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GCCBA Staff would like to invite any pastor or staff member who may be new to our association, or looking to be more involved in the work of the association, to drop by the GCCBA Office on Tuesday, September 6 between 4pm and 6pm. We would like to meet you and share with you what God is allowing us to do and how you can be a part of that. We also have a gift we would like to give you. We look forward to seeing you Tuesday, September 6.

"I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought." 1 Corinthians 1:10

Just like many of you, I have really enjoyed watching the Olympics. It was great to watch the opening ceremonies and see the pride each one has in their country. As an American spectator, it has been really great to see the team members from different sports supporting each other. Social media has been flooded with pictures of athletes supporting each other! I have also enjoyed seeing America unite and pull for the U.S. in competition. It seems like it is one of the few times we come together as Americans. Go Team USA!

In church, we tend to see our differences before our similarities. We are drawn to see what divides us instead of what unites us. Whether it is in our individual church or when we look at the churches around us. In your church you have people who have different passions. As an association we have churches with different visions, and approaches to ministry. However, our mission is the same. Jesus is what unites us! My prayer is that we as see our unity and promote Jesus! The cross unites us! The grace of Jesus has covered us all!

"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 3:11

Praying and Serving with you!
 Wesley



While reading the Bible this morning during my quiet time, my mind went back to when I first became a Christian....many years ago! I remembered how the lady who introduced me to Jesus, and the woman who led her to the Lord, met with me every Saturday night for two years teaching me the Bible and grounding me in the faith. How I praise the Lord for laying on their hearts to do that! The Bible is a rich treasure house of daily blessings, and I can't help but wonder if I would have developed such a love and appreciation for it were it not for the faithfulness of these two women. How much do you treasure God's word, by the way? Are you wandering around in its goldmine each day to find the gems of truth God has placed there for you? If not, why not? If we discovered gold in the creek on our property, would we fail to do

Thoughts from our staff....

anything with it? If we learned there were diamonds in the rocks under the sod in our yard, would we be satisfied to simply leave them there? I think we know the answers to these questions. Let's be sure we are not neglecting the tremendous treasures God has provided for us in His word. That is just plain foolishness! Go to your goldmine every day!

Dr. Alice Cullinan

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I have had the privilege of serving on the nominating committee at my church. Working on this committee has helped opened my eyes to how many different people with all different types of gifts and talents it takes for a church to do the task God has laid out for them. In 1st Corinthians 12 Paul talks about how the Spirit has given each of us a gift and that each gift is important in helping God's church. I am thankful that God has given the churches of the GCCBA many different gifts so that we can work together to share God's love in our community and beyond. I saw this scripture played out as we served our brothers and sisters during our recent mission trip to Indiana. On this mission trip we had people who cooked, painted, cleaned, prayer-walked, worked with children, and helped with block parties. Because everyone used their God given gifts, we were able to help church plants, established churches, and Hispanic churches reach out in their communities. I am excited about the new partnership we have started in Indiana. I hope that you will begin praying about how you can be involved in the work going on there. Also please be in prayer for our Nicaragua mission team who will be traveling to Nicaragua September 30th- October 8th.

Serving together,

Katie Harris

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RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Wisdom calls aloud in the street, raises her voice in the public squares; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out, in the gateways of the city she makes her speech.

Proverbs 1:20-21, NIV.

It is a joy to see schools back in session, and especially when I see the pupils' needs for supplies met by the generous gifts of people in our county. The children are full of contentment, and the classrooms are filled with excitement. It is wonderful to see the children dressed in many colors, carrying their old or new backpacks as they enter clean classrooms. Teachers have spent time preparing their rooms and their lessons, and are looking forward to greeting the new students and getting to know them. Classes have started as pupils and teachers say goodbye to vacation time. We are grateful to our Lord for the willingness of so many people to help provide the needed school supplies that students need. We should also value the work that our schools do in preparing the leaders of tomorrow. And many thanks to the churches of our Association and other groups that are responsible for assisting the less fortunate in our community. We pray to God and our Lord Jesus Christ that many children and families in our community will come to know Him in a personal way. We want them to gain a good education, of course, but more importantly we want them to know what the good life is all about! Our nation is blessed with children who receive a wonderful education, a privilege other children in the world do not have. My prayers for and my respect to each person who helps make our schools what they should be, a blessing to our children.

Blessings to you all.

Rev. José A. Espinal. Hispanic Language Missionary

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Thoughts from our staff....

