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- Beaver Dam
- Bethany
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- Bethel
- Bethlehem
- Boiling Springs
- Buffalo
- Calvary
- Camps Creek
- Carpenter's Grove
- Casar
- Christ Covenant
- Christian Freedom
- Christopher Road
- Community
- Crestview
- David
- Double Shoals
- Double Springs
- Dover
- Eastside (KM)
- Eastside (Shelby)
- Elizabeth
- Emmanuel
- Faith
- Fallston
- Flint Hill
- Gethsemane
- Goodes Grove
- Grover First
- Hope Community
- Immanuel
- Joy Christian
- Kings Mountain
- Kings Mtn. First
- Kings Mtn. Second
- Lattimore
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- Lily Memorial
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- Macedonia
- Midview
- Mt. Sinai
- Mulls Memorial
- New Bethel
- New Camp Creek
- New Covenant
- New Hope
- New Jerusalem
- New Prospect
- Norman's Grove
- Northside
- Oak Grove
- Oak View
- Pathway
- Patterson Grove
- Patterson Springs
- Peach Street
- Peoples
- Plains View
- Pleasant City
- Pleasant Grove
- Pleasant Hill
- Pleasant Ridge
- Polkville
- Poplar Springs
- Ross Grove
- Sandy Plains
- Shelby First
- Sunrise
- Temple
- Trinity
- Union
- Victory
- Waco
- Wallace Grove
- Washington Missionary
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*You are invited to attend the 168th Fall Biannual Meetings;
below are the agendas and locations.*

There will be a meal served at 6:00 pm on each night.

<p>168th Fall Biannual Meeting October 29, 2018 – New Hope Baptist Church Monday Evening Theme: "Partners For The Gospel"</p>	
6:00	Meal, Fellowship and Agencies Network.
6:50	Special Music
7:00	Call to Order. Rev. Shane Kirby Welcome By Host Pastor... Rev. Russ Bradley Scripture/Prayer Order of Business Report Rev. Shane Kirby Recognition of Agencies Rev. Shane Kirby Congregation Hymn
7:20	Welcome to New Pastors/Staff Rev. Wesley Smith Leadership & Business Affairs Team Report Rev. Shane Kirby Clerk-Treasurer's Report Mrs. Pat Whitley Budget Team Report Rev. Dale Byrd Enlistment Team Report Rev. Dale Byrd Strategic Planning Team Report Rev. Wesley Smith
7:40	Congregational Song & Special Music Guest Speaker: John Gordy- Strategy Coordinator, BSCNC Impacting Lostness- "Partners for the gospel"
8:35	Benediction
<p>Location: New Hope Baptist Church, 2621 Blacksburg Rd., Earl 28038</p>	

<p>168th Fall Biannual Meeting October 30, 2018 – First Baptist Church Grover Tuesday Evening Theme: "Partners For The Gospel"</p>	
6:00	Meal, Fellowship and Agencies Network.
6:50	Special Music
7:00	Call to Order Rev. Shane Kirby Welcome By Host Pastor Rev. Scott Kierstead Scripture/Prayer Recognition of Agencies Rev. Shane Kirby Spiritual Enrichment Diploma Recognition Rev. Wesley Smith
7:20	Congregation Hymn Memorial Tribute & Dedication of Minutes Rev. Wesley Smith Business Affairs Team Report Rev. Shane Kirby Resolutions Budget Approval By-law change vote Installation of New Moderator Rev. Shane Kirby/Dale Byrd
7:40	Welcome to New Pastors/Staff Rev. Wesley Smith
7:50	Congregational Song & Special Music
8:35	Associational Missions Testimonies Benediction
<p>Location: First Baptist Church Grover, 403 Cleveland Ave, Grover 28073</p>	

Fall Biannual Meeting

Biannual Meeting Messengers

By-Law II Meetings, Section 3

Each church shall elect annually, in addition to the pastor, two (2) messengers to the meetings of the Association for each fifty (50) members of the church, provided each church shall not have fewer than three (3) nor more than ten (10) messengers. THESE ALONG WITH ALL ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS, shall constitute the voting body of the Association. The names of the messengers printed in the minutes shall include only those in attendance and registering at the Associational Meetings.

