

Allen Memorial
 Beaver Dam
 Bethany
 Bethany Hispanic
 Bethel
 Bethlehem
 Boiling Springs
 Buffalo
 Calvary
 Camps Creek
 Carpenter's Grove
 Casar
 Christ Covenant
 Christian Freedom
 Christopher Road
 Community
 Crestview
 CC Cowboy
 David
 Double Shoals
 Double Springs
 Dover
 Eastside (KM)
 Eastside (Shelby)
 Elizabeth
 Emmanuel
 Faith
 Fallston
 Flint Hill
 Gethsemane
 Goodes Grove
 Grover First
 Hope Community
 Immanuel
 Joy Christian
 Kings Mountain
 Kings Mtn. First
 Kings Mtn. Second
 Lattimore
 Lawndale
 Lily Memorial
 Living Hope
 Macedonia
 Midview
 Mt. Sinai
 Mulls Memorial
 New Bethel
 New Camp Creek
 New Covenant
 New Hope
 New Jerusalem
 New Prospect
 Norman's Grove
 Northside
 Oak Grove
 Oak View
 Pathway
 Patterson Grove
 Patterson Springs
 Peach Street
 Peoples
 Plains View
 Pleasant Grove
 Pleasant Hill
 Pleasant Ridge
 Polkville
 Poplar Springs
 Putnam
 Ross Grove
 Sandy Plains
 Shelby First
 Sunrise
 Temple
 Trinity
 Union
 Victory
 Waco
 Wallace Grove
 Washington Missionary
 Westover
 Westview
 Westwood Heights
 White Harvest
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 Zion Hill
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Please join us Monday, April 23rd at our Spring Bi-annual Meeting, as we gather to worship together at Pleasant Hill Baptist, 2338 Pleasant Hill Church Road, Grover 28073
 6:00-6:45 Meal
 6:50— Biannual Meeting

*"So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."
 1 Corinthians 3:7*

It's said that, "April showers bring May flowers." I have never been known for having a green thumb. However, there are some lovely tulips and dandelions that bloom every year in my flower bed. They are so pretty. Funny thing is, I did not plant them! I can honestly say that keeping plants alive is a struggle for me. Potted plants and hanging baskets especially. I have found that the best thing that happens in my flower bed every year, is a result of something I did not do.

I'm reminded of the passage in 1 Corinthians 3 where Paul addresses the church at Corinth because they were divided about leadership. He told them that God was the most important, not the one who plants or the one who waters. He goes on to say that we are co-laborers, serving in God's field.

God is at work! We heard great reports of what He is doing in some of our churches at our Business Affairs and Leadership Team meeting last month. God is touching and changing lives, bringing glory to Himself! I pray that we would remember that we are workers in HIS field. We need to obey and follow HIS direction. He plants, He waters He grows, and He reaps! We just get to be a part of it!

I pray also that we are unified together in doing so. Remembering that others will do the work differently, but we serve the same master, Jesus! Let us not worry about the how, but trust God, that He is drawing people to himself! We simply need to be obedient!

Thoughts from our Staff.....

"Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!"

Luke 12:27-28

Wesley

THE LIFE OF THE BEES, THE LIFE OF HUMAN

John 15:13: "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."

In the world, we have a number of houses of bees, but we also have many people who live in society like bees. In the middle of this maze of things from animals and people, no one has greater love than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. Christ was the only one who could do this. He calls us friends because we do what He commands us, and doesn't call us slaves. Christ calls us friends because of all the things He heard from His Heavenly Father about our creation. I will briefly recount the life of the bees. In this society, insects do not have problems like crime, substance abuse, sexual abuse, paedophilia, domestic violence, usury, theft, lies, and deception. Simply because there is not free will. They operate like machines programmed under a force that we could call the law of self-preservation. There, in that society, members who simply do not produce will die or be killed; one dies and there are hundreds ready for birth and his position. All bees are literally working insects to death, and are governed by the law of the survival of the fittest. No bee is important individually. The merit of each bee is only measured by its total contribution within the hive; by itself it means absolutely nothing. In this society, there is a Queen who reproduces enough eggs to form another hive, a number of workers working since the sun rises until it is hidden, and a number of males called drones, living, eating and sleeping hoping that the Queen is ready to fertilize it, but they do not know the fate that awaits them. One day a drone together with others pursues the Queen in the space and she relates only to one, and then she kills him. Many of those who followed her died in the attempt, and then it is as if all the workers realize that something doesn't work well, and they decide to kill and remove the hive from these drones, resembling to be parasites. But, unfortunately, this society does not make pastors, teachers, poets, artists, scholars, inventors, or lovers. Who do you want to live in the hive? I think anyone. You, as a person or as a servant of Jesus Christ, need to be accepted, to be recognized, to be loved by all the merits, gifts, or talents. You need to be reached. We all do. Above all the things, God loves those men and women who are His servants, who are obedient to every step, giving honor and glory to the Creator, all those who are guided by the Spirit of God, that which is fulfilling the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20. God loves you for who you are. You and I are important to any idea or any invention. We really are important enough that Christ died for us. The challenge is that you were called to be part of God's plans, and those plans are perfect, have been successful for more than 2500 years. It is not about you or your plans, what Dios has planned is where our support is to be forever. Thank you servants of the churches in our Association. Follow, as an important part in the body of Jesus Christ. God is at the door. Blessings

