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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
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- Lattimore
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- Lily Memorial
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- Macedonia
- Midview
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- 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
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*Uniting congregations in effective missions and ministries*

# THE BEACON

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*Please join us at our Spring Bi-annual Meeting, as we gather to worship together.*

**Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association Bi-Annual Session  
Monday, April 29, 2019 Sandy Plains Baptist Church  
6:00-6:45 pm Fellowship Meal**

"Partners For The Gospel"

*"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building."  
1 Corinthians 3:9*

- 6:50 Special Music.....Sandy Plains
- 7:00 Call To Order .....Rev. Dale Byrd, Moderator
- Welcome .....Rev. Chase Robinson, Meeting Host
- Scripture and Prayer .....Rev. Artie Hubbard, Crestview Baptist
- Recognition of New Pastors/Staff ..Rev. Wesley Smith, Associational Missionary
- Clerk/Treasurer Report..... Mrs. Pat Whitley, Clerk/Treasurer
- Missions and Ministry Report ..... Mrs. Katie Harris, Mission and Ministry Leader
- Strategic Planning Team Report..... Rev. Wesley Smith
- Special Music .....Sandy Plains
- Introduction of Guest Speaker .....Rev. Wesley Smith, Associational Missionary
- Speaker ..... Rev. Charles Webber, Moderator Ebenezer Baptist Association
- Closing Remarks.....Rev. Wesley Smith, Associational Missionary
- Closing Prayer .....Dr. Tim Hendrick, Vice Moderator

**The address for this meeting is 2112 New House Road, Shelby 28150**

Bi-Annual Meeting Messengers

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 less than three (3) nor more than ten (10) messengers ALONG WITH ALL ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS, these 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 3

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.  
By-Law II Meetings, Section 4

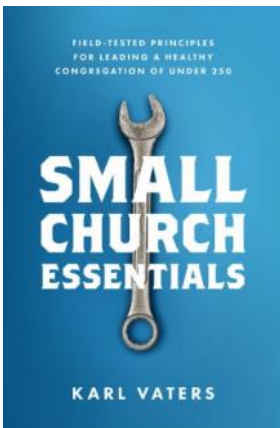
# Thoughts from our Staff.....

## Let's Change Small Church to Normative Size Church

"We're just a small church." I hear it all the time. I believe this is a tactic of the enemy to get a church to believe they are not able to accomplish anything but small stuff. Last month, Ron Larson at our Spring Deacon Training, challenged us to increase our faith. He said, "God wants us to do more than we can see. Faith is believing what you can't see." It's time we changed the term, "small church," to "normal church," or "normative size church."

In his book, *Reclaiming Glory*, Mark Clifton says, "A church of fewer than two hundred in gathered worship is not small. It's normative. It's only "small" when compared to the very small number of very large churches." "If all the pastors who preached to two hundred or less each Sunday packed into the Royals Stadium in Kansas City, it would nearly fill the stadium. More than thirty-three thousand pastors stand before congregations of less than two hundred each week. You could put all the SBC pastors who preach to more than one thousand people each week in one jumbo jet." Clifton says, "The vast, vast, majority of churches throughout church history have been fewer than two hundred people. It's time our expectations matched reality."

Just recently, a former coach of mine died. As I was reflecting on his life and the things he taught me as a young athlete, one of the things that rose to the top was he always said there were NO excuses for laziness. If you shoot poorly or have a lot of turnovers, that's not an excuse for not hustling down the court, playing good defense or boxing out for rebounds. He also coached tennis. He was often heard in a loud voice yelling, "Move your feet!" "Bend your knees!" "Get your racket back!" "Run!"



I don't believe being "small" is an excuse for the church.

Karl Vaters, in his book, *Small Church Essentials*, says, "Just because we're small doesn't give us an excuse to do ministry with anything less than Christ-honoring, people-serving, world transforming passion. In short, small churches are not a problem to be fixed, a virtue to be praised, or an excuse to do shoddy work. We're normal, and normal doesn't need fixing."

Normal churches are those who are focused on the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. Loving God, loving others, making disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey God's commands. Vaters does a great job of encouraging churches to be healthy, dynamic, and equipped to minister to their communities, regardless of size. I encourage you to pick up a copy of Karl's book. It's a great resource. I'll leave you with this final

quote from his book.

"Great churches don't happen by mistake. No matter what size they are. They take prayer, planning, hard work, cooperation, and the calling of God. But no church can be a great church if they don't know they can be a great church."

Wesley

## GUESTS OF NICARAGUA

*1 Thessalonians 3:2-3 "And we sent Timothy, our brother, servant of God and our fellow worker in the Gospel of Christ, to establish and to comfort you concerning your faith, so that no one should be moved by these afflictions; for yourselves you know that we are appointed thereunto. "*

Paul stayed in Athens in the company of Silas while Timothy's beloved servant Paul was sent to Thessalonica where the situation of the church was not very good. The church was being defamed and also persecuted. We as a missionary group are going to be in the next week encouraging the Churches of Granada and Managua, to tell them that in the midst of tribulation should be the ultimate test. In the future, we will suffer because of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul had the experience of being beaten, imprisoned, and released as undesirable in certain cities, but none of those sufferings prevented him from spreading the power of the Good News. Timothy encouraged the church, and their faith grew. Their example today inspires us, as missionaries. We are under very different conditions, and have not yet come to extremes, but as God's people we have prayed. We have to be in spiritual fasts for our Herma visitors as we pursue the vision that was given to us over 18 years ago. Our work has not been in vain,

# Thoughts from our Staff.....

creating facilities for the church in Nicaragua has allowed the spiritual and numerical growth. We give thanks to God and the churches of our association who contribute spiritually praying for this ministry and also financially to see various projects completed like construction of the church in Pajonales, as the future Clinic, extension of the ministry of food, and also the possibility of new work on the slopes of Volcan Mombacho. We thank Jesus Christ for the life of Joerlene, for the life of Lester and family. But also in Managua, we thank God for help in the work of Iglesia Bautista Principe de Paz where our brother Pastor Pedro Antonio Calero and Pastor Jose and Maria united efforts in the construction of that local project. We are almost at the end, and we hope to continue the work that started with 16 people, but today goes beyond 80 people. Our spiritual support, has helped with the financial debt being paid off. We would therefore ask the GCCBA always to help us with your prayers, and the ministry will continue until Christ returns.

Greetings from the Pastoral desk,  
Jose Espinal. Hispanic Language Misionary.

## Education and Network Opportunities

### Pastors:

**Ministers Conference:**  
Monday, April 1, 2019,  
11:30am Lunch/Fellowship/Prayer  
12:00pm— Ministry Dialogue

### Deacons:

Thank you Zoar Baptist for hosting our Spring Deacon Training. We had 154 registered in attendance from 32 different churches.

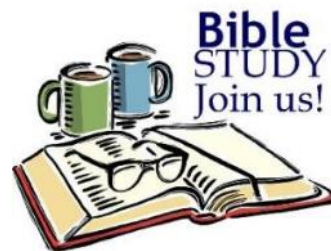
### Senior Adult:

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



### Tuesday Bible Study:

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:**  
Tuesdays, March 19-April 23  
10:00am-11:30am  
"When God's Spirit Moves: Life Changing Power of the Holy Spirit" led by Dr. Tim Elmore .



### Bible Drill:



We were so excited to have 45 Bible drillers from 7 different churches at our Association Drill. Thanks so much Eastside, Shelby for hosting this event and thank you for all the leaders who invest their time with these children and young people

### RA's/GA's:



We appreciate Mt. Sinai hosting our Associational RA Derby Race. We had 37 racers from 4 churches participate. The winners will move on to the State Race at the end of March. Thank you David Bell for coming to share about your ministry in Great Britain.

# Missions Opportunities



## Have all food and gift cards dropped off at the GCCBA Office by May 6th!

### MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- \_\_\_ Canned Fruits
- \_\_\_ Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, napkins)
- \_\_\_ Household cleaning products (i.e. bleach, Comet, Lysol spray and wipes, Clorox spray and wipes, Windex, Pinesol, Pledge, Tilex, etc.)
- \_\_\_ Fruit Juice (Apple, Orange, Grape, Cranberry)
- \_\_\_ Laundry Detergent
- \_\_\_ Bottled Water
- \_\_\_ Dry Cereal
- \_\_\_ Spaghetti Sauce
- \_\_\_ Pasta (Spaghetti, Lasagna, Macaroni)
- \_\_\_ Canned Tomatoes (diced, sauce, paste)
- \_\_\_ Pancake Mix and Syrup
- \_\_\_ Soups (All types & condensed)
- \_\_\_ Sugar (Granulated & Brown)
- \_\_\_ Flour
- \_\_\_ Stevia and Splenda
- \_\_\_ Popcorn, Kettle Corn
- \_\_\_ Apple Sauce
- \_\_\_ Fruit Pie Filling (Cherry, Peach)
- \_\_\_ Beverage Mixes (Tea, Tang, Kool-Aid, Lemonade, Cider Mix - All Sugar Free)
- \_\_\_ Vegetable Oil, Shortening, Olive Oil, Pam Cooking Spray, Bakers Choice
- \_\_\_ Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Yams

- \_\_\_ Canned Meats (pink salmon, tuna, roast beef, chicken - packed in water)
- \_\_\_ Stuffing Mix
- \_\_\_ Gravy Mixes
- \_\_\_ Hamburger, Chicken, Tuna Helper (all types)
- \_\_\_ Pickles (Sweet & Dill)
- \_\_\_ Refried Beans
- \_\_\_ Hot Chocolate Mix
- \_\_\_ Snack Foods with & without sugar (Fruit Rollups, Fruit Cups, Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Pepperoni Sticks, Cheese Nips, Pretzels, etc.)
- \_\_\_ Health Snacks (Dried Fruit, Nuts, Raisins, Cranraisins, Trail Mix)
- \_\_\_ Individual Cookie Packs
- \_\_\_ Jello
- \_\_\_ PopTarts
- \_\_\_ Rice
- \_\_\_ Instant Potatoes (scalloped, au gratin, mashed, julienne)
- \_\_\_ Muffin Mixes
- \_\_\_ Bisquick Mix
- \_\_\_ Kidney Beans
- \_\_\_ Baked Beans
- \_\_\_ Pickle Relish
- \_\_\_ Cranberry Sauce
- \_\_\_ Mac & Cheese
- \_\_\_ Corn Meal
- \_\_\_ Jiffy Mixes, Corn Muffin Mix
- \_\_\_ Potatoes
- \_\_\_ Hush Puppy Mix

- \_\_\_ Peanut Butter
- \_\_\_ Jelly, Jams, Preserves (Strawberry is their favorite)
- \_\_\_ Pizza & Pizza Dough Mix
- \_\_\_ Saltine Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Graham Crackers, Nabs
- \_\_\_ Sauces (A-1, Steak, BBQ, Texas Pete, Cheese, Worcestershire, Soy, Teriyaki Sauce, Sweet and Sour)
- \_\_\_ Spices and Seasonings (including Salt & Pepper)
- \_\_\_ Dishwashing detergents
- \_\_\_ Laundry pre-treating products (i.e. Shout, Spray and Wash)
- \_\_\_ Brooms, Mops, Scrub Brushes, Dust Pans
- \_\_\_ Foil and Plastic Wrap
- \_\_\_ SOS Pads
- \_\_\_ Fabric Softener (Dryer Sheets)
- \_\_\_ Sanitary Pads & Tampons
- \_\_\_ Hand Lotion
- \_\_\_ Shampoo
- \_\_\_ Body Wash
- \_\_\_ Soap
- \_\_\_ Hand Sanitizer
- \_\_\_ Mustard
- \_\_\_ Oatmeal
- \_\_\_ Parmesan Cheese
- \_\_\_ Puddings, Pudding Cups
- \_\_\_ Salsa
- \_\_\_ Vinegar
- \_\_\_ Paper Products (Cups, Plates, Bowls, Plastic Ware, Dixie Cups)
- \_\_\_ Copy/Printer Paper
- \_\_\_ Trash Bags (large & small)
- \_\_\_ Zip-Loc bags (Sandwich, Snack, Quart & Gallon Sizes)
- \_\_\_ Band Aids
- \_\_\_ Rubbing Alcohol/Peroxide
- \_\_\_ Anti-bacterial ointment
- \_\_\_ Razors
- \_\_\_ Shaving Cream/Shaving Gel
- \_\_\_ Dental Floss
- \_\_\_ Hair brushes
- \_\_\_ Deodorant
- \_\_\_ Conditioner
- \_\_\_ Tooth Paste
- \_\_\_ Tooth Brushes
- \_\_\_ Diapers (all sizes)
- \_\_\_ Baby Wipes
- \_\_\_ Bug Repellent
- \_\_\_ Wasp/Hornet Spray
- \_\_\_ Sunblock 30+
- \_\_\_ Batteries (AA, AAA and D)
- \_\_\_ Disposable Gloves (Non-Latex ONLY)
- \_\_\_ Heavy Soap (Fast Orange)

### OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:

- \_\_\_ Brownie, Cookie, Cake Mixes And Icing
- \_\_\_ Canned Vegetables
- \_\_\_ Individual Chef Boyardee cups
- \_\_\_ Clif nutritional bars
- \_\_\_ Hot Dog Chili
- \_\_\_ Coffee (Regular & Decaf)
- \_\_\_ Coffee Creamer
- \_\_\_ Sweetened Condensed Milk
- \_\_\_ Evaporated Milk
- \_\_\_ Dehydrated Food (powdered milk & eggs, dehydrated meals)
- \_\_\_ Flavorings (Vanilla, etc.)
- \_\_\_ French Fried Onions
- \_\_\_ Honey
- \_\_\_ Ketchup

Gift Cards are appreciated for buying perishables and items not received. (i.e. Wal-Mart, Sams Clubs, Food Lion, Lowes, Ingles, Piggly Wiggly)

We can use all size cans. Some locations prefer #10 cans (family size).

Please check for expired food dates.

Please help our volunteer truck drivers by packing your church's donations in small, sturdy boxes.

Contact Alan Williams at 336-474-1277.

# Missions Opportunities



**Operation InAsMuch**  
April 27 or May 4.

## Fair Ministry

As we all know the Cleveland County Fair is a big event in our county. It is a wonderful ministry opportunity for our churches and for that reason we are looking to expand our Fair Ministry. In the past we have had a breakfast for the workers, while we will continue this we are also planning other ministry opportunities. We will have an interest meeting on May 13th at 6:00 pm at the Associational office. If you would like more information, please attend the meeting or contact Katie or Wesley.

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## Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program

We are thankful for the churches who participate in this ministry to help feed the hungry in Cleveland County. We have several dates available for churches to bring food. If you or a group at your are interested in helping, please contact Katie.



Who's Your One? [www.whosyourone.com](http://www.whosyourone.com)



## Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type:	<b>Feb 2019</b>
Food	53
Medicine	3
Power	47
Clothes	19
Dental	3
Hotel	1
Other	7
Counseling	40
Total Assisted Units:	173

## 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 April*

Community:

Scott Caldwell, 4 years

Flint Hill:

Shane Kirby, 9 years

Poplar Springs:

Andy Oliver, 8 years

Zion Hill:

Roger Fuller, 27 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



## *Church Needs.....*

### *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 Bflopastorseach@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 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 needed. Please send Resumes and DVDs to: Lattimore Baptist Church, Baptist Church, Pastor Search Committee, PO Box 188, Lattimore, NC 28089.

### *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.



## *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.

# Church Needs.....

## ***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 Grove:***

Oak Grove Baptist Church believes that God is calling one man to be the **pastor** for us, and we are focused on finding His will to locate this person. We have seen God at work within our church and believe that God's choice will bring Him honor and glory here at OGBC. While we are not putting restrictions on God's choice for us, we believe that His choice will have some theological training, believe the Bible to be the infallible and inerrant Word of God, and will provide messages and teachings reflecting this. We believe that God's choice will also be a kind and loving person who can share that love while providing biblical based preaching and teaching. He will work with a Minister of Music (part-time), a Minister of Youth/Children (part-time), and lay people on a full time basis to strengthen our commitment to God, His teachings and to our community, nation and world. Oak Grove Baptist Church is aligned with the Baptist State Convention of NC, and the Southern Baptist Convention. Applicants should apply by email at [ogbcsearchcomm@gmail.com](mailto:ogbcsearchcomm@gmail.com) or mail to Krista Smith, Chairperson Pastor Search Committee, Oak Grove Baptist Church, 1022 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

## ***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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sandyplainsshelby@gmail.com)

## ***Shelby First:***

First Baptist Church, Shelby, NC, is seeking a **Lead Pastor** to guide our church into its next stage of worship and ministry. Qualifications include:

- A life of personal integrity and devotion to Jesus Christ;
- Previous experience as a pastor;
- Master of divinity degree or higher;
- Spirit-directed proclamation of the Word and vision for ministry;
- Evidence of strong leadership skills;
- Possession of energy and passion for the mission of the church;
- Effective communication skills to relate and collaborate with staff, church leaders and church members.

Those interested in applying should send a letter of interest and resume to [firstbaptistchurchshelby@gmail.com](mailto:firstbaptistchurchshelby@gmail.com).

FBC Shelby supports the mission agencies of the Cleveland County (NC) Baptist Association, the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Southern Baptist Convention.

## ***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

**If any of these positions have been filled please  
let me know at [nicole@gccba.org](mailto:nicole@gccba.org)**

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- 1-** Pastor's Cohort 2:10 am, Minister's Conference 11:30 am at GCCBA
- 2-** Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:00
- 4-** Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am, KM Youth Minister's Fellowship, Love's ish Box 1:00 pm
- 5-** Hungry program at First Baptist Shelby with First Baptist Shelby, 12:30
- 9-** Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:00, Leadership/Business Affairs Team Meeting
- 11** –Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am  
Senior Adult Rally, 9:00 am at Poplar Springs Baptist  
Shelby Youth Ministers Fellowship at Jammin J's, 12:00pm
- 12**—Hungry program at First Baptist Shelby, with First Baptist Shelby, 12:30
- 16-** Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:00 am
- 17** — Pastors Prayer Time, GCCBA, 10 am
- 18** - Polkville and Waco Minister's Fellowship at Hwy 18 North Cafe
- 19**—GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED  
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- 22-** GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 23-** Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:00
- 26**—Hungry program, at First Baptist  
Shelby, with Janet Walker 12:30 pm
- 27**—Operation InAsMuch 2019
- 29**— Spring Bi-Annual Meeting, Sandy Plains Baptist, 6:00 pm



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