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 Joy Christian
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'Give thanks to the Lord , for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story— those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, '
 Psalm 107:1-2

This time of year there will be much said about Thanksgiving. We are blessed people. We celebrate the harvest and give thanks for God's blessings. The sad part is that we as God's people say that we are thankful for God's blessings, but are we more thankful for God's blessings than His mercy and redemption? Are we more thankful for what God has blessed us with materially than we are for His presence?

For those who trust and believe in Jesus, just as God led the people out of bondage and darkness, He has led us from death to life! Are we thankful for that? Are we telling people how we lived in darkness and bondage, sin and shame, but thanks be to God, through Christ Jesus, we live in His righteousness, and light?

Last month, I shared about "Lost Pockets," in Cleveland County. If you came to the Fall Bi-Annual meeting, you heard more about that. We will begin focusing strategy in one pocket in 2019. That doesn't mean that we will not be doing other things in other pockets, but our focus will begin with just one. "The harvest is plentiful..."



We work for THE International Harvester. He is working to draw people to Himself. "Like a mighty combine, The Masters going to come, and gather the wheat from Kansas to Capernaum, and He'll reclaim the land, that sin and death have won. When The International Harvester comes." - International Harvester- Layton Howerton

'Great are the works of the Lord ; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate. He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever. ' Psalm 111:2-5

Wesley

Thoughts from our Staff.....

October is a difficult month of the year.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5:8

I thank the Lord that we are completing this year which has been a blessing and productive in the Lord's Church. We have taught, we have preached, we have evangelized, and we have prepared leaders in an intentional way. The plans from the beginning of the year are also coming to an end. This month is beautiful for those churches and families that show respect, love, and consideration to their ministers. Maybe you have been appreciated, someone washed your car, someone sent you a note, someone invited you to dinner, someone sent a song to your phone, someone came and gave you a hug, and I wish the best for you. This is excellent, but it will not happen in the world that is full of a lot of work. This month is more known for all the celebration that people make of sorcerers, Satan, cults, and idols. Their homes are decorated with bats, cobwebs, and scary things. There are haunted houses. Thousands of pumpkins are bought. This even happens in the houses of men and women who profess to be of Christ. This fills my heart and my soul with sadness. Christ makes reference to this in His Word by saying, "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me". This is spoken of everything that Christ has done for man in the congregations of the world, but no one wants to discover and speak of the Arch-enemy of God and of the children of God. No one wants to bring Satan out of the darkness and say that he is the prince of this world, that all the problems that the world experiences today are orchestrated by him. We have a clouded mind, we have a darkened heart, and this enemy controls governments, states, kings, princes, families, churches, businesses, and everything. Our cities are filled with vices, drugs, diseases, prostitution, lesbianism, homosexuality, abortions, etc. We are climbing towards the abyss. This is a difficult month, complicated also with a whole avalanche of TV programs that destroy the mind of the Christian and that deform life. It is as if we do not have people who can think for themselves. We do not have censorship, in anything. We are without moral, ethical, and social restraint. The business and the thirst for money blind us. I started with a verse from the Word of God where we are warned of the danger we are running into daily. The devil, as prince of this world, is similar to a hungry lion. He is not going to eat the children of God, but he is eating those who travel the world without Christ. What is the month of October? The Pastor's Month? The Month of Satan? This is a controversial question. Blessings. Thank you for all your prayers, for all the financial support, for all your volunteers in our dependencies. Thank you for your food contributions. Christ loves you in a special way. Your prayers are not indispensable to be able to triumph over evil. Let us pray without ceasing.

Respectfully. 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.



A few weeks ago at my church, we talked about how Christians are to be salt and light to the world. Did you know the world is supposed to be brighter and tastier because we are in it? But how do we do this? I believe it is by the words we say and the things we do. Recently, at the small group I teach, I asked everyone to spend the week making each place they went better because they were there. What a difference that would make in our town and across the world if Christians always lived as salt and light! Start today and make the world a better place by sharing Christ's love that is in you!

