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"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock (Jesus) I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." Matthew 16:18

As the NFL season came to close, I heard many around here who were just ready to see it end. For many, the season ended many games ago after the Carolina Panthers had lost the chance of making the playoffs to play for the Super Bowl. How could this happen? Last season was great! This season was horrible! In baseball last season, Cubs fans celebrated their first World Series win in 108 years! Look how many bad seasons they endured.

When was the last time your church had a winning season? What would it look like for your church to have a winning season? Would it mean meeting the budget? Would it be one baptism? Would it look like one person giving his/her life to Jesus? Does it mean more people in Sunday School?

In Mark Clifton's book, "Reclaiming Glory," he says this. "A church that is not producing fruit does not accurately reflect God's glory." His definition of bearing fruit, "...having a pattern of making disciples who make disciples that results in the community being noticeably better." He says that the church has a "discipleship problem." "Discipleship is sharing life and seeking to reproduce ourselves in others."

My prayer for us is that God would stir our hearts to move closer to him, and share life with others! If we are walking in a relationship with Jesus and sharing life with others, then they will come into a relationship with Jesus too! We must first care about others!

"We cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us." 1 Thessalonians 2:8

Praying and Serving with you!
Wesley



What comes to your mind when you hear the word 'therapist?' Possible one of these: counseling, physical therapy, exercising at the YMCA, a visit to the chiropractor, home health visits to an elderly person just out of the hospital. Did any of you think of this one: Hug therapy? What is that, you might ask? It is being a blessing to someone by giving them a hug. Of course, in today's society where most everything can have a sexual connotation, one has to be careful to be discreet in physical hug-giving and being sure the recipient of the hug actually wants one. And there are different kinds of hugs: side-to-side hugs, cheek hugs, and bear hugs, among others. But the real point is whether we are truly expressing love and compassion for the person. There are those, however, who do not want to be touched, and we must respect that. But we can learn how to 'verbally hug' someone, or send a 'hug-card' to someone. And there are 'hug-phone calls' to someone who is lonely. The point is we should be creative in dispensing God's love to people every day. Sometimes just a smile and a kind word can be the 'hug' someone desperately needs. How creative can you be in sharing God's love with people you come into contact with every day? Let's have a whole army of 'hug-therapists' impacting our world in Jesus' name!

Dr. Alice Cullinan

Thoughts from our staff.....

REVITALIZED IS BEING FILLED WITH LIFE AGAIN

Luke 9:1-10

The Church grows weak and loses life when it forgets that our work is immense, and human efforts are nothing without the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We cannot do the work He calls us to do without His power. We, and even the younger generation in particular, start out full of vigor but soon fade physically and spiritually. Why? We forget to return to the fundamentals, to the word of God, to the heart of Christ, to the power that has been granted to us by Holy Spirit. We have been talking for more than three years about revitalization, but very few leaders are able to be quiet enough to hear God remind us that we really do not know who we are and what will happen tomorrow. Christ called together twelve and gave them power and authority over evil and even diseases. He immediately removed them from their own work and led them to know and experience complete happiness at the feet of Christ. And after teaching them, He sent them into the fields of battle where you and I must be. The priority of Christ was that they (and we) must carry the Gospel to all those who need to hear it, to liberate people from the slavery of darkness. We must help free them from whatever imprisons them. There are thousands very near to us who die without Christ. We need more laborers with renewed zeal before we can reach those who need to be reached. Sometimes it is easy to give a good Sermon, even easy to give good lessons in Sunday school, easy to have a time of prayer and celebration on Wednesdays. It is easy to plan activities for young people on Fridays; but if we forget to send them out to where the lost people are, souls close to us are going to perish. Those disciples around Christ looked wonderful, but it was better to send them out, even without a bottle of water or sandwiches to eat, without a box of chewing gum, without a bike to do more travel, without a car to save walking, without a towel to wipe the sweat, without clothes. The disciples were sent out with nothing to help them but the Spirit of God. If we make the effort and start leading the church out into the harvest field, Jesus will reap a wonderful harvest. REVITALIZED IN CHRIST. This is what will fill us with new lives and enable the work of Jesus Christ to be successful. Keep praying...keep going....keep harvesting!

Thank you. Blessings to all the Ministers, teachers and servants that already are actively performing the great Commission.

Blessings,
Jose Espinal



Recently God has been reminding me that my strength and power should come from him. I can look back on my life and see how during the times I relied on him I was most successful in what I was doing. But how do we tap into God's strength and power? The best way I know is prayer. I am learning to pray about everything because nothing is too small or unimportant enough that we cannot pray about it. I challenge each of you to tap into God's power through prayer each and every day. Think about how many wonderful things we could do and our churches could do if we relied completely on God's strength and power.

Katie



Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 12th

Education and Network Opportunities

Minister's Conference/Learning Community

Monday, March 6, 2017
10:00 am

Keith Dixon and Alice Cullinan will be teaching on how to use their new, "Nuts & Bolts of Deacon Ministry"

Fellowship starts at 10am, prayer 10:30am, program at 11:00am.

