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'The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.'
Acts 11:29-30

Last month we finished up a three part series on partnerships. I wanted to share with you a great story of this in action. I was praying about asking someone to build a ramp for one of our retired pastors who is coming home soon from a rehab facility and is having some trouble walking. God led me to call Russ Bradley at New Hope Baptist to see if their men may have the time to do it soon. He then explained that they were kind of in a pickle because they had committed to build a ramp for a family in their community, but several on their team had experienced several life issues and sickness and were short a few men to complete the project in time. I then asked him if he'd like for me to contact another church and see about partnering together. He said that would be great! So I called Mike Shumate at Union Baptist and explained what Russ had told me. They got together and completed the project together!! A perfect example of partnering together.

The size of the congregation does not matter. (I am working on an article about the size of a church for next month.) What matters is ministering to the needs of those in our communities for the purpose of showing and sharing the gospel of Jesus.

Here's another great story. Pastor Ted and Immanuel Baptist have been ministering to a young lady in their community who is a recovering addict. She just recently had a baby. The church has been trying to help her with resources, but mainly they had been providing transportation for her to get to work. The pastor and a couple of other church members were taking her to work and picking her up. She was working 2nd and 3rd shift. So there were late night and early morning trips to her job in Blacksburg, SC. One morning at our Grover/Kings Mountain Pastor's Fellowship, Ted mentioned the need for a car for this young lady. We prayed about it. A couple of days later, a young couple contacted the GCCBA office asking if we knew anyone in need of a car! We connected the couple with Pastor Ted, and the church took care of the paperwork to get this young lady a car!! What a great story of partnering together for ministry!

I'd love to share more stories of partnerships in ministry! Who are you partnering with? Are you looking for partners in ministry? How are you helping your community together? Do they see the body of Christ in action? Remember, two are better than one.

'Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: ' Ecclesiastes 4:9

Thoughts from our Staff.....

THE PRAYER AND THE WAY TO OFFER IT TO GOD

"PSALM 42:4 "I remember these things, and I pour out my soul within me; how I went with the crowd, and I led her to the house of God. Among voices of joy and praise of the people in celebration. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and are you disturbed within me? Wait on God, because I have yet to praise Him, my salvation and my God."

The power of the servant of God and of the congregation comes from prayer. We have insisted that a church, however small it may be, is impacted by prayer. Our lives are also affected by prayer. The Psalmist offers his prayer from the bottom of his soul. It's like talking to yourself and being comforted; it brings a feeling of security. The Psalmist possibly had a series of problems, including depression, but he knew the secret during his crisis. He waited patiently in prayer in the power of God. He had the confidence that God would respond. Today, we all receive this power, but many keep it under lock and key, and some only briefly unlock it. The servant and the church are those who always have time for prayer. The Psalmist teaches "patience" because He knew God would respond. When reading in detail, it is as if the Psalmist told the readers that there is no reason to be sad, worried, in crisis, anxious, desperate or depressed. Like the Psalmist had difficulty, I think you and I have to learn from hardship and externalize all the evil that exists in us and offer to be cleansed through our prayers. So, to pray is really to place all my trust in God (Psalm 56:9; 86:7; John 5:14). We need to pray with a fervent heart (1 Thessalonians 3:10; James 5:17). We need to Pray with a prepared heart (Job 11:13). We pray with a true heart that we would receive a response to everything (Hebrews 10:22). We need to pray with desire (Psalm 27:7; 102:2; 108:6). The Word of God teaches me that I should be in prayer for 24 hours every single day. Take a test, look at yourself, see how much time you spend having intimacy with Christ. Be honest. Then ask for forgiveness. We need your family, your church, your county, your state, your nation, and your world, brothers and sisters. God's order should begin to be fulfilled, PRAY WITHOUT CEASING, and pray with all your heart with the hope of being heard, to be forgiven, to be understood, to do it with faith, to do it with humility, with sincere lips, with persistence, with full assurance of faith, with personal reflection, with holiness, with submission to God, with all our heart, and with truth. Thank you,

Blessings, Pastor José A. Espinal, Hispanic Language Missionary. (704) 813-2003

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.



Recently, I read a book titled *Girl Wash Your Face* by Rachel Hollis. The point of this book is to teach you that while God is ultimately in control of everything, the choices you make daily affect how happy and fulfilled you are. God wants you to be passionate, happy, and fulfilled about your life, but you can only live like this if you are serving Christ and sharing his love with those around you. One of my favorite quotes from the book is: "The things you are passionate about are not random. They are your calling." We are all passionate about something; whether it be a cause in our community, in our schools, in our church, etc. I want to challenge you today to use your passion for that cause as a way to serve God and serve others. In this newsletter are many opportunities to use your gifts and passions to reach the lost for Christ. I invite you to be involved in what is going on in Cleveland County and the areas around your church.

Serving together,
Katie

Education and Network Opportunities

Pastors:

Ministers Conference:

Monday, March 4, 2019,
11:30am Lunch/Fellowship/Prayer
12:00pm—Led by Ron Larson, iFresh
Ministries

Pastor's Retreat to Caswell, March 11-14. \$125. Must sign up by March 1, 2019

Senior Adult:

Save the Date: **Senior Adult Rally**, April 11th, 2019 at Poplar Springs Baptist. Please join us for this time of food, fellowship, and fun. Paul Langston of the NC Baptist Men will share with us how we are "Better Together". Please RSVP by April 4th.

