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"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19

Greetings churches! It has been a great summer! We have heard wonderful reports from all over the county of God at work in churches. We haven't heard all of the VBS reports. With thirteen reporting here are some great VBS numbers from across the county. There were a total of 581 volunteers, and 724 kids who attended. Praise the Lord, 21 children made first time professions of faith in Jesus! Thank you, to all the volunteers who worked and prayed! It is truly a community effort! I was also glad to see so many of you sharing material!

We are excited about our upcoming trainings this month! Please see the announcements about those with the times. Our annual Fall Leadership Conference is "Safety and Security In Today's Church." We need to make sure that we are doing all we can to protect our children and youth, but also those who attend and contribute to our churches. There will be conferences on Transportation, handling of money, building and grounds security, and youth and children ministry. Make plans to attend, Monday night, September 11, 6:30pm at Ross Grove Baptist.

The Fall Deacon Training will be on "Deacon Discipleship." We will be discussing how our deacon ministries can be a part of the disciple making process in our churches. We will have a time of fellowship and a meal, please RSVP so we know how many to prepare for. Make plans to attend, Monday, September 18 at 6:30pm at Flint Hill Baptist Church.

Our Fall Bi-Annual Meeting Celebrations will be Monday, October 23, at First Baptist Shelby, and Tuesday, October 24 at Westview Baptist in Shelby. Our theme this year is, "The Call To Discipleship." Dr. Brian Upshaw, Team Leader for the Disciple Making Team at the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina will be our speaker Monday night. We will have a meal each night beginning at 6:00pm. The meeting will begin at 6:50pm.

I encourage you to pray for one another! Hear Paul's words to the Ephesians.:

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

Ephesians 6:18

*In Christ,
 Wesley*

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THE MISSIONARY VISION IN OUR ASSOCIATION

Acts 13:1-3

We thank Jesus Christ that even in these times we have churches and associations who have not lost the vision of the Great Commission. And, in addition, the intent of being missionaries is preserved in the heart. The mission is obedience to the multiple needs of many peoples for the reason of knowing the true God and knowing how to worship. We, as missionaries, go with backpacks loaded and hope that in the Lord's Church, we can bring His heart of ministry to the leaders, congregation, and the community. The missionaries are

Thoughts from our Staff.....

like select individuals in our churches that as redeemed believers, are compliant to the mandate, are the keepers of stewardship, as supervisors of the purposes and plans of Christ. We are to be obedient to the command of evangelizing the whole world in the power of Jesus Christ. We also experience personal growth, and we find the presence of the Holy Spirit. We exalt His Name and worship freely with our whole being. Luke, in Acts, tells us of Paul and the start of his first missionary journey in the company of Barnabas. They went to the Church at Antioch and worked in the company of prophets and teachers. It came to pass that while they ministered and fasted the Spirit of God set aside Barnabas and Paul to the work which He had called them. They were filled with great faith and after praying and fasting, they laid hands on their heads and then dismissed them. I was remembering this part of God's Word and thinking of those who have struggled in the mission field. And, I was reminded that we do not go alone. Christ goes with us. We have the Spirit of God, and we can encourage each other. Paul and Barnabas were obedient and left in the direction marked. Our Association has all the experience to go. We have human resources and also materials. We have sent many to many different places, and we continue to go. Please pray for the trip to Nicaragua. Pray that God will use those He sends. Pray that many will receive Christ. And, pray that Jesus Christ receives all the glory. Paul and Barnabas boldly went to share the Gospel everywhere. Pray that each of us does the same daily. The grounds are white for harvest, we, as workers, prepare ourselves for the collection. In Christ, we are more than conquerors.

Rev. José. A. Espinal, Hispanic Language Missionary



This has been an amazing summer, and I am so excited for all that God has done through our churches. We have received reports from our churches about VBS, here are the following numbers we gathered: 581 people volunteered, 724 children attended, and 21 children made first time professions of faith, and this was from just 13 churches that reported. If you haven't filled out the survey, please take time to do that, we want to give God the glory for the great things He has done this summer.

