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 Norman's Grove  
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 Patterson Grove  
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 Plains View  
 Pleasant Grove  
 Pleasant Hill  
 Pleasant Ridge  
 Polkville  
 Poplar Springs  
 Putnam  
 Ross Grove  
 Sandy Plains  
 Shelby First  
 Sunrise  
 Temple  
 Trinity  
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 Washington Missionary  
 Westover  
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 White Harvest  
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 Zion Hill  
 Zoar



# THE BEACON

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*"Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;  
 make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him;  
 tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name;  
 let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice."  
 Psalm 105:1-3*

God is so awesome! I love hearing how he is moving in our churches and communities. How have you seen God working lately? We've had some great opportunities to see God work. We had the opportunity to minister to the fair workers last month. Thank you to the churches who brought food and participated. The Greatest Treat Festival was another great opportunity. Wow! What a day of sharing Jesus! Thank you also to those who shared testimonies at our Bi-Annual meeting. It was great to hear how God is work in you!

It was an honor to serve along side of thirteen other people on our Nicaragua Mission Team this year. It is such a blessing to serve with our brothers and sisters there. God is doing great things. There are still many needs there. Continue to pray for Lester and Georlene Ortiz. They are ministering to a large number of children and families in a little village outside of Granada, Nicaragua.

I am happy to report that there are several groups of pastors in Cleveland County meeting to pray for God to move in our churches and communities. We are in desperate need of an awakening! We are God's plan A to reveal himself to the world. (Ephesians 3:10) We are called to point to his glory! (Ephesians 3:20-21 and Colossians 1:27)

I pray that we are seeking God and to make him known!

*"if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."  
 2 Chronicles 7:14*

*"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!""  
 Romans 10:14-15*

In Christ,  
 Wesley



Thanksgiving

November  
 23rd

# Thoughts from our Staff.....

## THE FAIR

An opportunity to give witness to Christ  
John 5:30-47.

Every year, the Cleveland County Fair is a special time that the people of our city and neighboring cities come to spend a time of leisure, a time of joy, but also a time of opportunity that can be exploited by the great number of men and women in this county who are redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. We have a large amount of men and women in church that can definitely bring blessings to others. We have some 29,000 believers in our community. If each one spoke to another of Christ this week, maybe he could be reaping a good harvest. The fair gives us the opportunity to serve as a living testament of which Christ lives in us. The fair is also an opportunity to make friends with all those who do not know Jesus Christ. The fair is an opportunity to start new communication networks. We can reach set goals just by visiting during the week. For example, talk to those who are selling turkey legs. Find out if they know Christ. If they do, ask them to join the cause and talk to those who come to buy a turkey leg. For others, prayer is important. Pray for workers, those traveling, and people who attend. It's also a great way to handout literature or materials. Whenever you go to the fair think of all the lost souls and see the mission field before you. Strive to be a witness of Christ. Don't do your own will. Do the will of God in your life. We need to learn from the teacher who was always giving testimony of His Heavenly Father, a testimony that was true. We need to show that we have love for each other, and also for those who are perishing. We do not strive to seek our own glory, but rather the glory of Jesus Christ in our lives. Blessings. Greetings churches. Thank you for reading. Blessings in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.

Rev. José. A. Espinal, Hispanic Language Missionary



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.

## Education and Network Opportunities

### Ministers Conference

November 13, 2017- 11:30am Lunch/  
Fellowship/Prayer- 12:00pm Child  
Evangelism Fellowship, Sherry Gibson.  
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

Westwood Height Baptist Church  
November 6th @ 6:30 pm

Join us as we worship, fellowship, and hear from Karen missionary in the Middle East. An offering will be taken for Karen's ministry.



### Ministers & Spouses Christmas Dinner Monday, December 4, 2017 at 6:30 pm

The Farmhouse  
4045 Devine Road, Lawndale, NC 28090

We want to encourage you to make your reservation for this time of food, fellowship and inspiration! There is no charge for the meal. This is for our ministers who are active as well as those who are retired. Please call or email Nicole and make your reservation by November 27!

# Missions Opportunities

## Greatest Treat Festival

October 29th 4-6 pm at the Shelby City Park  
Come and join us early for a special visitor  
It's not too late for your church to join us as a ministry partner and set up a table to outreach to those who come.