A THOUGHT FROM CHARLES

I have had the privilege of playing the organ at one of our churches as they search for an organist. Every Sunday, as I prepare for the worship service, I see and read a type-written card taped close to the Off/On switch on the organ:

In Sacred Music the Responsibility of any Musician is to turn the mind and heart of each listener NOT to the composition or the performer but directly to God.

This sign has helped me focus on God and rely on His Holy Spirit to take control of me as a worship leader and work through me to turn the minds and hearts of the congregation to worship God alone instead of the musical composition or the performer. This has also helped me to remember our service to God is NOT about us. It is about what we do with our time, talent, finances, and other things God has blessed us with. We want Him to use us as a witness to the world and tell them about our loving Heavenly Father and His Son who died for our sins. We want to share with them about His Holy Spirit who guides us to praise and worship our Father in Heaven.

I took a picture of this sign with my cell phone camera and read it daily to remind me that our work in the ministry is NOT about me. It is a way to turn the mind and heart of people we serve to God and God alone! To Him be ALL the Glory!

Education and Network Opportunities

Deacon Training Event

Monday, September 19,
Elizabeth Baptist Church, 301 N. Post Rd.
6:30-8:30 PM (Since a dinner will be served,
[please preregister at gccba.org](#) or by calling the
associational office,
704-482-3472. **Deadline is Wed. Sept 14, 5 PM**)

Topic: [Jesus, the Head of the Church](#) (A look at
what that means for our churches today)

Leaders: Alice Cullinan, Keith Dixon,
Wesley Smith
Present and former deacons as well as pastors
and staff are invited.

Minister's Conference/Learning Community

Up Side Down Leadership Workshop
Monday, October 10th, 2016

NC Baptist Men/Baptists on Mission invite you to a workshop addressing missional leadership that can be vital to the revitalization of a church or association. Taylor and Susan Field, with NC ties and director of Graffiti Ministry in New York, will lead the one day workshop to be held at the Shelby Mission Camp. The workshop will begin with registration at 9:30 and will conclude at 3 pm. The day will include Taylor and Susan Field leading training in Upside Down Leadership and will include a session in Upside Down Devotion. This workshop is for ministry leaders and their spouses. Cost is \$20 per person and includes the book Upside Down Leadership and lunch. You can register online or by contacting Kailyn Eskridge at keskridge@ncbaptist.org or call 1-919-459-5596.

Sunday School Leadership Training Event

Monday, September 12,
Zoar Baptist Church, 1740 S. Lafayette St.
5:45-8:00 PM (Light Supper served, so [please pre-
register](#) at [gccba.org](#) or by calling the Association:
704-482-3472; **Deadline is Wed. Sept 7, 5:00 PM**)

Theme: "Healthy Harvesters: Sunday School
Matters"

Schedule:

5:45-6:15 Light Supper

6:15-6:30 Opening session

6:30-7:00 Speaker: **Rev. John Barnhardt**,
Child Evangelism Fellowship

7:15-8:00 Classes

1. Growing our Church Through
Small Groups: Katie Harris, Assoc. Staff
2. Using Your Own Teaching Style Effectively:
Perry Holleman, First Baptist, Shelby
3. Growing Your Church Through Strategic
Planning: Wesley Smith, Assoc. Staff
4. Color-coding Your Bible for Effective Teach-
ing and Learning: Alice Cullinan, Assoc. Staff



Education and Network Opportunities

Western Regional Bivocational and Small Church Ministers' Family Retreat

October 21-22, 2016 — Fruitland Baptist Bible College, Fruitland, NC "Built to Last" Registration Fee for Western NC Regional Bivocational and Small Church Minister's Family Retreat: Registration: \$50 per adult person, Ages 6-12: \$25 per Person, Children age 5 and under: Free

Registration Deadline: October 7, 2016 **You can register online at <https://ncbaptist.wufoo.com/forms/w162tdak1w1016k/>**

Friday Afternoon - Session 1- Build a Solid Spiritual Foundation — Bob & Phyllis Foy

Friday Evening - Session 2- Build a Strong Marriage — Perry and Della Brindley

Saturday Morning - Session 3- Build a Durable Ministry — Ray Gilder

Saturday Morning - Session 4- Build a Kingdom Focused Church — Robert Fernandez

Upcoming Associational Training Event:

How Churches Can Minister Effectively to Widows/Widowers

Monday, Oct. 17
6:30-8:00 PM

Eastside Baptist Church, Shelby
Conference leader: Dr. Alice Cullinan
with testimonies by widows/widowers

Mark your calendars:

Tuesday morning Bible classes at the associational office: Oct. 4-Nov. 1, 10:30-noon. Topic: [Chasing After Peace](#).
Teacher: Dr. Alice Cullinan



WMU Day of Prayer: Monday, Nov. 14 at Oak Grove Baptist, Kings Mountain, 6:30-8:00 PM

Missions Opportunities

Family Missions Weekend At Shelby Missions Camp

September 16-17, 2016

Involve the Whole Family From 3 to 93 in Missions!

