

Thoughts from our Staff.....

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"

How do you fulfill the Great Commission? Does your church have a process for making disciples? Is it just the pastor or the youth pastor's job? Is the command to make disciples just for missionaries or church leaders? I do not believe so. It's for all followers of Jesus. Jesus commanded, "Go and make disciples." I have been reminded lately of how Jesus called his disciples.

"And so were James and John, Zebedee's sons, who were Simon's partners. 'Don't be afraid,' Jesus told Simon. 'From now on you will be catching people!'"
Luke 5:10

I'm excited about our Fall Bi-Annual meetings, Monday, October 23 and Tuesday, October 24. Our theme this year is "The Call to Discipleship." Make plans to attend, even if you're not a messenger. We always have a great time of fellowship, and worship. Monday night, Dr. Brian Upshaw, Disciple Making Team Leader, for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina will be sharing with us. On Tuesday night we will be having some mission testimonies. There is a meal each night at 6:00pm. Our meetings will begin at 6:50pm. What a great time to join together!

Let us keep in mind, there are an estimated 80,000 people in Cleveland County who are far from God. There are lots of fish in the sea! Let's go fishing!

"As He was passing along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, Simon's brother. They were casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. 'Follow Me,' Jesus told them, 'and I will make you fish for, people!'" Mark 1:16-17

In Christ,
Wesley

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IN MISSIONS

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost of the Earth." Acts 1:8

Our Association and some members of the Church are preparing to leave for Nicaragua, where already the Spirit of God has been preparing the special conditions for us to be bearers of God's Word, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This preparation is nothing more than a process of much prayer and much savings. We have other resources that already have been delivered as knowledge, wisdom, faith, hope, perseverance and above all contentment. Each of the missionaries goes with his excited heart as carriers of the divine truth. We will open our mouths and we will announce that Christ is the King of the universe. Each of us feel the presence of the Holy Spirit of God. Each one of us listens to His voice and with cheerful heart is willing to be a Messenger of Jesus Christ. In addition to the presence of the Spirit of God with us, His Word which is alive and active as a two-edged sword. We will go where we have been before and experience the nostalgia of previous trips. We will find familiar faces, but with physical changes, as children get older everyday. There in the grasslands we have

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moments to share the Word, friendship, and above all the brotherhood. We will share special moments and small gifts while we are teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are fulfilling their mandate. We are bringing hope for eternal life. At this point I would like to thank the churches that participate with us in different ways. We know of their efforts, and we want to tell you that the work of Christ is never free. Many cannot travel, but your prayers, your money, and your love will be with us. We know that we will come back with good news. We will return full of faith and trust by being used in the extension of the Kingdom of God. Thanks again. Pray for us and pray for their congregations and families. Amen.

Rev. José. A. Espinal, Hispanic Language Missionary



I am sure you are like me in that you often find yourself doubting the work you do for the Lord. Many times we do not see the fruit of our labor and we feel like we are not qualified and have failed at the task God called us to. I see this defeat in myself and other people during mission trips and local mission projects. We wonder after all the time and hard work that was done did we really impact anyone. Today I read a devotion that was a great reminder that we are only to be faithful to do the task God has called us to. He will use it to bear fruit that maybe one day we will see but maybe not. We just have to rest in the fact that we are doing what He called us to do.

Serving together,
Katie

Education and Network Opportunities

Ministers Conference

October 2, 2017- 11:30am Lunch/
Fellowship/Prayer- 12:00pm Buddy
Freeman, Pastor at FBC Marshall. Please
RSVP for lunch numbers.

**Please note the time change for the
October meeting. The Ministers
Conference Leadership are
proposing a time change to try for
two months. We will decide after
the November meeting if we will
continue with the time change.**

WMU Day of Prayer

Our annual WMU Day of Prayer will be held on November 6th at 6:30 at Westwood Heights Baptist Church. We hope you will join us for a great time of learning about missions around the world.



Greatest Treat Festival

We are so excited to already have 14 churches signed up to participate in our Greatest Treat Festival on October 29th. This festival is the largest outreach event that we do during the year. I have been amazed to see how this event pulls churches together to share about the great treat Jesus has given each of us. It's not too late for your church to get involved! Please contact Katie or Nicole for more information.



Missions Opportunities

93rd Cleveland County Fair Ministry

The fair for 2017 will be from Sept. 28 - Oct. 8! This year's fair will officially open with ceremonies on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in the Weathers Arena. Two members of Elizabeth Church, Mr. Charles Beam and Mr. Ambrose Cline, each have attended the fair for over 90 years Mrs. Sophia Goforth has attended each fair since she was born! This year's fair marks my 28th year in service as Chaplain of the Fair! - Charles

The **worship service** in Weathers Arena will be hosted by Elizabeth Baptist Church and will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 1. Those attending will be given a free admission to the fair. This has become an annual tradition for the fair and Elizabeth Church. It is not only where the worship service for Elizabeth Church is held that Sunday but is a great outreach to people without a church home in Cleveland County and beyond!



Fair Breakfast for workers will be on Wednesday, October 4, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Weathers Arena. Brotherhood missions groups will provide breakfast for the workers, Gideons will distribute Bibles, and there will be a worship service that morning to present the Gospel of Christ. Counselors will be needed to talk with those making decisions for Christ so if your church or missions group would like to donate food or you would be interested in serving as a counselor please contact Charles Reed, (704) 482-3472, ext. 106.

Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program



I still have several dates open for groups to help bring food and serve at our Friday lunch program. These dates are November 10th & 24th and December 1st, 8th, & 15th. If you are interested in helping or would like more information please contact Katie



Our **Christmas Toy Store** will be December 12th & 13th. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Katie. Applications will be taken on November 14th & 15th.

