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 Eastside (KM)
 Eastside (Shelby)
 Elizabeth
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 Faith
 Fallston
 Flint Hill
 Gethsemane
 Goodes House
 Grover First
 Hope Community
 Immanuel
 Joy Christian
 Kings Mountain
 Kings Mtn. First
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 Plains View
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"All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had." Acts 4:33

This is the third and final article on how to partner. Just to quickly review: The first two ways to partner with another church are Prayer and People. You can commit to pray for another church, or have another church pray for you. Sending people to help another church accomplish a specific ministry task is the second way. This can be viewed as working together also. Churches can have people come together to work on a specific ministry task.

The third and final way you can partner is with provisions. When people hear this term, they immediately think about money. It's no secret that it takes money to do ministry. Money can be very helpful and a great way to provide provision. However, provision doesn't always mean money. A church can share literature, furniture, or food for a food pantry or food outreach. Churches can provide music or Bible study material as well as paper or other goods that it takes to do ministry. Partnering with provisions doesn't just mean giving a church money. A great example of this is collecting food or paper products for a food pantry of a neighboring church.

Helping with provisions can be a great asset in a partnership. One thing I need to mention here is that the receiving church should not expect to depend on these provisions forever. The goal is to help a church get to a point where they can help partner with another church by helping provide as well. Teaching the congregation to give and not just receive is vital to church health. Partnering together by sharing resources or providing resources is an excellent way to partner. It's important to note that this is last on our list for a reason. Many small or normal size churches (I'll explain this term in another article) may feel like they can't partner due to limited resources themselves. That's simply not true. Prayer is the biggest way to partner. In Acts 4 we find that when the church prayed for boldness, the earth shook! Prayer is vital to the ministry of God's church. I believe prayer and relationships (people), are the two biggest and best ways to partner.

Are you partnering with another church to help minister to your community? Is there a need in your community that your church just can't meet on your own? Have you prayed for a partner? In order to accomplish God sized tasks, we must work together!

Thoughts from our Staff.....

"With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. There were no needy persons among them." Acts 4:34

Together, In Christ, Wesley.

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MISSION AND YOUR LIFE

"And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick." Luke 9:2.

Jesus chose and trained His disciples in a continuous manner. Mainly, He allowed them to observe the ministry He was developing. It followed, step by step, all the experiences of our King. All the time that they followed, they did not miss a single detail, teaching, preaching, visitation, or evangelization. A great deal of what was accomplished was people being healed. People were living in very poor conditions, medicine was scarce. There were also poor hygienic conditions, and food preparation was deplorable for the poorest families. But, Jesus made ready His servants and delegated power and authority to them over demons and diseases. Then, He gave them His blessing and sent them to fulfill the same mission that they had observed Him fulfilling. The same delegation is now in force. You and I have been chosen, prepared, and anointed the power of the Word to perform the same work. My question is now: Are you fulfilling the mission? Are you following in obedience? They were obedient and went to preach the Kingdom of God. In a parallel passage in Matthew 10, Christ tells His disciples that the land of the Samaritans and Gentiles were not the only lost sheep of the house of Israel. They were the beginning of the Good News of salvation. Today, we have made progress and have been released from choosing certain groups, race, and people. Today, the Gospel has no barriers; it is free, and it runs its course and crosses barriers. Thanks to the Lord of hosts, who removed the curtain of ignorance, that all people should come to repentance. So, you have a mission, the most important of your life. We cannot stand still and be silent. Your life and mine are in danger. We have been given a task. We have been called to a purpose. Christ's commands were not complicated, "Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them. So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere." We have the orders, and yet we are waiting; it's like we're stuck, deeply bound, preventing us from fulfilling the mission. We need to be motivated. The apostles went out confident. They were dependent on those who harbored them, and they were not afraid. They traveled from family to family, village to village. Many homes despised the Word; but that did not stop them, they traveled on to fulfill the mission. We must do the same and follow their example. God bless your congregation and your life.

Respectfully. Rev. José. A. Espinal, Hispanic Language Missionary

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.



Education and Network Opportunities

Ministers Conference:

Monday, February 4, 2019,
11:30am Lunch/Fellowship/Prayer
12:00pm—Ministry Dialog "Church Membership"
Join us for this time of learning! All
pastors and staff are encouraged to attend.

Parliamentary Procedure Workshop

Sunday, Feb. 10, 3:00pm at
GCCBA Office

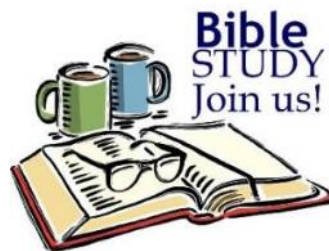


Monday,
February 25,
9am-1pm



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 so I am excited to be able to share it with others.

Katie



Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Tuesdays, January 29-March 5, 2019. 10:00am-11:30am

"Church Beginnings," study from the book of Acts. Wesley Smith will be leading. Books will be available for \$6 each, if you'd like to purchase one, please see Nicole.

Spring Deacon Training

Monday, March 4, 6:30pm
Location: Zoar Baptist



Associational RA/GA Race Car Derby

Wednesday March 13th @ 6:30 at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

Please note that this year the Derby will be held on Wednesday evening. We will serve supper, have a missions presentation, and then race. We will need all RA and GA groups to RSVP by March 6th so we can prepare for supper. You can register by calling our office or through our website at www.gccba.org. When you register please have information about how many racers you will have in each category. All groups must have a Mission Project Display in order to race.