Adults \$21 Children 12 & Under \$10 Limited number of spots available. Register asap!

Age appropriate hands on mission and ministry projects, games and activities

Check-in is Friday afternoon starting at 4 pm and the weekend concludes Saturday at 4 pm.

For more information contact

David Brown 919-422-9990 or Janet 919-337-2342 Or Katie Harris 704-482-3472

Sponsored by: Shelby Mission Camp and Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association



"Missions Possibilities"



A Mission Fair with featured speakers Taylor and Susan Field
Pastor and Director of Graffiti Ministries in NY City

Sunday, October 9th 6pm

Shelby Mission Camp

302 Sharpton Drive, Shelby

Pickups provided starting at 5:30

To present how your church is involved in missions, reserve space for the mission fair today!

Call the GCCBA 704-482-3472 or the

Shelby Mission Camp 704-487-5599 or 919-422-9990

Sponsored by the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association and the Shelby Mission Camp

Missions Opportunities

Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program



We have several dates open for groups to volunteer for the Feed The Hungry Lunch Program. We are also starting to sign up groups to help next year. Please contact Katie to arrange a date for your group.



Greatest Treat Festival

October 30th 4:00-6:00 pm at the Shelby City Park
We would love to have your church involved in this festival. During this completely free festival we minister to our community by showing them that God's love is the greatest treat they could ever receive.



Back to School Ministry

Thank you to those who donated supplies and money to help provide school supplies to area schools. These supplies will be given directly to the teachers for use in their classroom.

CC POTATO PROJECT UPDATE

Phase one of the potato project for 2016 is coming to an end! Through the work of many dedicated volunteers, we helped grow and distribute over 60,000 pounds this year. This has been exciting to see the quality of this year's potatoes and the excitement and appreciation of hungry folks who received and used this year's crop! As you remember in 2015 the harvest was almost 0 pounds as weather conditions and drought caused a dismal crop!

We are grateful to so many volunteers who have battled weeds and extremely hot weather to bring in this year's crop. We say, "Thank you Lord for helping the project provide this much food for hungry people in our county."

More good news is that sweet potatoes are thriving in this hotter, sticky weather and toward the end of September until the first frost, sweet potatoes will be harvested to help combat hunger in Cleveland County. Thank you for your prayers and financial support of this project that brings help and hope to a hurting humanity.

2016 FOOD GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

**** DIAPERS ALWAYS NEEDED ****

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

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

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

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

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

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



Here are suggested food items needed. (GCCBA churches by geographical areas) We can always use canned meat products, soups, peanut butter, crackers, canned vegetables, and nonperishable fruit!

GCCBA Bulletin Board

Pastors Anniversaries for September

Oak Grove:

Rob Quilin, 1 year

Wallace Grove:

Mack Hyder, 14 years

White Harvest:

Chance Moss, 2 years



We would like to welcome new staff:

- ◆ Pleasant Grove has called Aaron Bridges as part time Youth Minister
- ◆ Beaver Dam voted to call Laura White to be their Children's & Youth minister
- ◆ Rev. Robbie Moore will be serving Allen Memorial as their pastor



Mt. Sinai Baptist Church celebrated

Annette Ledbetter's 50th Anniversary as Church Organist on August 21st. A special celebration service for

Annette Ledbetter was August 21, 2016. Special guests included a former pastor, music ministers, pianists, organist and friends. Concluded celebration with covered dish meal with music provided by harpist, Carroll Ownby.

Annette started playing the organ August 1, 1966. She was 15 years old and has been faithful over the past 50 years. Annette grew up at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church and is married to Lee Ledbetter. She has two children, Jason and Dana. She has spent countless hours of preparation, sacrifice and servanthood. Her talent and passion to magnify and glorify our Lord Jesus Christ through music has comforted, encouraged, and nurtured our souls through the various seasons of life.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

Volunteers needed At Shelby Manor Assisted Living. We need volunteers for: Music, Bible Study, Crafts, Story Telling, Piano playing or sing along, Clowning around, Visiting in rooms, Playing Games.

Thank You,
Del Hunt, 704-482-0000

Please pick up your Annual Church Profile.