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 missions in Nicaragua. To schedule his group to cook a meal, please contact Katie Harris.



Education and Network Opportunities

Pastors:

Ministers Conference:

May 7, 2018,
11:30am Lunch/Fellowship/Prayer
12:00pm—Michael Ballard- Forest Hills Church
Charlotte "Tithe Testimony" All pastors and
staff are encouraged to attend.

Uniquely Bi-vocational Pastors:

Saturday, May 12, 2018
8:00 am at GCCBA

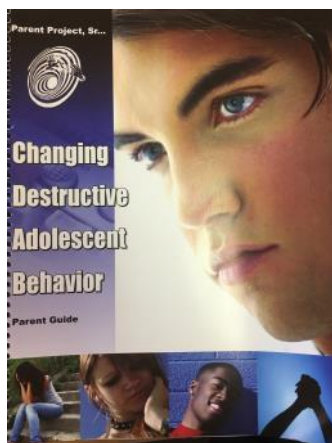
Pastors Prayer Time: May 16, 10am, GCCBA

GWU Pastors Lunch

Tuesday, May 22, 2018, 11:45am-1:00pm
Toscano's Bistro, 5 E. Marion St. #5, Shelby, NC
RSVP to Wesley Smith 704-482-3472 wesley@gccba.org

Association Pastoral Directory

Monday, April 23 at 5:00 pm
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, right before the
Spring Biannual Meeting. Come and have your
photo taken for the directory. You can submit a
recent photo, if you cannot be present.



Youth

"Dealing with At Risk and
Unwanted Behaviors in
Teenagers"
Monday, May 7, 2018
6:00-8:30 pm at GCCBA

WMU Salad Supper Elizabeth Baptist Church

Thursday May 10th, 2018 at 6:30

Join us for supper and a time of
sharing about the
importance of our Jail
Ministry. An offering will be
taken to help purchase
books for the Jail library.
Bring your favorite salad to
share with the group.



How to keep your money and invest it for the future

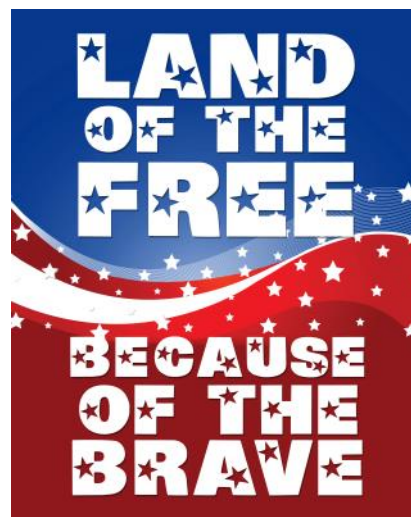
GCCBA Office

Thursday, May 24th, 2018 at 6:30

Jack Buchanan, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones will be with us to share how we can prevent being a victim of scam artist and Allen Schulyer, with the NC Baptist Foundation will share with us about Estate Planning.



Wishing you the
very best this
Mother's Day!



**Thank
you!**

Missions Opportunities



North Carolina Operation Inasmuch- (NCOIAM) is a one-day missions blitz in your community. Imagine your whole church active in missions to your community on April 28 or May 5, 2018. **PRAYING!**

Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program

We still have a few summer dates open for this wonderful outreach mission. The summer is a great time for youth and children's groups to be involved. Groups that are interested in serving will be in charge of providing sandwiches, chips, and cookies for 75 people



**April 2018
food roundup**

Fill his plate, FILL HIS HEART

Help Baptist Children's Homes serve as many as 700,000 meals to North Carolina children and families in need by collecting \$400,000 in food, supplies and gift cards.