Our Indiana mission trip was also a wonderful time of serving alongside churches and church plants. I have heard reports of churches being encouraged by the work our mission team was able to accomplish. We were very busy hosting 6 block parties in 5 days, holding a sports camp, doing yard work/construction, and doing a VBS and day camp. The following is a testimony from one of the church planters we were able to help: "As a church planter, one of the things that proposed a challenge to our core group team was: How are we going to meet un-churched people? They are not going to just walk into our church services on any given Sunday. For the last two summers, what the churches from the GCCBA have helped us to do was create events and environments that would attract a crowd of people to a neutral environment. In the Summer of 2016, the block parties that the GCCBA put on introduced us to the community and them to us and we were able to add members to our core group prior to launching our church services. This summer the block parties and sports camps helped us to be introduced to dozens of families in a casual environment whereby we had a chance to invite them to our services. At this point, we do not have the people and resources to put on these high quality events, and the GCCBA has been integral in getting us off the ground. We are forever grateful. Thank you for your prayers and support of River Ridge Church in Jeffersonville, Indiana." ~ Patrick Lynch

Thank You Indiana t for your hard work.

Please be in prayer for our Nicaragua mission team who will leave October 6th to continue our work in Granada and surrounding communities.

Serving together,
Katie



Education and Network Opportunities



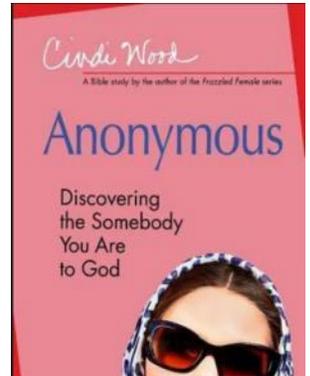
Bi-vocational Pastors Breakfast,
Saturday, September 9, 2017 8:00 am
at Golden Corral in Shelby!

Tuesday Morning Bible Study:
**Tuesdays, September 12-
October 17. 10:00am-11:30am**

"Anonymous: Discovering the
Somebody You Are To God"
Cindi Wood- Local Author and
Speaker

Cost of book, est. \$12, see Nicole
and we can order a book for you,
or you can order at
www.cokesbury.com or

www.lifeway.com on your own. See Nicole by
September 1, to order a book from the association.



Leadership Training

Topic: Safety and
Security in Today's
Church
Monday,
September 11, 2017
Ross Grove Baptist
Church
6:30-8:30 pm

Pick one Class to attend:

- ~Safety in Preschool, Children, & Youth Ministry
- ~Transportation Safety
- ~ Church Grounds Security
- ~ Handling Money Safely

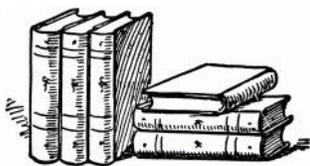


Deacon Ministry

Fall Deacon Training

Topic: Deacon Discipleship
Monday, September 18, 2017
Flint Hill Baptist Church
2207 Flint Hill Church Rd.
Shelby, NC 28152
Meal @ 6:30pm
Training @ 7:15pm

Please RSVP by September 8, 2017
nicole@gccba.org or 704-482-3472



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.

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.**

Greatest Treat Festival

October 29th 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 minis-
ter to our community by showing them that God's
love is the greatest treat they could ever receive.



Missions Opportunities

Cleveland County Fair Ministry- the fair for 2017 will be from Sept. 28 - Oct. 8! 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.



Fair Breakfast for workers will be on Wednesday, October 4, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Weathers Arena brotherhood 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



We are still in need of groups to help with the Friday Feed the Hungry lunch program. 2017 open dates are as follow: September 8th, October 20th, November 10th & 24th, and December 1st, 8th, and 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.

Eyes TO SEE

YOUR GIFTS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS OFFERING HELP:

- Relieve suffering.
- Plant new churches.
- Engage people in missions.
- Minister during disasters.
- Treat the sick.
- Share the gospel.

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Eyes TO SEE

BEHOLD, I SAY TO YOU, LIFT UP YOUR EYES AND LOOK AT THE FIELDS, FOR THEY ARE ALREADY WHITE FOR HARVEST! - JOHN 4:35...

North Carolina
MISSIONS
Offering

Missions Opportunities

CC POTATO PROJECT UPDATE

The white potato harvest is over now and the sweet potatoes have been planted! The rains we have been having have produced weeds in abundance that workers are presently dealing with. The sweet potato harvest should begin on into September until the first frost! Over 70,000 pounds of white potatoes have been harvested and distributed to hungry people in 2017! To God be the Glory!