### Toy Store Applications

November 14th & 15th 11:00-1:00 at  
GCCBA Office

We will be registering children ages 2-12, parents must bring picture id and child's birth certificate or Medicaid card.

### Christmas Toy Store

December 12th & 13th

We are still in need of volunteers to help as personal shoppers and counselors. If you would like to help please contact Katie.



### Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program



We are signing up groups to help with our lunch program in 2018. Please contact Katie if your group is interested in helping. We also have these following dates in 2017 still needing volunteers:

November 24th, December 1st, 8th, & 15th.

### Suggestions for toy donations to the GCCBA toy store:

**For younger children (2-4):** picture books, pull toys, squeeze toys, riding toys, educational toys

**For girls (5-7):** dolls, tea set, storybooks, board games, puzzles, coloring books/crayons, radios, purses, writing/drawing pads, riding toys, dress up clothes

**For boys (5-7):** trucks & cars, model car kits, throw games, bats & gloves, storybooks, remote cars, baseballs, board games

**For boys & girls (8-10):** board games, DVD's, electronic games, books, cd players, bats, gloves, baseballs, football, basketballs

**For older boys and girls (11-12):** jewelry, jewelry boxes, makeup, perfume, vanity cases, curling irons, hair dryers, craft kits, jewelry making kits, watches, board games, card games, dvd games, basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, cameras, tackle box, fishing gear, diaries/journals, clips/barrettes, hats, skateboards, photo albums, mp3 players

- Cost of gifts should be around \$15 (up to \$20 for older children)
- Please no toys that promote violence

### Toys due at GCCBA by December 4th



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.

If you would like to be a **Jail Ministry Volunteer** or if you are already serving, the orientations are coming up and you must attend one of these sessions in order to minister at the jail in the next two years. The meeting will all start at 7:00 pm and will last about 1 hour.

November 2: Fallston Baptist Church- Upper Cleveland

November 9: Palmer Grove Baptist Church- Kingstown

November 16: Poplar Springs Baptist Church- Boiling Springs area

November 20: Elizabeth Baptist Church- Shelby and Central Location

November 30: First Baptist Kings Mountain- Kings Mountain area



# Missions Opportunities

## 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)

An invitation card for a Family Caregiver Appreciation Brunch. The card features a decorative border of silver and white streamers. The text is centered and includes the event title, date, time, location, and contact information. The font is a mix of bold sans-serif and casual script styles.

You and a Guest are Invited to a

# Family Caregiver Appreciation Brunch

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Food Entertainment Fun  
11 AM to 1 PM

at

Shelby Mission Camp

302 Sharpton Drive Shelby, NC 28152

By Reservation Only

Call 704-487-5599 or 919-337-2342

Sponsored by Shelby Mission Camp and ACCES  
(Accessing Cleveland County Elderly Services)

## CC POTATO PROJECT UPDATE—SWEET POTATOES

The Cleveland County Potato Project will be harvesting sweet potatoes later on this month to distribute to feed hungry people. If you would like to have your church's name and phone number to call when we have sweet potatoes to give away please let me know at [charles@gccba.org](mailto:charles@gccba.org) or calling 704-481-9119 and we will gladly add your name and phone number to the list to give you a call when sweet potatoes are harvested and ready to give away.



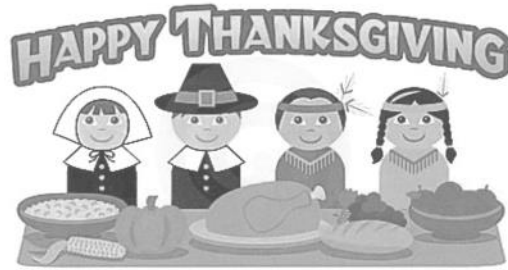
# Missions Opportunities

## 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



## Community Thanksgiving Meal at Shelby Mission Camp

Thursday, November 23, 2017  
11:00am - 1:00pm

302 Sharpton Drive, Shelby  
(Sharpton Drive turns off S. Lafayette St beside  
Southside Flea Market)

No charge—Delivery available for  
Seniors/Handicapped

Questions or for Delivery of Meal or to Volunteer  
Call 1-919-422-9990 (cell)-David Brown or  
919-337-2342 (cell) - Janet Brown



