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# THE BEACON

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*Please join us Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at our Spring Bi-annual Meeting, as we gather to worship together at Sandy Plains Baptist, 2112 New House Road, Shelby 28150 6:00-6:45 Meal ~ 6:50 Biannual Meeting*

*"They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32*

God has recently revealed to me that there is a distinct difference in making disciples and making church members. We are not called to make church members, we are called to make disciples.

Before his death, Jesus went around teaching, preaching, and healing. A crowd began to form. They followed him around to see what He was going to do next. Some did believe he was the Messiah. (Peter's Confession) Others thought he was just a prophet. We just celebrated Easter. The death, burial, and resurrection. We saw where the crowds celebrated His entry into the city. They waved palm branches and shouted "Hosanna!", only to have Him killed a few days later. The crowds dispersed. Even His closest disciple denied Him three times. The road to Emmaus is a great picture of walking and talking about Jesus. Jesus shows up and walks with Cleopas and the other disciple on the road. He then reveals himself to them in verse 27. They talk about their conversation with Jesus and how their hearts burned within them as He shared the Scripture with them. I believe it's important for us to note that this happened in a group of three. Cleopas, the other disciple, and Jesus. It leads me to ask: With whom am I talking about Jesus? With whom am I opening the Scriptures regularly? We have an individual and personal faith in Jesus, but we are made to share and live this life of faith out together! I leave you with these final questions.

What does a disciple of Jesus look like? Am I a disciple? Have I helped others become a disciple? All of these are GREAT questions. How would you answer them? For both yourself and your church?

*"The Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20*

Wesley

# Thoughts from our Staff.....

## STEP BY STEP WE APPROACH THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST TO THE EARTH *Matthew 24:29-51*

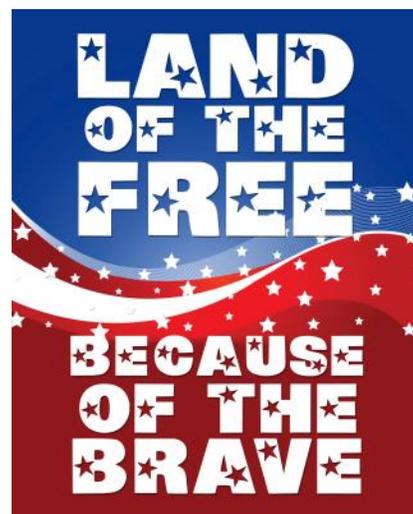
This month is of tremendous importance to most humans, and there is a whole week to remember the life, passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. There are dramas, cantatas, representations, poetry readings, movies, etc. to remember the final days of Jesus. Many take vacations to the beaches here in the United States but also throughout Mexico, Central America and South America, thousands of families go to their beaches in search of a time of rest and relaxation. Others are looking for excitement and adventure. We trust that the children of God will use well the discernment between good and evil, and we will know how to choose wisely the path that leads to the Kingdom of Heaven. Christ affirms us in His word that after the tribulation of those days that are very close, the sun will darken, the moon will no longer shine and the stars will fall from the sky, and all the powers of the heavens will be moved. The universe maintains an order and also has a computer. And centuries ago, a future vision warns what will happen. This is like a massive destruction of this galaxy. When this happens, it tells us that all the nations will see the Son of God at his second coming, they will see His Glory and His power. The children of God will be gathered from all the ends of the earth. All this announced by Christ is a symbolism of judgment and the eminent destruction of peoples and nations that are somehow guilty for not believing His announcement, His government, His laws and His kingdom. Brothers, like an army that watches over prayer and fasting, we the children of Christ are really attentive to the call of our King. A trumpet will sound that we can hear, it will be strong, shrieking, loud mainly for His servants. Those who remain will lament with great weeping, we will see the Son of Man descend. Today the signs are clearer, not just rain but torrential rain, not just winds but hurricanes, devastating earthquakes, burning droughts, uncontrollable fires, symptoms of peace without the presence of God. There will be arrangements of nations with men, less with the owners of nations, wiles of wars, decrees damaging the society, hypocrisy in all, an anarchy that is growing day by day and a growing rebellion. It is as if the whole world abhorred Christ and we began to lean towards the man of sin, towards the future antichrist. It is as if the beast no longer supports to live in the depths of the ocean, ready to leave, ready to break the bonds. Brothers and sisters, we are coming to the end. It is also near time for the people of God to establish ourselves in the new earth and the new heavens. The disobedient people will have to experience torture and death during the tribulation. The children of God prepared then to return with Christ and to repopulate the universe. Church of God, be alert to return as the generation of Christ, watchmen like true watchmakers, trusting that the Word of the teacher will be fulfilled. Christ will return with us. Keep up to date with your biblical readings, with your prayers, with your requests for forgiveness, with actions of grace for each moment of your lives. Be full of faith, constant, obedient and hardworking. Be real men in the bosom of His church. Christ will come for a healthy church without spots and without wrinkles. Make no mistake, walking in corruptions, walking in pursuit of sinful people, but we are invited to a holy life, because he is holy, holy, holy. We must live as if today is the day of his return. Blessings, people of God, thank you for all you are doing today for the Kingdom and also for the Association. Thank you for taking time to read these words.