By-Law II Meetings, Section 4

Items of Business to be presented from the floor must be submitted in writing to the Associational Office at least 30 days prior to the first session of the Biannual Meeting.

Proposed By-Law Change (This will come in the Business Affairs and Leadership Report and voted on by the Messengers on Tuesday night.)

The Business Affairs and Leadership Teams recommend that the Association change the Association Year from October 1-September 30, to January 1-December 31 for both financial and leadership. This will mean that officers and team members would serve their terms from January 1 until December 31. They would be elected at the Fall Biannual Meeting, and begin their term of service on January 1.

Current Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk Treasurer would serve an additional two months, until December 31.

BY-LAW IV Association Year (as currently stated)

The Association Year shall begin October 1 and close September 30.

BY-LAW IV Association Year (proposed change)

The Association Year shall begin January 1 and close December 31.

This would also change Section 2 and Section 3 of BY-LAW VI Officers and their elections.

Section 2 (as currently stated)

The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall be nominated by the Enlistment Team. The floor will be opened for additional nominations. This election will occur on the last day of the October biannual meeting. All other officers shall be contacted and nominated by the Enlistment Team and elected during the April Biannual Session.

Section 2 (proposed change)

The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall be nominated by the Enlistment Team. The floor will be opened for additional nominations. This election will occur on the last day of the October biannual meeting. These officers will begin their terms of service on January 1.

Section 3 (as currently state)

The newly elected Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer shall assume at the close of the annual session all duties incumbent upon them relating to work of the ensuing associational year. All other officers shall assume all duties incumbent upon them relating to the work of the ensuing year on October 1.

Section 3 (proposed change)

The newly elected Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer shall assume on January 1 all duties incumbent upon them relating to work of the associational year, along with all other officers.

Thoughts from our Staff.....

Over the past several months I've been writing about partnerships. We're excited about our 2018 Fall Bi-annual Meeting theme, "Partners For the Gospel." We invite everyone to come and fellowship and worship together, Monday October 29 at New Hope Baptist, and Tuesday, October 30 at First Baptist Grover, 6pm nightly for the fellowship meal. Worship begins at 6:55pm. Monday night we will hear from John Gordy, Strategy Coordinator the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He will be sharing with us about the Pockets of Lostness I shared about in last months article. Tuesday night we will hear some testimonies of church partnerships.

Over the next couple of months, I will be sharing what it looks like for your church to partner for the gospel. This month I'll share three ways your church can partner. These come from a breakout session that myself and Dr. Mark Millman led at the SBCAL (Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders) in Dallas, TX, in June.

Three ways you can partner, or three ways partners can help you are:

1. Prayer

a. Prayer is an underestimated value. You can agree to pray for a church, or ask a church to pray for you. Are you praying for other churches? Did you ask them how you can pray for them? Have you ever asked another church to pray for your church?

b. "As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith." 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

2. People

a. Sending people to help another church is a great way to create community among the body of Christ. Encouraging one another in Christ is a necessity.

b. Allowing people to come and help you is not a sign of weakness, it is a sign of obedience. We are called to work together!

c. "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

3. Provisions

a. Resources do not have to be money. They can be needed materials and ministry tools. Building materials, VBS materials, Literature, decorations, etc.

b. Money is sometimes helpful but not always.

c. "Now about the collection for the Lord's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. 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. Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable for me to go also, they will accompany me." 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

Next month I'll share how to develop partners.

Wesley

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HURRICANE FLORENCE

Stay awake, therefore firm in the freedom with which Christ has made us free, and not be subject to the yoke of slavery again. Galatians 5:1.

