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 Goodes Grove
 Grover First
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 Lily Memorial
 Living Hope
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 Midview
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 Mulls Memorial
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 New Camp Creek
 New Covenant
 New Hope
 New Jerusalem
 New Prospect
 Norman's Grove
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 Oak Grove
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 Pathway
 Patterson Grove
 Patterson Springs
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 Peoples
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 Pleasant Grove
 Pleasant Hill
 Pleasant Ridge
 Polkville
 Poplar Springs
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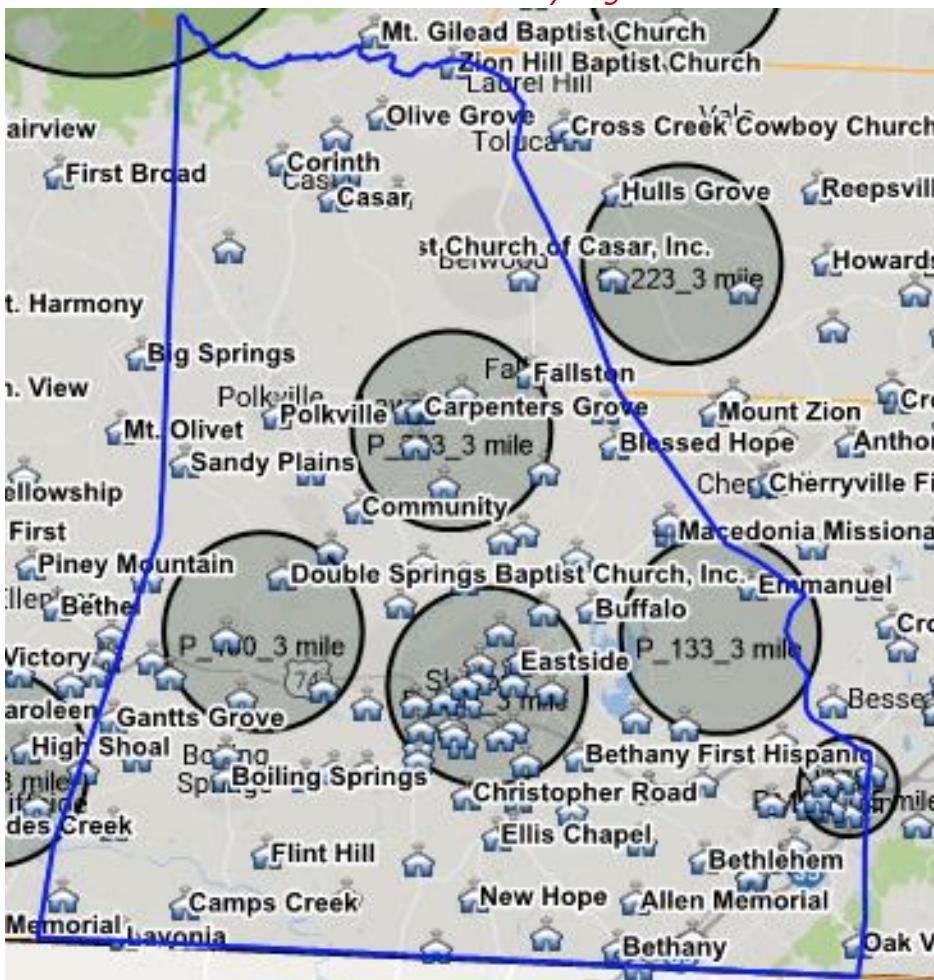
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"So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink." Luke 5:7



We are called to be "Fishers of men." (Luke 5:10) Many believe there aren't that many fish out there. "Not in my community." Well, truth is, there are LOTS of fish! The above picture is of the five pockets of lostness that have been identified in Cleveland County. What is a pocket of lostness? In short, the State Convention of NC as part of its strategy to impact lostness through disciple making, has identified pockets of people who are lost throughout NC. They estimate, through demographics, and research, there are approximately 5.7 million lost people in NC. Their work began mainly in higher populated areas, but after identifying those, they began to spread out from there. Here are the pockets in Cleveland County.

Thoughts from our Staff....

