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 Christopher Road
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 Double Springs
 Dover
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 Eastside (Shelby)
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 Faith
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 Flint Hill
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 Goodes Grove
 Grover First
 Hope Community
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 Joy Christian
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"Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?" Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him. "
Psalm 115:1-3

A pastor reminded me of this passage of Scripture today. We need to be reminded that God is God, and we are not. He sees everything from start to finish all at once. His time frame begins with Him and ends with Him. He starts everything and finishes everything. God sees from the creation of the universe to end of time as we know it, all at once. He is sovereign in His plan. Though He gives us free will, everything is still under His control. We can make our plan, but the Lord directs our steps.

With that being said, I want to share with you something I heard at the Renovate Conference last month, from Dr. Thom Rainer, President and CEO of Lifeway Christian Resources, as he spoke to a room of pastors.

"Your address is not an accident. The address of your church is not an accident, and the addresses of your church members are not an accident." -Dr. Thom Rainer

Please know that your pastor, your church, and you have been placed where you are for a reason. You have a purpose. You are not an accident!

I pray that you will discover your purpose in the community that God has placed you. Make much of Him! Praise Him! Point others to the Glory of God!

"May the Lord cause you to flourish, both you and your children. May you be blessed by the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. "
Psalm 115:14-15

*Note: I'll send a gift to the first person who emails me the Scriptures referenced in the first paragraph of my article! Wesley@gccba.org

Praying with you and for you! To God be the glory! - Wesley

Thoughts from our Staff.....

A HOLY PLACE THAT WE SHOULD VISIT EVERY DAY

Isaiah 6:1-5

"Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." Isaiah 6:5

The vision of the Prophet Isaiah should disturb our lives as ministers and also as servants of Jesus Christ. All the description which is made of this place is wonderful, really spectacular, full of details, in the sense that we should be moved in our heart and soul. We must always be prepared as we pray to resist everything around this world that is not of our HEAVENLY father. Prayer really is direct contact with God. Prayer is to penetrate the holiness of God. Prayer is to bend my life, my heart, and my soul, leaving my spirit refreshed. It is facing the All-Knowing; it's like being seen through an x-ray and knowing that nothing is hidden in His marvelous light. Praying is humbly recognizing that our God is mighty, our God is omnipotent, He is omniscient. Praying is to give tribute to our Heavenly Father, expressing gratitude and fear: Holy, Holy, Holy the land and the entire universe is full of you, all the glory is yours. Prayer is delivered with all our soul to declare that we are sinners, that we have not yet comprehended all the divine plan that He has for you and me. Prayer is to give in to everything that I do and what I intend to do. We need to pray to ask what God has for us. Pray is also hearing from His lips of His plans for my life. Prayer is to accept the direction of Christ in my life. Prayer is to agree on what He wants me to do. We often think that we have failed in what we do, and the reason is because we see ourselves as independent. Father we thank you as we go, we thank you as we obey, we thank you for making us return to Your ways. Prayer is recognizing that we were wrong and now we have again found the path that leads to His Kingdom. Thank you, Lord Jesus, because without Your love, without Your resources we are working in vain. Father, on this day put in the hearts of Your children a desire to collaborate in Your work. Put the desire in Your congregations to be guided. Put in Your people the desire to surrender to Your authority. As an organization, we pray for the life of each leader and His congregation that is the Spirit of God who put in their hearts the desire to be collaborators of Christ in everything that is in the work of Jesus Christ. Thank you, people of God, for pursuing these responsibilities that He has given to our lives. Thank You for supporting us economically, but we want more spiritual support. We want the presence of Your churches here and in the Kingdom left to forever feel the touch of His Spirit in each community that you represent. Amen.

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.



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.

Would your church like to know more about the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association?

We would love to share our story!

Some churches have invited us to come and be a part of their worship time and share what God is doing in our association. Our staff would come and share as time allowed in a Sunday Morning or Sunday Evening worship service. Contact us today to set up a time!

Education and Network Opportunities

Pastors:

Ministers Conference:

June 4, 2018,
11:30am Lunch/Fellowship/Prayer
12:00pm—Chris Allen and Eli Byrd, Chris Allen,
College at Southeastern, and Southeastern
Baptist Theological Seminary
All pastors and staff are encouraged to a
attend.

Pastors Prayer Time: June 20, 10am, GCCBA

Save the Date: GCCBA Church Staff
Picnic August 11th, 2018 6:30-8:30 pm at
Shelby City Park
RSVP by August 1st!

A Word from the Strategic Planning Team to our Pastors.