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina
www.bchfoodroundup.org / 1-800-476-3669

Remember that the last day to receive boxes of food you have packed for the Baptist Children's Homes Food Roundup for 2018 and gift cards at the associational office is Friday, April 27!

Gift Cards are appreciated for buying perishables and items not received. (i.e. Wal-Mart, Sams Clubs, Food Lion, Lowes, Ingles, Piggly Wiggly) They can use all size cans. Some locations prefer #10 cans (family size). Please check for expired dates on food.

Please help their volunteer truck drivers by packing your church's donations in small, sturdy boxes.

Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type:	Mar 2018
Food	32
Medicine	9
Rent	1
Power	51
Clothes	11
Dental	1
Other Medical	0
Hotel	3
Other	0
Counseling	43
Total Assisted Units:	151



Wake Forest Baptist Health
Mother's Day Offering
Week of Prayer ~ May 6-13

100% of gifts are a witness to Christ's love, helping patients with special needs pay their hospital bills. www.mothersdayoffering.org

Thank You

Thank you to those who attended the Senior Adult Rally and gave an offering of \$327.07 to Shelby Mission Camp!

Missions Opportunities



Indiana Mission Trip

Mission trip Meeting– May 21st (please note the date change) at 6:30
We are excited about the mission opportunities we will have in July on our mission trip to Indiana. We are assembling a great team that will be able to serve that community. We still have a few spots open for the trip so if your group is interested please contact Katie as soon as possible.

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

UNITY

EPHESIANS 4:3
MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THE UNITY
OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE BOND OF PEACE.

MAY 3, 2018

#PRAY4UNITY
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

A small icon of the United States flag with stars and stripes.

Join other Christians in praying at their City Hall or Commissioner's Chambers on May 3, 2018, from 12:20 to 12:40 p.m. to pray for our nation, state, and county, rendering our hearts before God! Should your City Hall not be opened feel free to pray outside of the building!

2018 GCCBA FOOD PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS:

**** DIAPERS ALWAYS**

NEEDED **

Spaghetti sauce
spaghetti noodles
peanut butter
cereal



macaroni and cheese

Toiletries: toilet paper, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, clothes detergent

The pantry always needs everything, but the items listed are what we go through the fastest!



Office Closed:
May 28th for
Memorial Day

GCCBA Bulletin Board

Pastors Anniversaries May

Emmanuel:

Jerry Brooks, 14 years

Sandy Plains:

Chase Robinson, 2 years

Washington Missionary:

Melvin Clark, 9 years



Pray for our Pastor less Churches

Lattimore ~ Lily Memorial ~ New Covenant ~
Oak View ~ Oak Grove ~
Pleasant Grove ~ Temple ~ Zoar



Block Party Trailer

We are excited about the new additions to our Block Party Trailer.

We have added more games, banners, and a sound system to help

enhance the outreach of your Block Party. The schedule for the trailer fills up fast for the Spring and Summer so please remember to call soon to reserve your date. The cost of the trailer is \$100 and includes all supplies needed to use the popcorn, snow cone, and cotton candy machine.

After your event we would love to know the impact on the community you served so afterwards we will send you a survey to fill out to share this information with us.



Tuesday Bible Studies

Summer Bible Study- July/August Rev. Richard Stroup will teach a Survey of the Minor Prophets. Dates TBA. Class begins at 10am.

Fall Bible Study- September/October
Leader and Dates TBA. Class begins at 10am

UPCOMING
Events

Deacon Trainings

Fall Deacon Training- Monday, September 10, 6:30pm
Location: TBA

Church Leadership Training

Sunday School Leadership Training- September 17, 2018,
6:30pm Location TBA

Hispanic Church Training (Led by Pastor Jose Espinal)

Monday's 6:00 PM- 8:30 PM at the GCCBA Office

May/June/July
Starts: May 7
Ends: July 30

September/October/November
Starts: September 3
Ends: November 26

North Carolina Church Library Ministry Conference

Saturday, August 25, 2018

Friendly Avenue Baptist Church

4800 W Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, NC

Special Workshop Guests are: Glenn and Anne McEowen, Glenn will represent Library Concepts and introduce or update information on PC Card Catalog Anne teaches a variety of workshops Allison Maynard with Books Systems,

Allison will provide information on Atrium which is the newest library program from Book Systems

We will also have local workshop leaders.

Detailed information will be sent out in June, including individual registration forms.

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.

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

Flint Hill:

Flint Hill Baptist Church has a position for a **sign language interpreter** for Sunday Morning Worship services. ASL certification is not required but the individual must be fluent in sign language. Attention: Personnel Committee 2207 Flint Hill Church Road, Shelby, NC 28152. If you wish to send electronically, please email to janethrn@carolina.rr.com.