Wanted

-Bibles (all kinds in any condition); Christian Literature (Sunday School, church training, tracts, devotionals, magazines from Christian publishers, sheet music, etc.);

-Christian Books of all kinds (hymns, Bible Study, concordances, Bible dictionaries and regular dictionaries, commentaries, children and adult Christian books and paperbacks, etc.);

- Christian CDs, DVDs, & Blu-Ray. , etc.

- Spanish: Bibles, Sunday School literature, and Devotional books.

Literature can be new or used. All material is sorted, boxed and sent to another Ministry, where it is sent to our brothers and sisters in poor Third World Countries. If you or your church would like to join "Harvest Seeds Ministry", please contact Pat Hamrick from Mt. Sinai Baptist Church 704-487-7518 or for Churches in Upper Cleveland County, New Bethel Baptist Church in Lawndale is now a collection site for "Harvest Seeds." Please contact Tony Fogleman at 704-538-0223 or you can bring them by the GCCBA Office.

Please do not send: RA, GA, Acteens, & Mission Friends material; No Mission Mosaics, Mature Living, Guide Posts, & Angels on Earth magazines; No cassette or VHS tapes.

Church Needs.....

Available Positions in our Churches:

Allen Memorial:

We are seeking a Pianist/Music Director part-time employment for Sunday morning, Sunday evening, choir practice, and Wednesday evening services Contact Kenny at 704-739-1262 or email Kenny at ambcgrover@aol.com for more info.

Beaver Dam:

Beaver Dam Baptist Church, 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. Résumés should be received by September 30, 2016,

Boiling Springs:

Boiling Springs Baptist Church, N.C., is seeking a full-time **Associate Pastor for Music and Adults.** College and seminary degrees preferred. This individual would lead music ministries and adult ministries. Worship style is traditional with blended elements. BSBC is CBF and SBC affiliated. Send letter of interest, resume and references to bsbcmusicminister@gmail.com. Review of applicants will begin immediately. See church website for full ministry description: www.boilingspringsbaptist.org

Mulls Memorial:

Mulls Memorial is praying for a part time pianist. This position will require Sunday morning service and choir practice. They can send a letter of interest with salary requirements to MMBC Attn: worship committee- 3299 Fallston road, Shelby NC 28150.

Mulls memorial has a PT opening for music director focusing on traditional Baptist hymns but not limited to only traditional hymns. This position would only require attendance at morning worship and choir practice. Please send letter of interest and salary requirements to MMBC attn: worship committee 3299 Fallston Rd Shelby NC 28021.

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

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 Hill:

Pleasant Hill Baptist is in need of a pianist/choir accompanist for Sunday morning worship and Wednesday night choir rehearsal. Music is traditional/blended style. Contact Amanda Lowery alowery52@gmail.com

Polkville:

Part-time Worship Minister

Polkville Baptist Church is seeking a part-time Worship Minister with a heart to follow God's will, being gifted in communicating and coordinating worship experiences, along with the pastor and musicians. Send résumé by email to: employment@polkvillebaptist.com; or by USPS to: Search Committee, Polkville Baptist Church, Post Office Box 245, Polkville, NC 28136.

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:

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

Sandy Plains:

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

Zoar:

Zoar is prayerfully seeking a pastor, a part-time worship leader, part-time children/youth leader. Please contact the church office at 704-482-4151 or send resume to 1740 S. Lafayette Street, Shelby, NC 28152

Pray for our Pastor less Churches

Beaver Dam ~ Christopher Road ~ Crestview ~ Grover First ~ New Prospect ~ Temple ~ Zoar

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- 1**— Grover Breakfast Carolina Crossing 8:30 am
- 2**- Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 5**— GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED for Labor Day
- 6**- GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30pm
4:30-6:00 pm—New Staff Fellowship
- 8**— Lattimore Breakfast at Bulldog Quick Snak 8:30 am
- 9**- Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 pm,
with Eastern Star KM Chapter volunteers
- 11**— Cleveland County Schools Prayer Walk 5:00 pm
- 12**— Sunday School Conference at Zoar, 5:45-8:00 pm
- 13**— Enlistment Team Meeting at GCCBA, 11:45 am
GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30pm
- 15**—Belwood Lunch at Hwy 18 North Café 11:30 am
- 16**- Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 pm
with Crestview Volunteers
- 16-17**— Family Mission Weekend at the Mission Camp
- 19**— Deacon Training at Elizabeth, 6:30-8:30 pm
- 20**— Business Affairs Meeting at GCCBA, 11:45 am
GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30pm
- 22**—Thrive/Revive 9:30 am GCCBA
- 23**- Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 pm
with Pleasant Ridge volunteers
- 27**-GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:30pm
- 30**- Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 pm
with Hope Community Volunteers

September