We are collecting toiletry supplies to give away at our **Friday feed the hungry lunch program**. If you would like to donate supplies, please contact Katie.



Caregivers Brunch- on Thursday, November 2, ACCES, Inc. (Accessing Cleveland County Elder Services, Inc.) is hosting a family caregiver appreciation brunch at the Shelby Mission Camp from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The brunch will include free lunch, music, guest speakers, and door prizes! This brunch is a way to say God bless you and we appreciate you for all you do for your loved one! More information about this event will be forthcoming!



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.

Missions Opportunities

CC POTATO PROJECT UPDATE

In addition to the sweet potatoes harvested and distributed here in Cleveland County, the Potato Project was able to buy a large number of pounds of sweet potatoes that were purchased at a ridiculously low cost and distributed through our system in place to feed hungry people wanting these fresh, loaded-with-nutrition potatoes. Many more pounds will be harvested and distributed locally as the fall season progresses! Call Charles at (704) 482-3472, ext. 106 to be put on a list to notify you when we have potatoes in.

Shelby Mission Camp Fall Opportunities

October 6-7—Men's Worship & Work Weekend

Worship, fellowship and great food (fish & wild game) on Friday night, serving together in the community on Saturday.

November 2—Family Caregiver Appreciation Brunch 11 am -1 pm

Are you a caregiver or know someone that is. This is a time to relax, enjoy a good meal and entertainment. Information for elderly services will be available along with door prizes. Sponsored by the Shelby Mission Camp and ACCES (Accessing Cleveland County Elderly Services)

November 23—SMC Community Thanksgiving Meal

You can carve turkeys, set up, clean, help cook, help and deliver meals. We have week long opportunities to serve as we reach out to our seniors, handicapped needy across Cleveland County. Serve by yourself, as a church or family.

Call David or Janet Brown with questions or to sign up for any of these exciting opportunities.

David 919-422-9990 dbrown@ncbaptist.org

Janet 919-337-2342 jbrown@ncbaptist.org

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

2017 GCCBA FOOD GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

**** DIAPERS ALWAYS NEEDED ****

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

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

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

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

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

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



GCCBA Bulletin Board

Pastors Anniversaries for October



Casar:
Doug Pruett, 6 years
Lawndale:
Jim Kilby, 14 years
Peoples:
John Houze, 27 years
Plains View:
Ernest Speagle, 6 years
Union:
Michael Shumate, 24 years
Victory:
Dennis Wells, 24 years
Westwood Heights:
David Costner, 11 years

Pray for our Pastor less Churches



Allen Memorial ~ Beaver Dam ~ Bethany ~
Crestview ~ Lattimore ~ Lily Memorial ~
Mulls Memorial ~ Pleasant Grove ~ Temple ~ Zoar



GCCBA Resource Library

We are very excited that we have been able to update our Resource Library. We have purchased around 25 DVD Bible Studies for our churches to borrow. This includes studies by Beth Moore, Henry Blackaby, Tony Evans, Max Lucado, and many others. The materials include the DVDs and leader books so you will only need to purchase the student guides.

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.

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.



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>



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.

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.

Crestview:

Needed: **Youth & Children Minister**, Part-time. To lead a comprehensive and balanced Youth and Children's Ministry with the goal of leading them and their families to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to grow in their faith through discipleship and training. Please send resume to Crestview Baptist, 1090 Old Boiling Springs Rd., Shelby 28152

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:

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.

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 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

Fall Biannual Meeting Celebration

Monday, October 23, 2017, First Baptist Shelby, 120 N. Lafayette St., Shelby 28150

Tuesday, October 24, 2017, Westview Baptist, 500 Melody Lane, Shelby 28152

Meal will be served from 6:00-6:45 pm, Celebration will start at 6:50 pm

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

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- 2**— Minister's Conference, GCCBA 11:30 am
Bi-vocational Minister's Conference, GCCBA 6:30 pm
- 3**—Tuesday Morning Bible study with Cindi Wood, 10:00 am
Leadership and Business Affairs Team, GCCBA 11:45 am
- 4**—GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:00pm
- 5**— Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am,
KM Youth Minister's Fellowship, Love's Fish Box 1:00 pm
- 6**— Hungry program with Zoar volunteers, 12:30 pm
- 6-14**—Nicaragua Mission Trip
- 10**— Tuesday Morning Bible study with Cindi Wood, 10:00 am
- 12** —Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30
am Shelby Youth Ministers Fellowship at Jammin J's, 12:00pm
- 13** - Hungry program with Beaver Dam Volunteers 12:30 pm
- 16**—GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED FOR A WORKDAY
- 17**— Tuesday Morning Bible study with Cindi Wood, 10:00 am
Greatest Treat Festival Meeting, GCCBA 6:30 pm
- 18**- GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:00pm
- 19** – Polkville and Waco Minister's Fellowship at Hwy 18 North
Café, 11:30 am
- 20**—Hungry program with Carolina Farm Credit Volunteers, 12:30
- 23**—Shelby Pastors Fellowship, Hannah's Coffee House, 10:0 am
Office closes at noon, GCCBA Biannual Meeting, Shelby First
6:00 pm
- 24**— Tuesday Morning Bible study with Cindi Wood, 10:00 am
Office closes at noon, GCCBA Biannual Meeting, Westview
6:00 pm
- 25**— GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 26**—Thrive/Cohort 1 at GCCBA 9:30 am
- 29** – Greatest Treat Festival, Shelby City Park 4-6:00 pm