Flint Hill Baptist Church is **seeking a part-time Pianist** to play for worship services, choir rehearsals, and other occasions in support of the music ministry of the church. Anyone interested in this position may send a

Church Needs.....

resume to: Flint Hill Baptist Church, Attention: Personnel Committee, 2207 Flint Hill Church Road, Shelby, NC 28152

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

Patterson Grove

Part Time Church Administrative Assistant

Local Baptist Church in Kings Mountain is actively seeking an Admin. Assist. To provide 25 hours of office/clerical work to include preparation of bulletin/newsletter and other documents as needed. Must be able to use Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher and Quickbooks. Must be a good Christian Individual with a great work ethic and possess adequate office experience and some education (3 years work exp.; high school diploma). This person will also provide support to the ministerial staff. Other required clerical duties/responsibilities will be explained and discussed once contact with applicants is made. Interested applicants need apply by submitting their cover letter and resume by mail to Patterson Grove Baptist Church, c/o Personnel Committee, 301 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

New Prospect:

We are prayerfully seeking a **part-time music director and organist** to help lead an engaging time of worship for our congregation. The ideal person should have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The director would be responsible for choosing music and leading the choir and congregation in worship on Sunday morning, Sunday night, special events and choir practice on Wednesday evenings. The organist would be responsible for playing the organ Sunday morning worship and choir practice on Wednesday evening after Bible Study. We welcome you to be a part of our church family. Please send resumes to the church: 1960 New Prospect Church Rd., Shelby, NC 28150

Oak Grove:

Oak Grove Baptist is looking for a **part time youth director**. Please send resumes to Oak Grove Baptist Church 1022 Oak Grove Rd., Kings Mtn., NC 28086

Pleasant Grove:

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Shelby, North Carolina is seeking a **full time pastor** who God is calling to serve our church and community. We are a conservative, mission-minded, Southern Baptist church family with strong ties to the community. Established in circa 1870's, our church has traditional Sunday School and worship services with an average attendance of 75-80. The pastor will lead 2 services each week (Sunday morning and Wednesday evening). He will work alongside a minister of music and a minister of

children and youth. Our pastor will be a man of the highest godly character with God guided leadership and vision. He will work alongside a minister of music and a minister of children and youth. Our pastor will be a man of the highest godly character with God guided leadership and vision. He should believe the Bible is the true and inerrant word of God. We are requiring 5-10 years of pastoral experience with a Master's degree from an accredited seminary. After prayerful consideration, please submit resumes, including details of your salvation experience and calling by God to be a pastor to : Pastor Search Committee at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church , 3932 Pleasant Grove Church Road, Shelby NC, 28150 OR submit by email to our church office at : pgbc3932@gmail.com. Resumes will be taken through May 31, 2018.

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.

Ross Grove:

Ross Grove is in need of a **Part-Time Church Administrative Assistant**. There is a full job description on gccba.org, Send resumes to: Ross Grove Baptist Church c/o Personnel Committee, 1225 Fallston Rd., Shelby, NC 28150

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.

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

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Katie Harris, 109—Katie@gccba.org

Hispanic Missionary:

Jose Espinal, 100—jose.espinal231@gmail.com

Administrative Assistant:

Nicole Mosley, 101—nicole@gccba.org

- 3— Grover Breakfast Carolina Crossing 8:30 am
National Day of Prayer 12:20 pm
Kings Mountain Youth Ministers Fellowship Love's Fish Box 1:00 pm
- 4— Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 pm with Beaver Dam Vol.
- 5— Operation In As Much
- 7—Ministers Conference, GCCBA, 10:00 am
Youth Ministry Training, GCCBA, 6:00 pm
- 10 – Lattimore Breakfast at Bulldog Quick Snack 8:30 am
Shelby Youth Ministers Lunch at Jammin J's at noon
WMU Salad Supper, Elizabeth, 6:30 pm
- 11 –Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 pm with Zoar Vol.
- 12—Bi-Vocational Ministers, GCCBA 8:00 am
- 16— Pastors Prayer Time, GCCBA, 10:00 am
- 17—Polkville/Waco Minister's Lunch at Hwy 18 North Café 11:30 am
- 18 – Friday Hungry Program at Shelby 1st, 12:30 pm, with Crestview Vol.
- 24— Thrive/Revive, GCCBA, 10:00 am
How to keep your money Conference, GCCA, 6:30 pm
- 25- Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 with Pleasant Grove Vol.
- 28 —Memorial Day, GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED