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"Paul wanted to take him along on the journey," Acts 16:3

I want to continue my thoughts from last month in thinking about partnerships. In Acts 16, Paul and Barnabas have a little disagreement over who to take with them on their journey back to visit all the towns they preached. We should note that Paul and Barnabas were doing the work together. With whom are we sharing our journey?

Paul chose Silas to go with him and check on the churches where he had preached. They met Timothy in Lystra, in chapter 16. The writer tells us that Paul wanted to bring Timothy along for the journey.

We are not meant to be on this faith journey alone. Though our relationship with Jesus is a personal relationship, we are made to share our journey with others. That is why a community of faith is so important. Paul realized that in order to strengthen churches, he needed to multiply himself in Timothy and others. Are we being intentional about discipling and multiplying ourselves? Are we trying to follow Jesus alone?

Paul was Timothy's spiritual mentor. He calls Timothy his "true son in the faith." Who is it that you are sharing your faith journey with as a mentor? Timothy grew in the faith because of Paul bringing him along on the journey. So who are you bringing along?

Just as Timothy was growing through Paul, Paul was growing as well. I believe both relationships are important. We all need to have a Paul, and be a Paul. We need Timothy's in our lives. Who is your Paul, and who is your Timothy? Who is mentoring you in the faith, and who are you mentoring?

Dave Ramsey shared in an article *"We should be iron sharpening iron: Everyone Needs a Paul, Timothy, and a Barnabas,"*

"God works through each of the relationships in our lives. **He uses a Paul to guide us. He uses a Timothy to help us mature. And He uses a Barnabas** to challenge us. In response, we should always be learning, teaching and loving. We should be iron sharpening iron."

We need to eliminate the negative voices in our lives—those who constantly complain and fuss. If you are one of those who constantly complains and fusses, STOP IT! Be an encourager, and surround yourself with those who will encourage and challenge you!

Thoughts from our Staff.....

If you do not have these relationships, ask God to point them out to you. WE NEED EACH OTHER! The battle is too tough to fight alone!

"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." 1 Peter 5:8

Wesley

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MISSIONS TO INDIANA

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the Earth."
Acts 1:8

We have been completing many years of missionary life, and we have been in different parts of the world: Cuba, Nicaragua, Mexico, Honduras, within the United States in Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, New York, Wisconsin, Indiana; in each of those places we have traveled to carry in our minds, in our hearts, and in our lives, the message of salvation. The purpose is to reach someone with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, always before heading out to those sites we have prayed with all our hearts, and it is not until we feel the peace of Christ in our lives that we have to go. Many times we have gone with the basics, other times we have taken economic aid, Sunday school materials, materials for pastors and teachers, materials for the Hispanic communities. We have brought knowledge to other leaders primarily in the area of leadership, married life, counseling; and we make efforts also to bring God's Word door to door to many Latinos who live in these regions. Now the travel mission to Indiana is full of new materials that are intended to fill the hearts of leaders so that they will know the basic way of Discipleship, this material is divided into five books of text that can be shared week to week and every day with members of the Church. This is all a training strategy that will serve for future church planters in those regions, who are really eager to be already at this point. We are confident that the five congregations to which we have sent invitations are ready to serve with love. We give thanks because it is through the efforts of our association that these resources have been possible. We bless also the participation of churches in Cleveland County that not only sends its best people to do this mission, but also their best ideas and best resources. We continue praying for revival in the hearts of every servant of Jesus Christ to evangelism. Blessings. Pray for each one of us that God will use us in a special way. Amen.

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.



The theme of this year's mission trips seems to be "Planning & Waiting". The process of planning our mission trips has been different this year. You could even say they were difficult and challenging at times. There has been change in leadership, change in pastors of the churches we are working with, and other plans that have not gone like I originally thought they would. In fact, we are still not sure we will be able to go on our mission trip to Nicaragua. Proverbs 16:9 says "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." The heart of our mission teams is to use our time to glorify Christ, to share encouragement with fellow believers, and to give love to those who do not know Christ. But how we get to do these things is not always the "steps"

Thoughts from our Staff.....

we planned or expected. But through the planning process for the Indiana trip, I have seen God take frustrations and disappointments and turn them into opportunities that I know will be amazing. I ask you to pray for our Indiana team that we will have the courage to take these steps that God has given us to fulfill His plan.

Concerning the Nicaragua mission trip, we ask that you be in prayer for our friends and family there. The country is currently in a state of civil unrest with many protests against the government that have turned deadly. The churches we work with are currently safe but we ask that you pray with us that the issues can be resolved in a peaceful way so that their work there can be continued. We are praying for discernment about whether we can go on our trip. We do not want to live in a spirit of fear but also do not want to put our team in a dangerous situation. We covet your prayers as we make this decision.

Serving together,

Katie

Education and Network Opportunities

Pastors:

Ministers Conference

Monday, August 6, 2018

"Triage For The Stuck Church"

Wesley Smith

Does your church seem unwilling to grow? Does it seem like the church is stuck in tradition, history, or just doing the same old thing? Come, let's talk about it.



Pastors, Church staff, and family are invited to a picnic on August 11, 2018, 6:30-8:30 PM at Shelby City Park Hope you can join us! 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.

Interim/Potential Interim Pastor Roundtable

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

10:00 AM-1:00 PM



Interim Ministry

Engage-Evaluate-Explore

Please RSVP just for lunch numbers. 704-482-3472 or nicole@gccba.org

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.

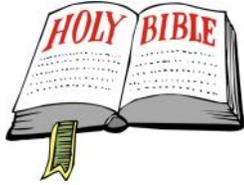
Please register by calling the office or email nicole@gccba.org

**Retreat
2018**

Pastor's Retreat: October 22-25, 2018- Caswell \$125 (Lodging & Food) Rest, relax, renew, refresh, recreate, you get the idea! Sign up by August 15, 2018.

Education and Network Opportunities

Summer Bible Study: Tuesdays in August 10am-11:30am led by Rev. Andrew Corley "Seeking the Heart of God, Lessons From the Life and Faith of David"



The new **Bible Reading Plan** will begin on September 10! We have copies at the office we can mail to you or you can come by and pick one up. We can also email the plan to you and it will be on our website.

North Carolina Church Library Ministry Conference

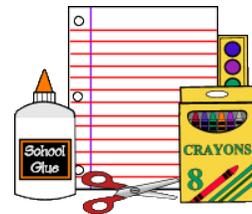
Saturday, August 25, 2018, Friendly Avenue Baptist Church, 4800 W Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, NC

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.

Missions Opportunities

Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program

We have several open dates for our Friday Feed the Hungry lunch program. We need churches to sign up to bring sandwiches, chips, and cookies on the following dates: October 19th & 26th, November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th December 7th. If your group is interested in helping please call 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.



Missions Opportunities

Praying for August Vacation Bible Schools!

August 1-5

Bethany- Wednesday at 6:00 pm and end at 8:30 pm. Wednesday through Saturday and regular hours on Sunday with a commencement ceremony Sunday evening July 14

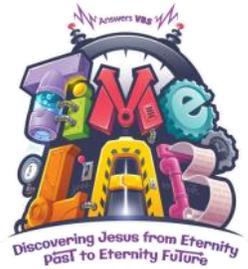
Aug. 5-9

Eastside, Shelby - Answers in Genesis Time Lab.

Pleasant Hill Baptist - Maker Fun Factory - Join us and our children as they learn they were created by God and built for a purpose. 6-8pm

August 13-17th

Christopher Road - Back to School Pool Party evening hours



We are once again going to be doing the **Greatest Treat Festival** at the Shelby City Park on Sunday October 28th from 4-6 pm. We are in need of churches to help us by sending volunteers and setting up ministry booths. At these ministry booths you would provide an activity (craft, game, etc) for the children. While they are at the table it will give you an opportunity to talk with them about your church and about the Greatest Treat, Jesus. We will be having our first planning meeting on **August 20th at 6:30** at the association office. We would love for you to join us to discuss how your church can be involved.

Compassion/Benevolence Ministry Roundtable

August 21 at 6:30pm will meet at the GCCBA Office

Round Table Discussions will give ministry leaders the ability to discuss and talk about their ministries. What's working, what's not working? How we can improve, and work together, and also talk about how the ministry helps your church accomplish its mission and vision.

Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type:	June 2018
Food	35
Medicine	1
Power	31
Clothes	21
Dental	2
Other	1
Counseling	42
Total Assisted Units:	133

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 August



Macedonia:

Michael Horne, 10 years

Pleasant Hill:

Andrew Corley, 2 years

Westview:

Rick Bowling, 9 years

Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.



Lattimore ~ FBC Shelby ~ New Bethel ~ Oak
View ~ Pleasant Grove ~ Zoar

Pray for the following churches in the interim.

Lily Memorial ~ Oak Grove ~ Polkville ~ Temple

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.

Beaver Dam:

Beaver Dam Baptist Church is seeking an experienced **part-time pianist**. 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, Beaver Dam Baptist Church, 123 Beaver Dam Church Road, Shelby, NC 28152.

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

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.

Goode's Grove:

Goode's Grove Baptist Church is seeking a **part time**



Lucas Johnson youth minister
at Pleasant Grove.

It is that time of year!! Time for the Annual Church Profile. I will have your packets ready to be picked up starting August 1st, 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

Looking ahead:

Fall Biannual Meetings

Monday, October 29, 2018, New Hope Baptist

Tuesday, October 30, 2018, First Baptist Grover

Tuesday Bible Studies

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

Deacon Trainings

Fall Deacon Training- Monday, September 17, 6:30pm
Location: Polkville Baptist

Hispanic Church Training (Led by Pastor Jose Espinal)

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

September/October/November

Starts: September 3

Ends: November 26

Mark
Your Calendar!



Church Needs.....

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

New Bethel

New Bethel Baptist Church in Lawndale, 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. Our church has traditional Sunday School and worship services. The pastor will lead 3 services each week (Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday evening), while working alongside a minister of music and a minister of youth and children to create the growth of the kingdom. 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. After prayerful consideration, please submit resumes including details of your salvation experience and calling by God to be a pastor to; Pastor Search Committee, New Bethel Baptist Church, Post Office box 5 Lawndale, NC 28090. Resumes are currently being accepted.

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.

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.

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

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- 2**— Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am, KM Youth Minister's Fellowship, Love's Fish Box 1:00 pm
- 3** — Hungry program with Shelby First Volunteers 12:30 pm
- 6**- Minister's Conference, GCCBA 10:00 am
- 7**— Tuesday Morning Bible Study, GCCBA, 10:00 am
Leadership/Business Affairs Team Meeting, GCCBA, 11:45 am
- 8**—Interim/Potential Interim Roundtable, GCCBA, 10 am-1 pm
- 9** –Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am
Shelby Youth Ministers Fellowship at Jammin J's, 12:00pm
- 10**—Hungry program with Shelby First Volunteers 12:30 pm
- 11**- Pastors and Church Staff Picnic, Shelby City Park, 6:30 pm
- 13**— Mental Health/First Aid Class, GCCBA 8 am— 4 pm
- 14**- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, GCCBA, 10:00 am
- 15** — Pastors Prayer Time, GCCBA, 10 am
- 16** – Polkville and Waco Minister's Fellowship at Hwy 18 North Café, 11:30 am
- 17**—Hungry program with Shelby First Volunteers, 12:30 pm
- 21**— Tuesday Morning Bible Study, GCCBA, 10:00 am
Compassion/Benevolence Ministry Roundtable, GCCBA, 6:30 pm
- 23**— Pastors Cohort 1, GCCBA, 10:00 am
- 24** – Hungry program with Shelby First Volunteers, 12:30 pm
- 28** – Tuesday Morning Bible Study, GCCBA, 10:00 am
- 31** – Hungry program with Shelby First Volunteers, 12:30 pm