In life, we always experience hurricanes, many of them are very strong, category 4, and it is as if all the forces of nature have united together to damage, to destroy, to knock down large trees, to demolish large buildings, to invade walls, to destroy animal life and also human life; many times, I have meditated on the form of these natural phenomena and how they begin their lives in the most deep waters and away from

Thoughts from our Staff.....

civilization. It is as if all them are formed on the seas. They begin their movements with speeds possible from 5, 10, 40, 80 , 100, 120, 145, and more miles per hour. Their swells are spreading slowly, and their rains are moving more than 1000 km away from the eye. These rains are continuing, at times they are intense, at times moderate, but for me it is as if they are undermining the roots still in the trees and eroding the ground to soften it, and when the monster is coming with lightning, thunderstorms, winds of high speed and strength, all the things that once pretended that they are stable, they are well rooted, will move and many of them disappear to be swept away. All these forces together at times seem evil, they do not seem to be controlled by God, rather by the hand of Satan. Many of the hurricanes in our lives come also with many economic problems, health problems, and work problems. Nothing comes alone, and nothing that happens to man is also devoid of the eye viewfinder of God. You and I as servants must understand and accept that all storms are in the Almighty's control. No storm is bigger than our God. Paul, when writing to the Galatians, calls to them, saying that they are strong because in those days there were many false teachers and pastors who were putting heavy loads on new believers and wanted them to be the first Jews that had to be curtailed, and then to follow the Gospel. Paul defends his apostles and says, "you have been taught in the truth of the Gospel of grace, don't be fooled staying firm in the profession of faith that have been made, you were educated in the spirit of wisdom, do not allow the freedom that today have been obtained to be removed them, not again be subject to the ayoke of bondage of the law, which does not save, only in Christ is there salvation." For us, the Church of Jesus Christ must remain firm, solid, not mixed, without these new ideas that all worship the same God. No matter what religion it is, these ways of thinking, look beautiful but are like yeast; a little bit of it corrupts the mass. Don't be alarmed by the hurricanes that are coming straight for you. Stand firm, nobody is bigger than God, not even those category 4 hurricanes. Blessings.

Rev. José. A. Espinal, Hispanic Language Missionary



This year, we, as an association, have focused on partnerships. Many times in the Bible we see how partnerships are used to do God's work. In 1 Corinthians 3:8-10, it says "He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it." We as Christians and as churches were never meant to work alone, we were created work together to share God's love. Scripture even says "Two are better than one..." Churches are supposed to partner with each other, but churches should also partner with their community through various organizations, schools, sports teams, etc. Right now, we are praying and dreaming about how we, as an association, can organize and jump start our churches in partnering with the schools located in their community. Please be on the lookout for more information about this. We are excited about the possibilities of what God can do through churches who partner to help their local school. We would love to hear stories from our churches that already have partnerships with schools, so please let us know if your church is doing this type of ministry.

Serving together,
Katie

Education and Network Opportunities

Ministers Conference

Monday Oct. 1, 11:30am
Ministry Dialog, "What's
working and what's not,"

Rev. Allan Barlow

Join us for a time of
fellowship, sharing and
learning together!

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

Community Revivals

Polkville- "United For Christ"
October 21-25, Mintz Arena,
Polkville Baptist Church
Kings Mountain Community
Revival, October 25-28,
David Baptist Church, nightly
6pm

Missions Opportunities

Fair Breakfast for workers will be on Wednesday, October 3, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Weathers Arena. Brotherhood missions groups will provide breakfast for the workers, Gideons will distribute Bibles, and there will be a worship service that morning to present the Gospel of Christ.



The **worship service** in Weathers Arena will be hosted by Elizabeth Baptist Church and will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 30. Those attending will be given free admission to the fair. There will be a worship service on October 7 led by Jason Elmore.



Christmas Toy Store:

Our Christmas Toy Store will be December 11th and 12th at the Shelby Mission Camp. We are in need of counselors and other volunteers to help during these 2 days. If you are interested please contact Katie Harris.

Greatest Treat Festival



Time is quickly approaching for the Greatest Treat Festival. We are very excited to have several new churches involved this year. There is still time for other churches to come help us serve the people of western North Carolina as we show them that Jesus is the Greatest Treat. The festival will take place on October 28th from 4:00 -6:00 pm at the Shelby City Park.

Please be in prayer now for those who will come that they will be open to the gospel message that will be shared with them. If you are interested in helping please contact Katie Harris.

Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program

We still have a few dates open for churches to volunteer to help with our lunch program each Friday. We a different group come to help by bringing sandwiches, chips, and cookies to use along with the hot food we serve. We also love for pastors or church members to share our devotion before the meal. The following are dates left in 2018: November 2nd, November 9th, November 16th, November 23rd, November 30th. If you can help with these dates please contact Katie Harris.



Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type:	Aug 2018
Food	32
Medicine	7
Power	39
Clothes	8
Dental	1
Other	1
<u>Counseling</u>	<u>39</u>
Total Assisted Units:	127

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

Pastors Anniversaries for October

Casar:

Doug Pruett, 7 years

Lawndale:

Jim Kilby, 15 years

Peoples:

John Houze, 28 years

Plains View:

Ernest Speagle, 7 years

Union:

Michael Shumate, 25 years

Victory:

Dennis Wells, 25 years

Westwood Heights:

David Costner, 12 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

Office Closing for Biannual Meeting Prep

October 22– Office Closed for a Work Day

October 29 & 30- Closes at 12pm

Oct 31—Office Closed

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

Church Needs.....

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

Pray for these couples on their special day in October:

Carpenter's Grove - Jason and Krista Allen - 14th

Temple – Scott and Linda Carpenter - 14th



Fall Bi-Annual Meetings

Monday, October 29 at New Hope Baptist,
Speaker- John Gordy, Strategy Coordinator, BSCNC

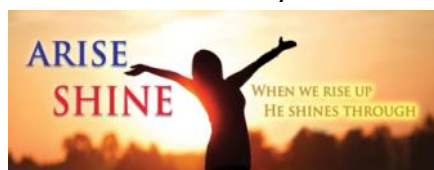
Tuesday, October 30– at First Baptist Grover,
Partnership Testimonies

Theme: "Partners For The Gospel"

Each night 6:00 PM, join us as we eat, fellowship,
and worship together!

WMU World Day of Prayer

Our annual WMU World Day of Prayer program will be on Tuesday November 13th 6:30 pm at Flint Hill Baptist Church. We are excited to have children and youth missions groups from the churches in our association share about their mission activities. If your church has a mission group that would like to share please let us know. An offering will be taken for the GCCBA Christmas Toy Store.



Church Needs.....

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 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 **organist**. 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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- 1-** Minister's Conference, GCCBA 11:30 am
Pastor's Cohort 2, GCCBA, 10:00 am
2- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, GCCBA, 10:00 am
Greatest Treat Festival Meeting, GCCBA, 6:30 pm
3- Fair Breakfast, Weathers Arena, 10:30 am
4- Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am,
KM Youth Minister's Fellowship, Love's Fish Box 1:00 pm
5 - Hungry program with Beaver Dam Volunteers 12:30 pm
9- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, GCCBA, 10:00 am
11 -Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am
Shelby Youth Ministers Fellowship at Jammin J's, 12:00pm
12—Hungry program with Zoar Volunteers 12:30 pm
16- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, GCCBA, 10:00 am
Leadership/Business Affairs Teams Meeting, GCCBA, 11:45 am
17 - Pastors Prayer Time, GCCBA, 10 am
18 - Polkville and Waco Minister's Fellowship at Hwy 18 North Café, 11:30 am
19—Hungry program with Mulls Memorial Volunteers, 12:30 pm
22-25 —Pastor's Retreat to Caswell
22—GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED FOR A WORKDAY
23— Tuesday Morning Bible Study, GCCBA, 10:00 am
25— Pastors Cohort 1, GCCBA, 10:00 am
26 - Hungry program with Dover Volunteers, 12:30 pm
28 - Greatest Treat Festival, Shelby City Park, 4-6 pm
29— GCCBA Office Closes at Noon, Fall Biannual Meeting, New Hope, 6:00 pm
30— Tuesday Morning Bible Study, GCCBA, 10:00 am
GCCBA Office Closes at Noon, Fall Biannual Meeting, Grover 1st, 6:00 pm
31—GCCBA Office Closed