Serving together,

Katie

Education and Network Opportunities

Financial Peace University

I would love to come to your church and teach Financial Peace. If you are not familiar with this, it's a 9 week class that teaches how to handle money God's way by teaching about saving, paying off debt, and giving. This class has been life changing for my husband and I so I am excited to be able to share it with others.

Katie

Ministers & Spouses Christmas Dinner Monday, December 3, 2018 at 6:30 pm Elizabeth Baptist Church

We want to encourage you to make your reservation for this time of food, fellowship and inspiration! There is no charge for the meal. This is for our ministers who are active as well as those who are retired.

Please call or email Nicole and make your reservation by November 26!



OFFICE CLOSED Monday,
November 12- Veterans Day
Observance

Missions Opportunities



Are you searching for a mission project? Check out the Independent Living Program Registry on the Walmart Gift Registry to assist Children's Homes of Cleveland County prepare the transitional apartments for occupancy in January. Young people leaving the foster care system will have the opportunity to live in one of the apartments for 6-12 months to practice their independent living skills. The apartments need all kinds of basic items to furnish them. Choose one or several items that you would like to purchase to help these young people as they begin their move to adulthood. For more information, please contact Charity Davis at 704-484-2558.

Missions Opportunities

Community Thanksgiving Meal At the Shelby Mission Camp

You and your church is invited to be part of our Community Thanksgiving meal on Thanksgiving Day, November 22. We need help in a variety of ways in preparation, cooking, serving and delivery. You can be involved by:

- Pray
- Slicing Turkeys
- Cleanup
- Cooking
- Working on the serving lines
- Counseling
- Baking desserts
- Delivering meals
- Financial support - Last year we served 878 meals at approx. \$4.25 per meal. Could you or your church help with the cost?



Many have shared how blessed they and their family were through participating in the Thanksgiving meal. Won't you pray about being a part of this important community outreach to seniors, handicapped, needy and first responders? Call Janet or David Brown to sign up to help.

Janet Brown 919-337-2342 jbrown@ncbaptist.org

David Brown 919-422-9990 dbrown@ncbaptist.org

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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.

Save the Date: **Associational RA Derby Race** will be Wednesday March 13th at 6:30 pm. Please note that the race will be moved to a Wednesday night and will be incorporated with a missions celebration and supper!



Shelby Mission Camp – World Equestrian Games

Janet and I would like to express our thanks to all the churches and individuals that helped us make the International Volunteers and Security Personnel feel welcome during their stay at the Shelby Mission Camp during the World Equestrian Games.

Twenty seven churches were represented helping with the coffee shop, cleaning, leading worship, providing pillows and blankets and showing God's love in a variety of ways. There were many opportunities to minister through prayer, witnessing, listening, worship and friendship. It was a blessing to witness our churches working together so well to share His love.

David and Janet Brown
Shelby Mission Camp Coordinators

Missions Opportunities

Toy Store Applications: Wednesday, November 7, 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM, and Thursday, November 8, 2:00 PM- 5:00 PM



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. All toy donations are due by December 10th. A list of toy suggestions are below.



Thursday,
November 22

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 have different groups come to help by bringing sandwiches, chips, and cookies to use along with the hot food we serve and 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 16th, November 23rd, November 30th. If you can help with these dates, please contact Katie Harris. We are also currently making our schedule for 2019, please call to secure your dates for next year.



