and more information will be given out soon. Please watch the Beacon and our website for updates on a mission trip meeting.

Our **Nicaragua Mission Trip** will be **July 29th- August 6th**. We are excited about continuing to support the work of the ministries in Granada. The church there is continuing to grow through serving the community with a feeding program and their children's ministry. The church has started a preschool, Kindergarten, and hopes to add more grades in the future. They also hold sewing classes for the women to learn a trade to help make money for their family. During our trip we hold a Vacation Bible school, help with the feeding program, and help with other ministries in the community. The cost of the trip is \$1550-\$1600 depending on the cost of the airline tickets. A \$150 deposit will be due on March 28th. If you have questions about the trip or are interested in going please contact Katie asap. This trip is limited to 14-16 participants and these mission teams fill up fast.

#### **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2016**

The 65th annual National Day of Prayer, May 5, 2016, will have profound significance for our country. It is an unprecedented opportunity to see the Lord's healing and renewing power made manifest as we call on citizens to humbly come before His throne.

Our theme for 2016 is *Wake Up America*, emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to return to the God in reverence for His Holy Name. To further highlight our theme, we've chosen Isaiah 58:1a as our Scripture for this year: "Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet."



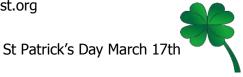
For promotional materials for your church or community check the National Day of Prayer website at www.nationaldayofprayer.org.



CLEVELAND COUNTY April 30th or May 7th, 2016 Operation INASMUCH 2016 We are very excited about the Cleveland County **Operation InAsMuch** 2016. We had a very good turnout for our meeting on February 2nd with 13 churches represented. Our ad sales for our t-shirts are going very well and help requests are starting to come in.

If your church has not yet decided to be part of this one day community missions blitz to be held on April 30th or May 7th, it is not too late. This is a great opportunity to get your church excited about and involved in missions. For more information and details please contact me by phone or email.

For questions or more information contact;
David Brown
Cleveland County OIAM Coordinator
919-422-9990
dfbrn@bellsouth.net
dbrown@ncbaptist.org



### **Missions Opportunities**

#### **DUKE ENERGY SHARE THE WARMTH**

It has really turned cold now that winter has set in, and many people who are having a hard time paying their bills are being helped through STW dollars. To date two checks have been received totaling \$11,673.15, and contributions are being accepted and matched by Duke Energy until March 30, 2016.

To make a contribution that Duke will match dollar-for-dollar take note of the following information: Checks should be made payable to SHARE THE WARMTH FUND and mailed to:

Share the Warmth Fund The Duke Energy Foundation P.O. Box 35469 Charlotte, N.C. 28254-3429

Thank you for caring for your neighbors who are having a difficult time during these cold winter months.

#### **POTATO PROJECT UPDATE**



Soon it will be time to plant a new crop of white potatoes at different donated plots of land in the county. We pray for a much more favorable growing season than last year. Crops were planted in the extreme cold and then we were in a drought that did not let the potatoes grow. The sweet potato crop that begins in the summer and goes until the first frost had a much greater yield.

We are thankful that Union Baptist Church is planting a field of white potatoes this year and we still welcome other groups to join the battle to prevent hunger. The Potato project will pay for seed and fertilizer for any church that wants to grow a crop and give half the harvest to the project. We plan, weather permitting, to start planting during the last week in February or first week in March.

We would like to put together a list of tractor drivers who could step in and help for a few hours and if you can participate or know people we could contact, call Doug Sharp at (704) 472-5128. Anyone with the equipment to move tractors and plows around the county would be welcome to join us. Your prayers and financial support are always needed and appreciated as we work to provide fresh potatoes to feed hungry people in Cleveland County.

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 13th

2016 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 spagnetti 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 March

Camps Creek:

Buddy Moorehead, 4 years

Dover:

Ervin Price, 9 years

Goodes Grove:

Robert Hensley, 5 years

Pathway:

James Hamrick, 38 years

New Hope:

Russ Bradley, 10 years

Westover:

Kevin Whittington, 3 years

**DNOW March 11-12, 2016** @ GWU Tucker

Student Center

Cost \$25/person

Speaker- Tracy Jessup

Element Worship Band

Friday Dinner 6pm @ Boiling Springs Baptist Friday night Worship 7pm @GWU Tucker Student Center

Saturday games and movie @ GWU 3pm Dinner @BSBC 6pm Worship @ GWU 7pm

Email wsmith@boilingspringsbaptist.org to sign up no later than March 4.

No cost if you do not wish to eat meals.

Please remember that the schedule for our **Block Party Trailer** fills up fast in the Spring and Summer. Please get your reservations in soon.



We have dates left for groups to help with the **Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program.** Please contact
Katie to sign your group up.

#### **WMU SALAD SUPPER**

The annual WMU Salad Supper will be May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at First Baptist Church Shelby. Our guest speaker will be Bonnie Doughtie, former missionary to S. Africa. We will be taking up an offer for the church in



Nicaragua. Please join us and bring your favorite salad to share with others.