The Leadership and Business Affairs appointed a Strategic Planning Team at their second quarter meeting. The team consists of the following members:

Shane Kirby, Russ Bradley, Jim Kilby, Joey Hamrick, Dale Byrd, Mike Jimison, Tim Hendrick, Jim Kilby, Melvin Clark, Connie Queen, and Diane Rabon

The team met for the first time on Monday, May 14, 2018. We overviewed the strategic planning process. The process has a several components.

1. Core Values
2. Mission/Vision
3. Assessment
 - A. Diagnosis
 - B. Prescription
4. Constitution & By-Laws
5. Report



The first thing the team did was discuss the core values of the association. Those core values are divided into four categories: Actual, Theological, Operational, and Aspirational. The next step was to prioritize the core values. Those core values were used to help with developing the mission and vision of the association. The plan is to take that information and see if it matches up with what we discover is step three of the process. We need the help of every pastor in our association with the Assessment step of the process. This part of the process is conducted by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. You will be receiving an invitation letter in the mail to participate in this process. On August 30 & 31, we will be conducting interviews with each pastor who wishes to participate. In the letter you receive, there will be two other documents; The Key Indicator List, and the Church Ministry Plan/Vision Statement of the Church. We plan to hold these interviews in several parts of the county to help aid each of you with time. Please plan to participate in this process. This will be very helpful for your church and our association. The Diagnosis part will lead to the Prescriptive part which will basically be a report back to the Strategic Planning team on what God is doing in our churches, and how we as an association can help. This will help us as we plan for the future of our association to help resource our churches to reach their communities.

The team is asking for each church members' prayers. Pray for your pastor as well as our team and the association. There will be a brief report at the Fall meeting just to let you know were are in the process. We plan to have a final report to present at the associations 2019 Spring Bi-Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

GCCBA Strategic Planning Team

Missions Opportunities

Welcome

We want to welcome Emily Reuzinsky as our Summer Missionary. Emily will be joining us for 10 weeks this summer to help with our mission trip, Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program, and help our churches with VBS or other summer mission projects. If Emily can help assist your church this summer please call our office to get on her schedule.

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



Thank You

This past week we celebrated our Volunteers with a trip to the Billy Graham library. I am so thankful for the hard work and dedication of each of these individuals. It is because they give of their time that we are able to reach out to so many people in Cleveland County. If you are interested in volunteering in our office we would love to talk to you about it.

Mission: Dignity Sunday, June 24th!

An advertisement for Mission: Dignity's 100th anniversary. It features a framed portrait of an elderly man on the left. The background is a textured, parchment-like surface. Text reads: "There are 100 REASONS to give. But you only need ONE!" followed by "Join Mission:Dignity in caring for God's faithful retired servants in need." and a red button that says "Please give." To the right is a circular seal with "MISSION DIGNITY" at the top, "1918 100 YEARS 2018" in the center, and "ONE HUNDRED REASONS TO GIVE" around the bottom. At the bottom, it says "Mission:Dignity. Aiding Retired Ministers and Spouses" and "MissionDignity.org".



Block Party Trailer

We are excited about the new additions to our Block Party Trailer. We now have more games, signs to help advertise, and a sound system.

Please remember that the summer reservation calendar fills up quickly so please call soon to reserve your date. The cost to rent the trailer is \$100 and this includes all the supplies for the cotton candy, snow cone, and popcorn machine

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

Missions Opportunities

Praying for June Vacation Bible Schools!

June 10th-14th

Allen Memorial—LifeWay's VBS Game On, Pre-K through 6th grade, 6:30-8:40 PM., Meal served from 6:00-6:25 pm, Kick-off event Sat., June 9th, 1-3 pm. Family & movie night June 15, 6:30 pm

Bethlehem—Kickoff: Saturday, June 9th 2pm-4pm, 5:30pm-8:35pm, Game On
Boiling Springs—Sunday night 4-7:30 and Monday thru Thursday nights 6-8:45. The theme is Game On!

Double Springs—5:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m., Game On

Fallston—6:00-8:30, Game On

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church—VBS: "Game On!", Time: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm,

First Baptist Shelby—5:00-8:00 PM, Community VBS at First Baptist campus in partnership with Central United Methodist Church, Group VBS Theme: Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus



June 10 -15

Union Baptist Church—6:15pm - 8:30pm Supper nightly 5:30pm

Northside- 6-9 pm, "Game On", 6pm-9pm with kick off being Wednesday, June 6th from 6-7:30pm, Family night will be Friday, June 15th @6pm

June 12 -16—**Zion Baptist Church**— Kickoff – Tuesday evening, June 12th,6-8 pm –Game On! - Wednesday through Friday, June 13th -16th— 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

June 13- 16—**New Bethel**- Our VBS is the Team Spirit Mega Sports Camp 5:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Every Wednesday night, 6/13-8/1 except 7/4

Hope Community The theme this year is "Amped", 6:30-8:00

June 17 - 21— **Double Shoals** - Theme: "Shipwrecked - Rescued by Jesus"

June 18-21—**Beaver Dam** - Rolling River Rampage

June 18-22—**Pleasant Grove** -

June 23- Mulls Memorial -Polar Blast on Saturday, from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

June 24-27- Polkville Baptist Church—Theme: AMPED-Live Fully Alive

June 24-28—**Norman's Grove** - Shipwrecked

June 24- 29

Camps Creek—Game On, Kickoff June 23rd from 8-12 with the block party at the corner of

NC150 and McCraw Rd, Mooresboro, NC, June 24th - 28th from 5:50-8:30, Commencement June 29th 6:30 Special sports guest some or all nights sharing testimonies.

Patterson Grove—

June 25-29

First Baptist Kings Mountain—9:00am-12:15pm daily, FBCKM.com/vbs, "Game On" theme



Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type:	Apr 2018
Food	23
Medicine	4
Power	46
Clothes	11
Dental	1
Other Medical	1
Other	3
<u>Counseling</u>	<u>43</u>
Total Assisted Units:	132

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!

GCCBA Bulletin Board

Pastors Anniversaries May



Bethlehem:
Steve Taylor, 9 years

Boiling Springs:
Keith McKinney, 3 years

Calvary:
Tony Sisk, 8 years

Faith:
JR Robbins, 22 years

Pleasant Ridge:
Eric Davis, 11 years

Waco:
Harold Fite, 16 years

Zion:
Matt Storie, 4 years

Pray for our Pastor less Churches



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

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.

Christopher Road:

Christopher Road Baptist Church is seeking a **part-time worship leader** that can play the piano or keyboard as well. This position will require faithful attendance and preparation for the Sunday morning worship service, playing the piano (keyboard) and leading the Worship service, and working weekly with the Praise Team, as well as, managing our Media Room. The candidate must have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and be teachable, flexible, and sensitive to the Holy Spirit with leadership qualities. To schedule an interview, please call CRBC at 704-487-5627 or email us at crbcshelby@bellsouth.net

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

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

First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain:

First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain is seeking a **full-time Church Secretary**, 40 hour position. The Job has solid benefit package of insurance and retirement. The Personnel Policies requires that she not be a member of First Baptist, but she must be active in a local church and above all else display godly Christian character. Her duties will include those normally associated with a receptionist and secretary. The Church Secretary will operate under the regular supervision of Pastor, Church Staff, and Office Manager. Anyone interested should send a resume to the Church by mail or email or drop off at the Church Office.



Hannah Boehmer youth and children's minister at Oak Grove

Alex Carroll youth and children's minister at Waco.

Tuesday Bible Studies

Summer Bible Study- July 24-August 28, Rev. Richard Stroup will teach a Survey of the Minor Prophets. Class begins at 10am.

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

Deacon Trainings

Fall Deacon Training- Monday, September 10, 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	September/October/November
Starts: May 7	Starts: September 3
Ends: July 30	Ends: November 26

UPCOMING
Events



Church Needs.....

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

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.

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

Pleasant Ridge:

Local Shelby Church is actively seeking a Christian individual with high morals and values as an Administrative Assistant to provide 24 hours of office/clerical work with a possible flex hour as needed. This work consists of, but isn't limited to- preparation of bulletin/newsletter/calendar, preparing financial statements, supporting the ministerial staff, and other general office duties. Individual must be able to use Mac and Quickbooks and have a high school diploma. Other required clerical duties/responsibilities will be explained and discussed once contact with applicants are made. Interested applicants need to apply by submitting their cover letter and resume by mail to Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church c/o Personnel Committee, 198 Pleasant Ridge Church Rd, Shelby, NC 28152

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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- 1— Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 pm with Dover Vol.
- 4—Ministers Conference, GCCBA, 11:30 am
- 7— Grover Breakfast Carolina Crossing 8:30 am
Kings Mountain Youth Ministers Fellowship Love's Fish Box 1:00 pm
- 8 —Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 pm with Eastside KM Vol.
- 14 – Lattimore Breakfast at Bulldog Quick Snack 8:30 am
Shelby Youth Ministers Lunch at Jammin J's at noon
- 15 –Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 pm with Union Vol.
- 20— Pastors Prayer Time, GCCBA, 10:00 am
- 21—Polkville/Waco Minister's Lunch at Hwy 18 North Café 11:30 am
- 22 – Friday Hungry Program at Shelby 1st, 12:30 pm, with Calvary Vol.
- 28– Thrive/Revive, GCCBA, 10:00 am
How to keep your money Conference, GCCA, 6:30 pm
- 29- Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 with Union Vol.

