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 Christian Freedom  
 Christopher Road  
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 Crestview  
 CC Cowboy  
 David  
 Double Shoals  
 Double Springs  
 Dover  
 Eastside (KM)  
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 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  
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 Pleasant Ridge  
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 Poplar Springs  
 Ross Grove  
 Sandy Plains  
 Shelby First  
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# THE BEACON

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*"Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.." - Ecclesiastes 4:12*

Partnerships are vital in ministry. From the beginning, God knew that it was good for man not to be alone. We aren't designed to go about life alone as individuals or as the body of Christ. In their book, "Pathways To Partnerships," Bob Bickford and Mark Hallock start by saying that partnerships among churches are Biblical.

"They helped each other in terms of doctrine and practice (Acts 18:14-25; Gal. 3), they relocated leaders to strengthen other situations (Acts 11:19-23, 25-26, 12:25, 16:1-3), they sent individuals and teams on short-term strengthening visits (Acts 11:27, 19:21-22; 1 Cor. 4:15-17; Phil. 2:19-29; 2 Tim. 1:18), they sent money to help each other and bless the wider society (Acts 11:28-30), and they helped advance the Gospel together and plant more churches (Rom. 15:24; 2 Cor. 10:15-16)."

"It ought to be our great desire and joy to follow the lead of Scripture and seek partnership with other congregations in these same ways today."

We would do better to approach this together. We need each other. Bickford and Hallock remind us that the mission field is too tough to go at it alone.

I am very thankful for our partners in ministry. I pray that you consider yourselves ministry partners in the Gospel. I also encourage you to be in prayer about developing closer partnerships with those churches in your communities. Pray about reaching out to struggling churches. Struggling churches, pray for God to send you a partner to encourage you and help you. "The bottom line is that we as churches are better together! Millions in our communities need to be reached with the Gospel. Thousands of dying churches need encouragement and assistance from other congregations that partnership provides. This is a good and beautiful thing. Partnership is a God-honoring thing. The question is: Will you and I pursue it?" - Bickford and Hallock

Thanks to your partnership in ministry, over 3,000 people were served, and one person's life was changed for eternity during Operation InAsMuch. Nineteen churches made impacts in our community. Over \$20,000 was raised or spent on projects. Make plans now to participate next time!

# Thoughts from our Staff.....

*"On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. Now about the collection for the Lord's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem." - 1 Corinthians 16:1-3*

Wesley

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## **JOY OF PAUL FOR THE CHURCH TO THE CORINTHIANS**

*""Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorifying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation." 2 Corinthians 7:4*

We have been praying for a long time that our churches in Cleveland County will have a spiritual revival, and that each representative leader feels in their heart and in their life the desire to grow the Church of Jesus Christ in their territory. We believe by faith that this will be satisfied according to the plans of Jesus Christ in every area of Cleveland County. As an Association and as Ministers of Jesus Christ, we feel joy when we say so sincerely that each of you as leaders of the Church will be triumphant in this endeavor. As an organization that is known for introducing ourselves to the churches in Cleveland County as a uniting body in pursuit of the purposes of God, we stand with you in the lives of your congregations and also in the lives of every person in these communities of faith. We are still just as Paul driving the heart of each believer through prayers of faith. We believe that God is awakening, that He will illuminate the path that leads to His Kingdom. And today we also express that we are so full of consolation from God, but we can also say that we are partakers of the tribulations that each congregation goes through; from the attacks of the enemy, the Church is suffering. We are aware that we have a daily struggle against things that our eyes do not see, but that the Spirit of God tells us is there. We surrender everyday into the presence of God to receive the power, to withstand the evil of this day. We give thanks, also. Our purpose is only good: we want to resolve conflicts, we want to be makers of peace, we want to be the mediator of a new Covenant, we want to be truly humble before God, and we want each congregation to be His collaborators. This part, perhaps, is difficult, but not impossible in the hands of Jesus Christ. In the same way that God leads us, thus, also we want to be a guide for you, a fortress, an example, a counsel in time, an immediate teaching, a boat in the middle of the storm. In Christ, we feel joy for every congregation that is in Him today. Your servant and slave of Jesus Christ for His love and mercy. Best regards.

Rev. José. A. Espinal, Hispanic Language Missionary

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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.



I have recently been reading the book, *The Day the World Came to Town*, which is the story of the town of Gander where 38 planes landed when airspace over the US was closed on 9/11. The population of this small town in Canada was almost doubled by all of the passengers that were stranded. The book is the story of the people in the town who pulled together to provide lodging, food, clothing, places to shower, and entertainment for these people that were stranded there for 4-5 days. The author wrote these words about Gander, "There was no hatred. No anger. No fear in Gander. Only the spirit of community. Here, everyone was equal, everyone was treated the same. Here, the basic humanity of man wasn't just surviving, but thriving." When I read this I

# Thoughts from our Staff.....

felt like this was a perfect description of what God has called the Church to be. The Church (both the building and the people) should be a place where everyone feels loved and there is a great sense of community. And, the Church should be thriving, not just surviving. I pray that all of the churches in our association will seek to make everyone feel welcome, loved, and important because this is how we can share Christ's love to our community.

Katie

## Education and Network Opportunities

### Pastors:

No Ministers Conference or Pastor's Fellowships in July. We will start back with our regular schedule with Ministers Conference Monday, August 4, at 11:30am.

#### **Mental Health First Aid**

Monday, August 13 8:00am-4:00pm at GCCBA  
(Limited to first 30 registrants)

What will you learn?

- A 5-step action plan to identify, understand, and respond to adults experiencing mental illness.
- How to talk to an adult in crisis.
- Info about mental health resources in your community.

Please register by calling the office or email  
nicole@gccbba.org

#### **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.

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

#### **Strategic Planning**

Please be in prayer for our Strategic Planning Team. Pastors, our Associational Assessment will be Thursday, August 30, and Friday, August 31. If you have not been contacted to make an appointment for the Pastors Interview, please contact us. I pray that you'll prayerfully consider participating. This will help our planning process.

Summer Bible Study, Tuesday's, July 24-August 28. 10:00am-11:30am (Teacher and Topic have changed.)



#### **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!



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# Missions Opportunities

Please be in prayer for our **Indiana Mission** team that will be working with churches and church plants in southeast Indiana July 14th-20th. We are excited about the opportunities to help these churches reach out to their communities.



Please be in prayer for those we work with in Nicaragua. As you have heard on the news the country is in a state of unrest and violence has erupted throughout the country. Please help us pray for safety for the churches and that they can use this as an opportunity to reach out and share God's love to those around them. We will continue to evaluate the situation as we look towards our mission trip in October.

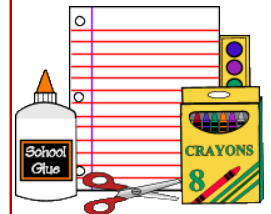
## Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program

We have openings for our Friday lunch program on July 6th, 20th, and 27th. If your church is interested in preparing sandwiches and helping us serve on these dates please contact Katie.



## Back to School Supplies Ministry

We know the school year has just ended but it is not too soon to be collecting school supplies for us to give away to local teachers for the 2018-2019 school year. We ask that all donations be brought to our office by August 15.



## OIAM Report

Church—Total- 13 churches reporting  
# Projects—55  
# Ramps—2  
# Volunteers—748  
# Hours—2029.5  
# Served—3303  
\$\$\$\$\$\$ Raise or Spent—\$28,281.00  
# Decisions for Christ—1



Save the Date: **Greatest Treat Festival** October 28th 4-6 pm Shelby City Park. If your church is interested in being involved in this outreach event please contact Katie.



# Missions Opportunities

## Praying for July Vacation Bible Schools!

### July 8-12

**Trinity** - Game On, 6:00—8:30pm

### July 14

**Peoples**—Saturday July 14, 2018 from 7:30am to 4:00pm. Our theme this year will be "Hero Central – Discover Your Strength in God!!"

### July 15-19

**Westview** - 5:45 - 8:25, and our theme is "Jesus - The First Action Hero".

### July 21

**Ross Grove** - one day-all day, Followed by a student led service the next day on Sunday, July 22nd

### July 20-22

**New Hope** Game On!

### July 22nd - July 26th.

**Calvary** - Game On.

**Oak Grove**—6:00 pm - 8:30 pm- Game On

### July 23rd- July 27th

**Zoar**—Kick off: July 22nd @ 4:30- sign ups and a church wide cookout to follow 5:30-8:00, Theme: Time Lab: Discovering Jesus from Eternity Past to Eternity Future available for ages 3 years to 6th grade.

### July 27-29

**Flint Hill Baptist** - July 27 – 6-9PM, July 28 – 9AM-3PM, and July 29 – 2PM. The Theme is Rolling River Rampage!.

### July 29-Aug 1

**Sandy Plains** - Starting at 5:30 with a meal then ending each night at 8:00. Theme is GAME ON.

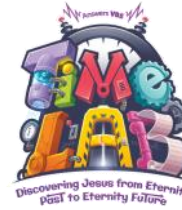
### July 29-Aug. 2

**Elizabeth**—evenings. We are doing the Lifeway Game On theme.

**Crestview**—6:00-8:30 PM. The theme is Lifeway's "Game ON!" VBS. Ages: Babies through 8th Grade

### July 30 - August 3

**Midview**-"Game On!", 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. nightly, Commencement Program on Friday, August 3



## Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type:	<b>May 2018</b>
Food	36
Medicine	6
Power	73
Clothes	13
Dental	2
Other Medical	1
Hotel	4
Other	2
<u>Counseling</u>	<u>34</u>
Total Assisted Units:	171

### 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 July



Allen Memorial:  
Robbie Moore, 2 years

Bethel:  
Tim Sims, 14 years

Buffalo:  
Macky Turner, 29 years

Double Springs:  
Bill Fryar, 9 years

Fallston:  
David Blanton, 10 years

Immanuel:  
Ted Easter, 17 years

Kings Mountain:  
Tim Whitesides, 4 years

Mount Sinai:  
Tim Trexler, 18 years

New Camp Creek:  
Richard Stroup, 17 years

New Jerusalem:  
Zavier Terrill, 37 years

Ross Grove:  
Marcus McGill, 2 years

## Pray for our Pastor less Churches



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



Chad Martin started on the first Sunday in June as the minister to students at Crestview.

## 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

### 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.

### 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



### Tuesday Bible Studies

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.....

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.

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church is seeking a **part time youth minister**. Please send your resume to 3932 Pleasant Grove Church Road, Shelby, NC 28150 or to pgbc3932@gmail.com

## ***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 28152

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

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4- GCCBA Office Closed  
6 –Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30  
13 –Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30 pm with Poplar Springs  
14-20—Indiana Mission Trip  
20 – Friday Hungry Program at Shelby 1st, 12:30 pm  
24—Tuesday Morning Bible Study, GCCBA, 10:00 am  
26- Pastor Cohort 1 GCCBA, 10:00 am  
27- Friday Hungry Program at Shelby First, 12:30  
31—Tuesday Morning Bible Study, GCCBA, 10:00 am