### Pray for our Pastor less Churches

Beaver Dam ~ Pleasant Hill~ Ross Grove ~ Sandy Plains~ Temple

### Available Positions in our Churches: **Beaver Dam:**

Beaver Dam Baptist Church is seeking a part-time (32 hour/week) secretary. Among other office related duties, this person will act as receptionist, manage the database, compile and print weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters, and serve a liaison between persons of need and the Benevolence Committee. Must be capable using Word, Publisher, and the church database software, ACS. Experience in church secretarial roles a plus.

We are looking for someone who desires to serve the Lord through the work of the church office. Resumes may be sent to Beaver Dam Baptist Church, 123 Beaver Dam Church Road, Shelby, NC 28152. Attention: Personnel Committee/Secretary





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### Church Needs.....

#### Camps Creek:

CCBC in Mooresboro, NC is seeking a part time pianist to play for worship on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, and Wednesday evenings. This person will also accompany the choir on occasion during practice on Wednesdays at 8:00 PM. The annual salary is \$3,836 and includes two weeks paid vacation. Anyone interested can send an email inquiry to Pastor Buddy Morehead at pastorbuddy47@yahoo.com.

#### Eastside, Kings Mountain:

Eastside Baptist Church, Kings Mountain is seeking an experienced part-time pianist. Resumes can be mailed to Eastside Baptist Church, 308 York Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. For more information call 704-739-8055 or 704-616-6132.

#### Eastside, Shelby:

Eastside Baptist Church, Shelby, NC (Southern Baptist/1963 Faith & Message) seeks full-time Minister of Music and Education. Responsible for all music programs as well as training and education. Job description/requirements: www.eastsidebaptistshelby.org. Send Letter of interest and resume Attention: Personal Committee, 1165 Wyke Rd. Shelby, NC 28150 or officeebc@carolina.rr.com

#### Oak Grove:

Oak Grove Baptist is currently seeking a pianist and organist. If anyone shows an interest in either position, please have them contact me at: mjimis-on@carolina.rr.com, or my 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

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church is seeking a pastor to oversee the life and direction of the church body. The pastor will be a gifted teacher who enables persons to learn and develop spiritual truths, an effective communicator of well developed sermons, a compassionate and discerning counselor, a visionary and planner for the future of the church and a staff developer. The church recognizes the extent of these responsibilities and is committed to supporting the Pastor in the work of the church for the glory of our God. The church is affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Southern Baptist Convention, NC Baptist State Convention and the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association. Weekly services are held on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday Evenings. Interested candidates should submit a resume to <a href="mailto:phbc1851@att.net">phbc1851@att.net</a> or Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Attention: Pastor Search Committee, 2338 Pleasant Hill Church Road, Grover, NC 28073.

#### Pleasant Ridge:

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Shelby NC is seeking a Minister to Youth (Middle and High School) who will demonstrate a strong commitment to Jesus Christ while developing and implementing a ministry for the youth of our church and community. Our search team is interested in candidates who offer strong leadership and organizational skills. We are seeking the right person who possesses the ability to motivate youth and parents through effective communication, planning, and implementation of ministry ideas. Experience in ministering to and with Middle School/High School Youth is preferred. This person should have a heart for understanding the special needs of youth and parents and a desire to include these special groups in the overall ministry of the church. This is a full time position and a background check (provided by the church) will be required. Please send all résumés to Dr. J. Eric Davis (Dr.JED@carolina.rr.com) or Minister to Youth Search Team, Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, 198 Pleasant Ridge Church Road, Shelby, NC 28152. Résumé must be received before February 29, 2016.

#### 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: <a href="mailto:employment@polkvillebaptist.com">employment@polkvillebaptist.com</a>; 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

Ross Grove Baptist Church is seeking a full-time Pastor. Please send letter of interest, resume & DVD (if possible) to: Ross Grove Baptist Church Attn: Pastor Search Committee 1225 Fallston Road Shelby, NC 28150

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- **1–** Dr. Cullinan Bible class10:30 am GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30pm Enlistment Team 11:45 am
- **3–** Grover Breakfast 8:30am Carolina Crossing
- 4- RA Race Shelby Mission Camp 6:00 pm
- **6-13**—Annie Armstrong Offering & Week of Prayer for North American Missions
- 13- Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 7-Ministers Conference 10:00 am GCCBA
- 8- GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30pm
- 11-12- DNOW WEEKEND
- **15-** GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30pm
- **17** Senior Music Day 9:00 am –1:00 pm Flint Hill Belwood Lunch 11:30 am Hwy 18 North Café
- 20- Association Bible Drill 3:00 pm Beaver Dam
- **22-** GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30pm
- **24**—Thrive/Revive 9:30 am GCCBA
- **25** GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 27—Easter
- 28- GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED