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

"Well Seasoned 4" by Marty Parks
Rehearsals in the Sanctuary and Meal in the Family Life Bldg. Fun! Fellowship! Door Prizes! Great Food! Etc. \$8.00 per Choir Member, Register with GCCBA by March 7th!

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

March 17—Elizabeth 6 PM.

Sr. Adult Music Day 2019!

Deacon:

Spring Deacon Training

Monday, March 4, **6:00pm**
Location: Zoar Baptist
Led by Ron Larson, iFresh
Ministries. Great night of
fellowship and training!

Bible Drill:

The **Associational Bible Drill** will be on Sunday, March 17 at Eastside Baptist Church at 3:00 pm!



RA's/GA's:



Associational RA/GA Race Car Derby

Wednesday, March 13th at
Mt Sinai Baptist

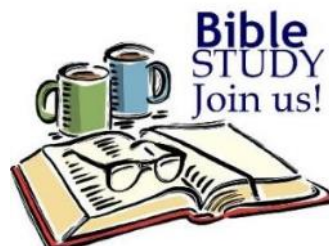
Please note that this year our derby race will take place on a Wednesday night. Supper and registration will begin at 6:30 with a missions presentation and race to follow. Please call the office by March 11th to RSVP for supper. RA/GA groups who are not racing cars are also welcome to join us for supper and to cheer on the racers! To register online please go to <https://tinyurl.com/y9ajqekv>

Tuesday Bible Study:

Tuesday Morning Bible Study:

Tuesdays, March 19-23
10:00am-11:30am

"When God's Spirit Moves:
Life Changing Power of the
Holy Spirit" led by Dr. Tim
Elmore .



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 Baptist Children's Homes
April 2019 | bchfoodroundup.org

Have all food
dropped off
at the GCCBA
Office by May
6th!

Check out
their website
to get a list of
the needs
they have.

Missions Opportunities



Operation InAsMuch
 2019, April 27 or May 4. Let Wesley know if you plan to participate. T-Shirt Orders due March 1, 2019.



Sunday,
 March
 10th!

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 once again travel to Clarksville, Indiana to serve alongside the churches of the Southeastern Indiana Baptist Association. The trip is July 6th-12th. We will help churches with VBS, yard work, block parties, canvassing neighborhoods, and prayer walking. If you are interested in joining us on mission, please contact Katie as soon as possible.



Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type:	Jan 2019
Food	15
Medicine	1
Power	27
Clothes	5
Dental	1
Counseling	31
Total Assisted Units:	80

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 March

Camps Creek:

Buddy Morehead, 7 years

Dover:

Ervin Price, 12 years

Goodes Grove:

Robert Hensley, 8 years

New Hope:

Russ Bradley, 13 years

Pathway:

James Hamrick, 41 years

Westover:

Kevin Whittington, 6 years



Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.

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



Pray for the following churches in the interim.

Polkville ~ Temple



Block Party Trailer

Our trailer is a wonderful ministry tool that is available to our churches for \$100. It includes

popcorn, snow cone, and cotton candy machines along with tents, tables, and games. Everything to use the machines are included in this price. If you would like to reserve this for VBS or other mission work please contact Katie. The schedule for the summer fills up quickly so call soon to reserve your date.

GCCBA Website

Please visit gccba.org to stay up to date with GCCBA events and important announcements.

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.

David

David Baptist is seeking to hire a secretary who can work 20-25 hours a week. Pay is \$10 an hour. Responsibilities include: keeping financial records, contributions, write checks and do payroll and quarterly reports and taxes; creating a weekly bulletin, monthly newsletter, etc. Must have experience with Quickbooks, Microsoft Word/Publisher, and basic computer skills. Please send send their resumes to davidbaptist2016@gmail.com.

Eastside, Shelby:

Eastside Baptist Church of Shelby NC is seeking a Music Minister. We are seeking the candidate that God calls to our church either full or part-time. Full-time position would include Associate Pastor duties. College degree in music and/or discipleship is required. Send resumes to officeebc@carolina.rr.com

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

Church Needs.....

needed. Please send Resumes and DVDs to: Lattimore Baptist Church, 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

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

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- 1**– Hungry program at First Baptist Shelby, 12:30 pm
- 4**– Pastor’s Cohort 2 10 am, Minister’s Conference 11:30 am, Spring Deacon Training, 6:00 pm at Zoar Baptist
- 5**– Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:00,
- 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 Pleasant Hill Volunteers 12:30
- 13**– Association RA/GA Car Race, 6:30 at Mt Sinai Baptist
- 14** –Lattimore Minister’s Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am Senior Adult Music Day, 9:00 am at Flint Hill Baptist Shelby Youth Ministers Fellowship at Jammin J’s, 12:00pm
- 15**—Hungry program at First Baptist Shelby, 12:30 pm
- 17**—Association Bible Drill, 3:00 pm at Senior Adult Music Presentation . 6:00 pm at Elizabeth
- 19**– Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:00 am
- 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
- 26**– Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:00
- 29**—Hungry program, at First Baptist Shelby, with Crystal McDaniel Studio, 12:30 pm