Shelby Mission Camp Fall Opportunities

September 22 & 23—Family Missions Weekend

One of the best weekends of the year as we serve God together through age appropriate mission projects. This years theme is "Serving Our Amazing God" Ages 5-95 welcome

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 September

Oak Grove:

Rob Quilin, 2 years

White Harvest:

Chance Moss, 3 years



Pray for our Pastor less Churches

Beaver Dam ~ Bethany ~ Crestview ~
Lattimore ~ Lily Memorial ~ Temple ~ Zoar



A Note from Ross Grove Baptist:

Teresa Heffelfinger, who has served as our interim Minister of Music for nearly a year, has graciously agreed to make her stay in the position permanent. Teresa served as pianist during Paul McManus' time with us as Interim Minister of Music. We were deeply saddened by Rev. McManus' eventual departure and worried how we would continue "making a joyful noise" without someone to lead the music. Yet, without "missing a beat", Teresa stepped up to fill that much needed position temporarily, or so she thought at the time. After much prayer on her part, the revealing of God's plan, and with a strong desire from the pastor and the congregation, Teresa has come forward to ensure that Ross Grove will continue praising God musically for the foreseeable future. Thanks be to God! Teresa and her husband Mark joined the church back at the beginning of July when we made the announcement before the church. Teresa, along with Becky Taylor, our very talented instrumentalist that joined the team in December of 2016, make a great pair for our music ministry. We are thrilled to see this ministry form and thrive! We'd also like to thank Rev. Charles Reed who helped us keep the music alive at Ross Grove during our long transition!

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

It is that time of year!! Time for the Annual Church Profile. I have your packets ready to be picked up here at the GCCBA Office!

This information is important to us and helps us in so many ways. I am available anytime to help you with your profile or to help you to put it on the computer.

Just call or email me and we will schedule a time that I can come out and help you!
704-482-3472 or nicole@gccba.org

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.

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 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.

Eastside, Shelby

Eastside Baptist Church, Shelby N.C. is prayerfully seeking a full time **Church Office Administrator** (Church Secretary). The Office Administrator is accountable to the Pastor and provides administrative support to the Pastor, other church staff and to the congregation. Applicant must have a commitment to and love for Jesus Christ. Job description/requirements: www.eastsidebaptistshelby.org. Letter of interest and resume to Attn: Personnel Committee 1165 Wyke Road, Shelby, N.C. 28150 or officebc@carolina.rr.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.

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

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

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-  **September**
- 4**—GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED fro Labor Day
 - 6**—GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:00pm
 - 7**— Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am, Upper Cleveland Awakening and Prayer Time, GCCBA 10:00 am, KM Youth Minister's Fellowship, Love's Fish Box 1:00 pm
 - 8**— Hungry program 12:30 pm
 - 9**— Bi-vocational Ministers Fellowship, Golden Coral 8:00 am
 - 11**— Safety and Security in Today's Church, Ross Grove, 6:30 pm
 - 12**— Tuesday Morning Bible study with Cindi Wood, 10:00 am
Enlistment Team Meeting, GCCB 11:45 am
 - 13**—GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:00pm
 - 14**—Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am
Shelby Youth Ministers Fellowship at Jammin J's, 12:00pm
 - 15** - Hungry program with Calvary Volunteers 12:30 pm
 - 18**—Fall Deacon Training, Flint Hill 6:30
 - 19**— Tuesday Morning Bible study with Cindi Wood, 10:00 am
Business Affairs Team Meeting, GCCBA 11:45 am
 - 20**—GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:00pm
 - 21** — Polkville and Waco Minister's Fellowship at Hwy 18 North Café, 11:30 am
 - 22**—Hungry program with Crestview Volunteers, 12:30 pm
 - 25**—Shelby Pastors Fellowship, Hannah's Coffee House, 10:0 am
 - 26**— Tuesday Morning Bible study with Cindi Wood, 10:00 am
 - 27**— GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:00pm
 - 28**—Thrive/Cohort 1 at GCCBA 9:30 am
 - 29** — Hungry program with David Volunteers, 12:30 pm