Pocket 109

- 1.5 mile radius of 7 Bennett St., Kings Mountain
- 1,748 unreached households

Pocket 124

- 3 mile radius of 701 W. Warren St., Shelby
- 6,371 unreached households

Pocket 133

- 3 mile radius of 128 E.A. Bingham Rd., Kings Mountain
- 1,415 unreached households

Pocket 180

- 3 mile radius of 3800 Artee Rd., Shelby
- 1,147 unreached households

Pocket 203

- 3 mile radius of 115 Powerhouse Rd., Lawndale
- 1,053 unreached household

From the BSCNC website:

"In each of these pockets, there is an extremely low number of people who identify themselves as having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. In most cases, more than 70 percent of the people in these pockets would not claim to have a personal relationship with our Lord.

The numbers are staggering, but the reality is that these numbers represent people who need Jesus. In many cases, the pockets are in areas where disciple-making efforts among the people living there are sparse or non-existent. The reality is that without the development of new disciple-making strategies, the number of lost people will continue to grow exponentially."

We cannot impact lostness alone! We have to work together! I'm very excited about our Bi-Annual Fall Meetings coming up, October 29-30. "Partnering for the Gospel," will be our focus.

Does your church have a strategy for impacting lostness in your community? We can help with that. Don't feel alone! We're in this together!

"...Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him." Luke 10-11

Wesley

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SUFFICIENT REASONS FOR PRAYER

Philippians 1: 3-4 "I thank my God whenever I remember you, always in all my prayers praying with joy for all of you..."

As members of the body of Christ, we feel very committed to all matters related to the growth of our Association. We have deep interest in each activity that develops, in every teaching that is given to the servants of the community, and in each training that is planned at the level of the churches of our community. We have been praying continuously not only to motivate lives and hearts, but also to motivate we who are passionate about what we are doing. But, we have large sections of the community where the information does not arrive. I am referring to the Latino people who live here in Cleveland County. Our Association promotes the classes for the preparation of leaders, intentionally in the Latin area, but we are not reaching everyone. In the future, we want to have more than two or three Latino churches. We want to saturate this county with places of Latino worship. For that, we pray like Paul for the Church of Philippians, he was determined to make known the Gospel of grace, but also he knew the great need to pray for new churches, and the need for new planters to arise. When he referred to who remembered their friends, servants and Congregation, it is because he had in his heart the seed of the Holy Spirit who dictated him to withstand the weak in faith, to motivate their lives, to not shut up the truth of the word. So he bent his knee to make sure churches and leaders had coverage. The Association is continually praying because we want every small or large church to have faith in what

Thoughts from our Staff....

you are doing, certainty of the work entrusted by God, as well as resources to be able to take the word of God everywhere in an efficient way. Let us, therefore, pray in our congregations, as we have sufficient reasons for prayer. Briefly I will give some reasons: our nation, rulers, negotiations, international relations, war conflicts, drugs, abuse in homes, domestic violence, the SCARCITY of genuine leaders, hunger, poverty, crimes, and many more. We have an amount of prayers so great as to allow us to be busy praying almost 24 hours a day. Brothers, do not neglect the gift of God that each one of us has. Let us pray without ceasing as the Word encourages us to do. Remember our brothers, friends, who do not know Christ. Pray that the Holy Spirit works through our prayers and actions. Do not forget to pray for Nicaragua and our future missionary journey. Amen.

Rev. José. A. Espinal, Hispanic Language Missionary



In a recent sermon, my pastor, Dale Byrd, asked us to think and pray about 1 person who does not know the Lord and commit to pray for and have intentional conversations about God with them. Everyone has a family member, friend, or coworker who does not have a relationship with the Lord, and it is our responsibility to tell them and show them God's love. Missions is more than just doing mission projects and going on mission trips; it is a lifestyle that we are to live each day. So I ask you today who is your one, and how are you going to reach them? Prayer is a good place to start because the power of the Holy Spirit can do a mighty work in someone's life. This question is on the sign in front of Eastside, so I see it several times a day. It always reminds me of my responsibility to pray for my one and to look for ways to share with them.

Serving together,
Katie

Education and Network Opportunities

Ministers Conference

Monday Sept. 10, 11:30am

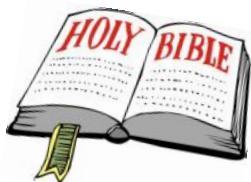
Ministry Dialog, "What's working
and what's not," Dr. Rit Varriale

Fall Bible Study

Tuesdays, Sept. 25-Oct.30. 10:00 AM

"War Room" Prayer is a powerful
weapon. Based on the movie.

Led by Pastor Buddy Morehead and
his wife Meredith



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.



Fall Deacon Training

Monday, Sept. 17 at Polkville Baptist
"Power of Partnerships"



Discipleship Making Training

Sat. Sept. 29, 9:00am-1pm at
Freedom Church, Lincolnton.

Register online at
www.ncbaptist.org/basictraining

Fall Bi-Annual Meetings

Monday, October 29 at New Hope Baptist
Tuesday, October 30- at First Baptist Grover
Theme: "Partners For The Gospel"
Each night 6:00 PM, join us as we eat,
fellowship, and worship together!

Missions Opportunities

Word from Cleveland County Potato Project

You may have noticed that we didn't have much, if any of a white potato crop this year. There were several factors involved in that. We are thankful for all the volunteers who have worked so hard planting, weeding, and harvesting. As a way to help with the low to no yielding crop this year, First Baptist Church is hosting a "Potato Gathering," on September 2, and September 9. Anyone is welcome to bring bags of white potatoes to the church and fill up the pickup trucks that are being provided those Sunday mornings. Their goal is 5,000 pounds. Churches are invited to participate and do the same. A local supermarket has agreed to sell white potatoes to the CC Potato project for a wholesale price, so financial contributions are also welcome to help purchase white potatoes. These potatoes will be taken to the usual distribution points for our hungry neighbors. Thank you for your continued support. Please contact Doug Sharp if you wish to participate.

Shelby Mission Camp News

The Shelby Mission Camp will be hosting up to 200 people a day from September 3rd thru the 23rd. This number will include 100 international volunteers and 100 security and EMS people for the FEI World Games being held at the Tryon International Equestrian Center. This is a great opportunity to show God's love and give support and friendship and possibly to share the good news of salvation. We are asking our churches to get involved as we will need help in a variety of ways. Our plans include:

*Having coffee, juice, and possibly a sweet roll as the first shift will leave about 6 am.

*We will need cleaning crews to help clean as this will be a daily need.

*Run our nightly 7-9 pm "Coffee Shop" by bringing homemade desserts and snacks. We may find the need for an afternoon time when the first shift returns to the mission camp about 2 pm. Adjustments will be made if needed. The "Coffee Shop" will be our best opportunity to build relationships and share Christ. Your church can signup for one night or several. If that is not an option then baked goods, sweet rolls, juice, etc would be welcome donations.

*Worship Services - We are still working on the best time to offer worship services. Tentatively it looks like Sunday nights are going to work best. If you or your church is interested in helping with or leading worship please let us know.

God has given us a great opportunity and is even bringing the people to us. Will you and your church please pray about being part of this ministry.

God Bless, David and Janet Brown, Shelby Mission Camp Coordinators

David's cell - 919-422-9990 or dbrown@ncbaptist.org

Janet's cell 919-337-2342 Office 704-487-5599 jbrown@ncbaptist.org



September 11-23, 2018
TRYON-NC-USA



Missions Opportunities

Wanted

-Bibles (all kinds in any condition); Christian Literature (Sunday School, church training, tracts, devotionals, magazines from Christian publishers, sheet music, etc.);

-Christian Books of all kinds (hymns, Bible Study, concordances, Bible dictionaries and regular dictionaries, commentaries, children and adult Christian books and paperbacks, etc.);

- Christian CDs, DVDs, & Blu-Ray. , etc.

- Spanish: Bibles, Sunday School literature, and Devotional books.

Literature can be new or used. All material is sorted, boxed and sent to another Ministry, where it is sent to our brothers and sisters in poor Third World Countries. If you or your church would like to join "Harvest Seeds Ministry", please contact Pat Hamrick from Mt. Sinai Baptist Church 704-487-7518 or for Churches in Upper Cleveland County, New Bethel Baptist Church in Lawndale is now a collection site for "Harvest Seeds." Please contact Tony Fogleman at 704-538-0223 or you can bring them by the GCCBA Office.