Suggestions for toy donations to the GCCBA toy store:

- For younger children (2-4):** picture books, pull toys, squeeze toys, riding toys, educational toys
- For girls (5-7):** dolls, tea set, storybooks, board games, puzzles, coloring books/crayons, radios, purses, writing/drawing pads, riding toys, dress up clothes
- For boys (5-7):** trucks & cars, model car kits, throw games, bats & gloves, storybooks, remote cars, baseballs, board games
- For boys & girls (8-10):** board games, DVD's, electronic games, books, cd players, bats, gloves, baseballs, football, basketballs
- For older boys and girls (11-12):** jewelry, jewelry boxes, makeup, perfume, vanity cases, curling irons, hair dryers, craft kits, jewelry making kits, watches, board games, card games, DVD-games, basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, cameras, tackle box, fishing gear, diaries/journals, clips/barrettes, hats, skateboards, photo albums, mp3 players
- Cost of gifts should be around \$15 (up to \$20 for older children)
- Please no toys that promote violence

Toys due at GCCBA by December 4th

Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type:	Sept 2018
Food	17
Medicine	1
Power	16
Clothes	16
Other	2
<u>Counseling</u>	<u>37</u>
Total Assisted Units:	89

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

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



The pantry always needs everything, but the items listed are what we go through the fastest!

Toiletries: toilet paper, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, clothes detergent

GCCBA Bulletin Board

Pastors Anniversaries for November

David:

Brian Taule, 4 years

Double Shoals:

Brian Johnson, 11 years

Eastside Shelby:

Dale Byrd, 4 years

Joy Christian:

DeNorris Byers, 9 years

Kings Mountain Second:

Dennis Pruitt, 3 years

Midview:

Mike Rice, 4 years

Patterson Springs:

Steve Waters - 27 years

Peach Street:

Bobby Steen - 6 years



Pray for these couples on their special day in November:

Hope Community - Skip and Jena Allen - 6th

Oak Grove - Jim & Annie Ruth Brackett - 15th

Crestview - Artie & Ginger Hubbard - 27th



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.

Oak Grove ~ Polkville ~ Temple

Lily Memorial called Pastor Aubrey Folk as their full-time pastor on 9/30/18. They are rejoicing that God brought him their way.

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 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

Church Needs.....

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.

Sandy Plains:

Sandy Plains Baptist Church in Shelby, NC is seeking a **part-time Youth Minister**. The ideal candidate is someone who can work to foster a strong sense of Christian community within the youth group while finding ways to welcome more youth into that community. This person should have the ability to teach the bible in dynamic ways, encourage spiritual growth, and help the youth navigate the challenges of life that teens and pre-teens face in today's world. The most important qualification is someone who will love our youth, who will help them to love others, and help them to be loved by God. Sandy Plains is located in a rural community about 15 minutes from Gardner-Webb University. We are currently renovating a designated youth space. All interested applicants should submit a current resume and letter of interest to sandyplainsshelby@gmail.com

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

Zoar Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking a **permanent, part-time worship leader**. We are a loving, mission and community minded church. Applicants should be willing to lead both traditional choir and praise team in a blended style worship. Please send resumes to wlsc@zoarchurch.com or mail to Worship Leader Search Committee, ZBC, 1740 South Lafayette St. Shelby, NC 28152.

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- 1**— Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am, KM Youth Minister's Fellowship, Love's Fish Box 1:00 pm
- 2** – Hungry program 12:30 pm
- 5**- Pastor's Cohort 2, GCCBA, 10:00 am
- 5-6**- NC Baptist State Convention, Greensboro, NC
- 7** – Toy Store Applications, GCCBA 9am—12 pm
- 8** –Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am
Shelby Youth Ministers Fellowship at Jammin J's, 12:00pm
Toy Store Applications, GCCBA 2pm—5 pm
- 9**—Hungry program with Calvary Volunteers 12:30 pm
- 12**- GCCBA Office Closed
- 13**— WMU World Day of Prayer, Flint Hill 6:30 pm
- 15** – Pastors Cohort 1, GCCBA, 9:00 am
Polkville and Waco Minister's Fellowship at Hwy 18 North Café, 11:30 am
- 16**—Hungry program 12:30 pm
- 21** – Pastors Prayer Time, GCCBA, 10 am
- 22—23**—GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
- 23** – Hungry program, 12:30 pm
- 27**—New Team Member Orientation, GCCBA 11:45 am
- 29**- Christian Law Enforcement Lunch, GCCBA 12:00 pm
- 30**- Hungry program, 12:30 pm