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 \*\***

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

**LATTIMORE** rice, canned vegetables and meats, peanut butter, crackers, macaroni & cheese, powdered spaghetti & canned meat sauce, sugar, flour, shampoo

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

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

**KINGS MOUNTAIN:** canned spaghetti sauce and noodles, grits, oatmeal, cereal, rice, dried beans, dish detergent

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



milk,

# GCCBA Bulletin Board

## **Pastors Anniversaries for November**



Cross Country Cowboy:  
Daryl Eagle, 5 years

David:  
Brian Taule, 3 years

Double Shoals:  
Brian Johnson, 10 years

Eastside Shelby:  
Dale Byrd, 3 years

Joy Christian:  
DeNorris Byers, 8 years

Kings Mountain Second:  
Dennis Pruitt, 2 years

Midview:  
Mike Rice, 3 years

Patterson Springs:  
Steve Waters - 26 years

Peach Street:  
Bobby Steen - 5 years

Shelby First:  
Tony Tench - 17 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

## **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>



## **Block Party Trailer**

This ministry tool is a great asset to churches during 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.



## **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.

### ***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

### ***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. Extensive Quickbooks experience and accounting procedures are required. Applicant must have a commitment to and love for Jesus Christ. Send a Letter of Interest and resume to Attn: Personnel Committee 1165 Wyke Road, Shelby, N.C. 28150 or officebc@carolina.rr.com

### ***Goode's Grove:***

Goode's Grove Baptist Church is seeking a **part time Minister to youth**. For details and job description please contact Pastor Robby Hensley at 828-429-9419. Send resume to Goode's Grove Baptist Church PO Box 67 Mooresboro NC 28114

### ***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, Shelby, NC is currently seeking a **full-time pastor** who God is calling to serve our church and community. We are a conservative, Southern Baptist, family, community and mission oriented church that was established in 1837. We have traditional Sunday School and worship services with average attendance of 90 - 100. The pastor will lead three services each week (Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening). He will work alongside a minister of music, and minister of children and minister of youth. Our pastor will be a man of the highest Godly character with God guided leadership and vision. He will be Biblically balanced and have a minimum of five years pastoral experience with a seminary degree from an accredited seminary. After prayerful consideration, please submit résumés including details of your salvation experience and calling by God to be a pastor, to: Pastor Search Committee, Zoar Baptist Church, 1740 S. Lafayette Street, Shelby, NC 28152. Résumés should be received by December 30, 2017.

**If any of these positions have been filled please let me know at [nicole@gccba.org](mailto:nicole@gccba.org)**

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Nicole Mosley, 101—nicole@gccba.org

- 1**—GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:00pm
- 2**- Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am, Caregivers Lunch, Shelby Mission Camp 11:00 am, KM Youth Minister's Fellowship, Love's Fish Box 1:00 pm  
Jail Ministry Volunteer Training, Fallston Baptist at 7:00 pm
- 3**— Hungry program with Pleasant Ridge volunteers, 12:30 pm
- 6**- WMU World Day of Prayer, Westwood Heights, 6:30 pm
- 8**—GCCBA Staff Meeting 3:00pm
- 9**- Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am  
Shelby Youth Ministers Fellowship at Jammin J's, noon,  
Jail Ministry Volunteer Training, Palmer Grove at 7:00 pm
- 10**- GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY  
Hungry program with Shirley Hord volunteers, 12:30 pm
- 11**—Bi-vocational Minister's Conference, GCCBA 8:00 am
- 13** —Minister's Conference, GCCBA 11:30 am
- 14**—Toy Store Applications, GCCBA 11:00 am –1:00 pm
- 15**— Toy Store Applications, GCCBA 11:00 am –1:00 pm
- 16**—Polkville and Waco Minister's Fellowship at Hwy 18 North Café, 11:30 am, Jail Ministry Volunteer Training, Poplar Springs at 7:00 pm
- 17** - Hungry program with Pleasant Grove Volunteers 12:30 pm
- 20**- Jail Ministry Volunteer Training, Elizabeth at 7:00 pm
- 23-24**GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
- 24**—Hungry program with Eastside, Shelby Youth Volunteers, 12:30
- 27**—Shelby Pastors Fellowship, Hannah's Coffee House, 10:0 am
- 30**— Jail Ministry Volunteer Training, FB Kings Mountain at 7:00pm