Please do not send: RA, GA, Acteens, & Mission Friends material; No Mission Mosaics, Mature Living, Guide Posts, & Angels on Earth magazines; No cassette or VHS tapes.

Greatest Treat Festival

October 28th, 2018 4:00-6:00 pm

Shelby City Park

We welcome more churches to join us in the evangelistic outreach. This festival is the largest event we have each year. We are able to share the gospel with thousands of people who come from all over to have fun. If you are interested in being involved please call Katie.



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 26th, November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th. If your group is interested in helping please call Katie.



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.



Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type:	July 2018
Food	40
Medicine	5
Power	37
Clothes	9
Dental	1
Other	3
Counseling	42
Total Assisted Units:	137

Our Food Pantry is very bare right now so please help us fill the shelves!

2018 GCCBA FOOD PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS: ** DIAPERS ALWAYS NEEDED **

Spaghetti sauce
spaghetti noodles
peanut butter
cereal
macaroni and cheese
Canned Meat



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

Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.

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



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

Pray for the following churches in the interim.

Lily Memorial ~ Oak Grove ~ Polkville ~ Temple

No Pastor Church Anniversary

Pray for these couples on their special day in September:

Goode's Grove – Robert and Suzanne Hensley - 5th
Bethlehem - Steve and Tois Taylor -12th
Sandy Plains – Chase and Mindy Robinson - 21th



Pastors, please send your wedding anniversary to Nicole@gccba.org

Pick your Annual Church Profile Packet!!

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!

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

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

Lattimore:

Lattimore Baptist Church is seeking a **Pastor** who is a sincere spiritual leader. Our Pastor will work with our Minister of Music, Youth Leader, & Children's Leader to help our church members and community grow in our relationship with Christ. He will be a genuine, loving, people person as well as a strong preacher, teacher, & encourager; and have a desire to lead the church family toward growth. We prefer someone with a Masters Degree and at least 5 years experience. We are excited to see what God has in store for our church. The church is located in Lattimore, NC (6 miles west of Shelby, NC). A parsonage is available if needed. Please

Church Needs.....

send Resumes and DVDs to: Lattimore Baptist Church, Pastor Search Committee, PO Box 188, Lattimore, NC 28089.

Lily Memorial:

Lily Memorial Baptist Church is in need of a **pianist accompanist** for Sunday morning worship, Sunday evening worship and Wednesday night prayer service. Music is for traditional worship. Send resumes to Lily Memorial Baptist Church, 406 Whitener St. Shelby, NC 28152

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

Oak View:

Oak View Baptist church in Kings Mountain, NC is currently seeking a **full time pastor**. As a conservative southern baptist congregation we are seeking a dedicated, energetic, and caring pastor who will preach the inerrant word of God. The pastor will lead 3 services each week. We are a small but dedicated congregation looking for a pastor to help us grow. The church has an exceptionally nice parsonage. A resume along with a statement of Christian journey including ministry calling may be mailed to: 1517 York Road Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Attn: pastor search committee chairman

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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- 3—**GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 6—**Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am,
KM Youth Minister's Fellowship, Love's Fish Box 1:00 pm
- 7—**Hungry program with Crestview Volunteers 12:30 pm
- 10—**Minister's Conference, GCCBA 11:30 am
- 11—**Enlistment Team Meeting, GCCBA, 11:45 am
- 13—**Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am
Shelby Youth Ministers Fellowship at Jammin J's, 12:00pm
- 14—**Hungry program with Dover Volunteers 12:30 pm
- 17—**Deacon Training at Polkville Baptist, 6:30 pm
- 19—**Pastors Prayer Time, GCCBA, 10 am
- 20—**Polkville and Waco Minister's Fellowship at Hwy 18 North Café, 11:30 am
- 21—**Hungry program with Calvary Volunteers, 12:30 pm
- 25—**Tuesday Morning Bible Study, GCCBA, 10:00 am
Business Affairs Team Meeting, GCCBA, 11:45 am
- 27—**Pastors Cohort 1, GCCBA, 10:00 am
- 28—**Hungry program with Beaver Dam Volunteers, 12:30 pm
- 29—**Discipleship Conference at Freedom Church, 9:00 am