Deacon Training Event: Monday, March 20, 6:30-8:30PM at Poplar Springs Baptist. Topic: "Following God's Leadership" led by Dr. Alice Cullinan and Rev. Keith Dixon. The conference will cover topics like: "How to understand God's leadership and how to follow where He leads," and "When we should let go and let Him handle something, when it is our responsibility to do it?" "What does God promise us about His leadership?"

Since we will be serving dinner, please preregister by calling the associational office at 704-482-3472 or register on our website at gccba.org.

The association has purchased copies of Nuts and Bolts of Deacon Ministry, the book written by Alice and Keith based on materials from many of the training events held at the association. **Those who register for the training conference by February 28 will be able to purchase the book for \$15.** The regular price is \$24.95, so take advantage of this opportunity to get this helpful resource. **Pastors who register for the conference will receive a free copy.** When you preregister, let us know you want a book so we can be sure to bring enough copies.

DEADLINE for registration for the meal is Monday, March 13 at 5:00PM.

NC Church Library Ministry Conference

Saturday, April 29
Watkins Chapel Baptist Church
Zebulon NC

Please reply to furrjudy@gmail.com if you are interested in attending the conference. If you cannot attend the conference, but would like to be put on our email list, please respond also.

Judy M Furr
NCCLM Associate Director



Uniquely Bi-vocational Pastors

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

6:00 pm

Also, mark your calendars to change our April meeting. It will be Tuesday, April 25th!



RA Race Car Derby

March 3rd at Mt Sinai Baptist Church

Weigh-in 6:15 race starts at 6:45

We will be providing a PIZZA supper for all RA's who attend the event.

** All groups must have a mission project display in order to race**

The Associational Bible Drill

will be on Sunday,
March 26th at Polkville
Baptist Church at 3:00 pm!



BIBLE
DRILL

Associational Senior Adult Rally

Thursday, March 30, 8:45-12:30

Boiling Springs Baptist

Theme: Faith and Fun

Guest speaker:

John Carter, WBTV

News Anchor

(You will need to

preregister since we will be serving

lunch. Call the associational office at

704-482-3472 or register on our

webpage at gccba.org)



17th Annual Senior Adult Music Day Rehearsal and Lunch:

Thursday, March 16th at Flint Hill Baptist
9 AM until 1 PM

Rehearsal with Marty Parks:

Saturday, March 18th at Shelby Mission
Camp 10:00 AM-Noon

*A snack lunch will be provided at no charge.

Since we will have practice on Saturday, you will not have to arrive as early on that Sunday. We hope this helps!

Presentation: Sunday, March 19th at Elizabeth Baptist Church 6:00 PM

Featuring Guest Clinician, Marty Parks, from Mississippi

We will be doing the sequel to last year! "Well Seasoned Praise #3" by Marty Parks From "Word Publishing"
REGISTRATION FOR SR. ADULT MUSIC DAY 2017 DEADLINE- WED. MARCH 8TH to the Associational Office

The cost per person is \$8 (this includes everything on Thursday)

Missions Opportunities



Indiana Mission Trip

July 8th-14th

Informational Meeting: March 7th at 6:30 at the GCCBA

office. During this mission trip

we will have an opportunity to do construction projects on a church, hold Block Parties, participate in VBS and help in other ways to minister to different communities.

Summer Missionary Internship

We are currently accepting resumes for our 2017 Summer Missionary Internship. This internship lasts 10 weeks and the person will work alongside our staff to assist with the summer mission trip, Back to School ministry, Friday Feed the Hungry lunch program, and assist in the office. If you are interested please send a resume to Wesley Smith by April 24th.



COMING MAY 4, 2017!

Answer the Call - Stand in the Gap

In response to an address that the Reverend Billy Graham gave on the steps of the U.S. Capitol in February 1952, a bill calling for an annual National Day of Prayer was unanimously passed through Congress, then signed by President Harry Truman on April 17, 1952 (Public Law 82-324).

On January 25, 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed into law the designation for the first Thursday in May to be set aside each year as an annual observance for the National Day of Prayer (Public Law 100-307), followed by President Bill Clinton signing the following into law on August 12, 1998:

The President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals. (Pub.L. 105-225)

Today, many Christians are unaware that we live in a nation that has a law in place requiring our President to proclaim a National Day of Prayer each year! As citizens and residents of the United States, and as believers in Christ Jesus, we not only have a spiritual responsibility according to 1 Timothy 2:1-2 to pray for 'all those in authority', but we also have a civic responsibility to heed our President's call to stand in the gap for our nation!

As the 66th Annual National Day of Prayer approaches, we're looking for individuals, churches, and communities who are willing to join us in rallying millions of Christians to once again heed the call to stand in the gap!



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR North American Missions

March 5-12, 2017 | Goal: \$70 Million



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Missions Opportunities

You will be able to drop food off at the GCCBA Office during April! Check out their website to get a list of the needs they have.



Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program

We are in need of groups to provide food for our lunch program. For more information or to sign up please contact Katie.

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



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.