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The **Associational Bible Drill** will be on Sunday, March 17 at Location TBD at 3:00 pm!



Save the Date: **Senior Adult Rally**
April 11th, 2019 at Poplar Springs Baptist. All seniors are invited to join us for a time of food, fellowship, and fun. Please RSVP by April 4th by calling our office or visiting our website at www.gccba.org

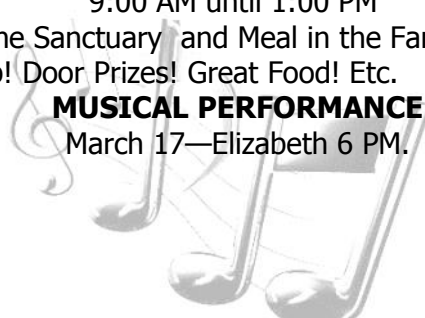
Sr. Adult Music Day 2019!

Thursday, March 14th at Flint Hill Baptist Church
9:00 AM until 1:00 PM

Rehearsals in the Sanctuary and Meal in the Family Life Bldg.
Fun! Fellowship! Door Prizes! Great Food! Etc.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

March 17—Elizabeth 6 PM.



Missions Opportunities

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Share the Warmth

The **Share the Warmth** Round Up program offers customers a way to help low-income individuals and families pay their monthly energy bills. Since 1985, the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association has been the exclusive distributor for **Share the Warmth** in Cleveland County. You can also have a very important part in Share the Warmth by mailing your contributions in to the Duke Energy Foundation and having them matched dollar-for-dollar by the foundation. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SHARE THE WARMTH FUND** and mail them to the following address:

Share the Warmth Fund
The Duke Energy Foundation
P O Box 35469
Charlotte, NC 28254-3429

UNSHAKABLE PURSUIT

Week of Prayer February 10 -17

*My dear friends, stand
firm and don't be shaken.
Always keep busy working
for the Lord. You know that
everything you do for him is
worthwhile.* (Colossians 3:23)



2019
Heck Jones
Offering
WEEK OF PRAYER
for WMU of North Carolina
Goal: \$450,000

Missions Opportunities



Christmas Toy Store:

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with our Christmas Toy Store. Watching the interaction with the families and the volunteers was a blessing to me as I heard and saw God's love being shared. I also want to thank Eastside Baptist Church for allowing us to move the Toy Store there at the last minute. The crazy weather and the schedule at the Mission Camp caused us to have to rearrange some plans so we appreciate everyone being flexible. I also appreciate the Mission Camp and their willingness to partner with us in many different ministries.

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!

Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program

We are currently working on the 2019 schedule for the Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program. If your church is interested in providing sandwiches, chips, and cookies for 75 people please contact Katie Harris to schedule a date.



Indiana Mission Trip

We will have an interest meeting for our Indiana Mission Trip on February 5th at 6:30. Please come to hear details about our annual trip. We would love to have children (with parent involvement), youth, and adults join us to serve alongside churches in Indiana. This trip will be July 6th-12th.



Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type:	Dec 2018
Food	18
Power	19
Clothes	6
Other	4
Counseling	36
Total Assisted Units:	83

2019 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 February

Elizabeth:

Rit Varriale, 14 years

KM First:

Chip Sloan, 31 years

Normans Grove:

Keith Huss, 10 years

Northside:

Neal Efird, 20 years

Pleasant City:

Bryan Glisson, 20years



Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.

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



Pray for the following churches in the interim.

Polkville ~ Temple



Block Party Trailer

Please remember to call and reserve you date to use our Block Party Trailer. The cost to use the trailer is \$100 and that includes all supplies.



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.

Buffalo:

Buffalo Baptist Church in Shelby, North Carolina is seeking a **full time pastor** called by God to serve our church and community. We are a Southern Baptist congregation believing that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God and are seeking a dedicated, energetic and caring pastor sharing our belief. The pastor will need to lead 3 services each week, (Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night). Our pastor should be a man of the highest Godly character with God guided leadership and vision. He should have a minimum of 5 years ministry experience with a seminary degree. Please submit resumes including details of spiritual journey and calling by God to be a pastor, to: Pastor Search Committee, Buffalo Baptist Church, 108 Buffalo Church Road, Shelby, N.C. 28150 or via email to Bflopastorsearch@gmail.com.

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

Church Needs.....

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

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 resume to wlsc@zoarchurch.com or mail to Worship Leader Search Committee, ZBC, 1740 South Lafayette St. Shelby, NC 28152.

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

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- 1**— Hungry program at First Baptist Shelby, with Calvary Volunteers 12:30 pm
- 4**— Pastor's Cohort 2 10 am, Minister's Conference 11:30 am
- 5**— Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:00, Indiana Mission Trip Interest Meeting, GCCBA 6:30 pm
- 7**— Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am, KM Youth Minister's Fellowship, Love's Fish Box 1:00 pm
- 8**— Hungry program at First Baptist Shelby with Beaver Dam Volunteers 12:30
- 10**— Parliamentary Procedure Workshop, GCCBA 3:00 pm
- 12**— Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:00
- 14**—Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am
Shelby Youth Ministers Fellowship at Jammin J's, 12:00pm
- 15**—Hungry program at First Baptist Shelby, 12:30 pm
- 19**— Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:00
- 20** — Pastors Prayer Time, GCCBA, 10 am
- 21** - Polkville and Waco Minister's Fellowship at Hwy 18 North Cafe
- 22**—Hungry program, at First Baptist Shelby, 12:30 pm
- 25**— Pastor's Roundtable, GCCBA 9:00 am
- 26**— Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:00