GCCBA Bulletin Board

Pastors Anniversaries for February

Elizabeth:

Rit Varriale, 12 years

KM First:

Chip Sloan, 29 years

Mulls Memorial:

Jeffery Self, 4 years

Normans Grove:

Keith Huss, 8 years

Northside:

Neal Efird, 18 years

Oak View:

David Turner, 2 years

Putnam:

Bryan Glisson, 18 years

Sorry I totally
skipped over
February
Anniversaries
last month

Pastors Anniversaries for March



Camps Creek:

Buddy Morehead, 5 years

Dover:

Ervin Price, 10 years

Goodes Grove:

Robert Hensley, 6 years

New Hope:

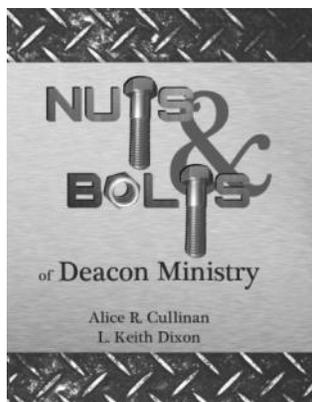
Russ Bradley, 11 years

Pathway:

James Hamrick, 39 years

Westover:

Kevin Whittington, 4 years



\$24.95

DEACON 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.) Pastors who attend the Deacon Training event March 20 will receive a [free copy](#). Deacons who attend will have the opportunity to purchase the book for only \$15. (regularly \$24.95) Preregistration is necessary by Feb. 28.

Pray for our Pastor less Churches

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



Christopher Road welcomes Mike Tucker as their minister!

We are in need of **volunteers to work in our food pantry and clothing room**. If you would be willing to spend a couple of hours a week stocking food and making food bags or sorting clothing and helping clients, please contact Katie or Charles. There is also a form located on our website.



We also have **volunteer openings for our Crisis Assistance desk**; answering the phone, greeting clients and doing intake forms. This is a big ministry of the GCCBA. In order for us to best serve our community we need more great volunteers! Please consider serving with us!

Church Needs.....

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.

First Baptist Shelby:

First Baptist is prayerfully seeking an Church Administrative Assistant. We are looking for an individual with a variety of administrative gifts, professional demeanor and a heart for ministry. A full job description is on the GCCBA website. Qualified candidates can send cover letter and resume to business@fbcshelby.org

Lattimore:

Lattimore Baptist Church is seeking a part-time Church Secretary to provide support for the pastor, music director, children's director, youth director, church clerk, deacons and other committee chairpersons. Applicants should have administrative skills, the ability to manage multiple tasks and meet deadlines, a proficiency in Church Power Plus and the Microsoft Office Suite, including Word and Excel. A Interested individuals may mail or e-mail a cover letter, resume, and references to: Lattimore Baptist Church, Attn: Pastor Court Greene, PO Box 188, Lattimore, NC 28089 courtgreene@yahoo.com

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.

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 looking for a part-time secretary (18 hours/week) to support the pastor and other staff members. A proficiency in Excel, Word and Media Shout is a bonus. If interested, they can send a resume to Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Attn: Personnel Committee, 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: emploment@polkvillebaptist.com; or by USPS to: Search Committee, Polkville Baptist Church, Post Office Box 245, Polkville, NC 28136.

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.

Sandy Plains:

Sandy Plains is seeking a Music Director for Wednesday night and Sunday Morning. Please contact Suzanne Gibbs 704-434-6578 for further details.

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 a part-time worship leader. Please contact the church office at 704-482-4151 or send resume to 1740 S. Lafayette Street, Shelby, NC 28152

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- 2—** Grover Breakfast Carolina Crossing 8:30 am
Kings Mountain Youth Ministers Fellowship Love's Fish Box 1:00 pm,
- 3—** Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 pm
6:15 pm GCCBA RA Race
- 6—** Ministers Conference, GCCBA, 10:00 am
- 7—** Dr. Cullinan Bible Study Class GCCBA 10:30 am
GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30 pm
Indiana Mission Trip Meeting 6:30 pm
- 9—** Lattimore Breakfast at Bulldog Quick Snack 8:30 am
Shelby Youth Ministers Lunch at Jammin J's at noon
- 10—** Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 pm with
Beaver Dam Volunteers
- 14—** Enlistment Team Meeting GCCBA 11:45 am
GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30 pm
- 16—** Senior Music Day Rehearsal at Flint Hill 9 am-1 pm
Belwood Lunch at Hwy 18 North Café 11:30 am
- 17—** Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 19—** Senior Adult Music Presentation at Elizabeth 6:30 pm
- 20—** Deacon Training at Poplar Springs 6:30 pm
- 21—** GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30 pm,
- 23—** Thrive, GCCBA, 9:30 am
- 24—** Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 with Dover
Volunteers
- 26—** GCCBA Bible Drill at Polkville 3:00 pm
- 27—** 10:00 am Pastor Coffee Fellowship
- 28—** GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30 pm
Uniquely Bi-vocational Pastor at GCCBA 6:00 pm
- 30—** GCCBA Senior Adult Rally at Boiling Springs—8:45 am
- 31—** Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 with Union
Volunteers