Servant by the mercy of God,  
Jose A. Espinal (Pastor) Getsemani Church in Lawndale,  
GCCBA Hispanic Language Missionary.



Wishing you the  
very best this  
Mother's Day!

*Sunday May 12*



**Thank  
you!**

# Education and Network Opportunities

## Pastors:

**Ministers Conference:**  
Monday, May 6, 2019,  
11:30am Lunch/Fellowship/Prayer  
12:00pm— Discussion on Mental Health Resources.

The 2018 Annual Book of Reports are ready to be picked up! Come by the office and get one for your church

### **Monthly Pastor and Youth Pastor Fellowships.**

See back side calendar for times and locations.

**1st Thursday-** Grover/Kings Mtn. Pastors Fellowship  
KM Youth Fellowship

**2nd Thursday-** Lattimore Pastors Fellowship  
Shelby YM Fellowship

**3rd Thursday-** Polkville/Waco Fellowship

### **Pastor and Youth Pastor Prayer Time**

YM Prayer Time **3rd Tuesday** 12:00 PM

Pastor Prayer Time- **3rd Wednesday** 10:00 AM



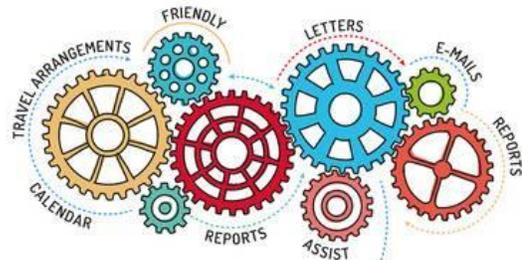
## Senior Adult:

We had a wonderful Senior Rally on April 11th, and we are so gracious for Poplar Springs for hosting this wonderful annual event. We had 17 different churches and 72 senior adults in attendance. Dr. Paul Langston and the 9 ministry community partners did a wonderful job sharing about opportunities. Thank you for sharing an offering of \$352.25 for NC Baptist on Mission.



**WMU Salad Supper  
Westwood Heights  
Baptist Church  
Thursday May 16th,  
2019 at 6:30**

Join us for supper, worship, and hearing from a missionary from Africa. Please bring your favorite salad to share with the group. All ladies are invited to attend. Your church does not have to have an active WMU group for you to join us.



**Administrative  
Assistant**

To honor all our Church Administrative / Ministry Assistants, you are invited to a Luncheon, May 14 at 11:30 am at GCCBA! RSVP to Nicole by May 10th!

# Missions Opportunities



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

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.

Join other Christians in praying at their City Hall, or at your local municipality on May 2, 2019, to pray for our nation, state, and county, rending our hearts before God! Should your City Hall not be opened feel free to pray outside of the building!



Great opportunity to volunteer in your local schools! Find out when they need proctors for EOG's and EOC's. Many elementary schools are testing May 29-31.



**Office Closed:**  
Friday, May 10 for Staff Planning Retreat,  
and  
Monday May 28 for Memorial Day

# Missions Opportunities

*Welcome*

Welcome Joyce!  
Joyce Davis has recently joined our staff serving as the Ministry Assistant in Community Ministries office. Joyce has been a wonderful addition to our team as she helps answer phones and take care of clients that come for assistance.



Operation Inasmuch-(is a one-day missions blitz in your community. Imagine your whole church active in missions to your community on April 27 or May 4, 2019. PRAYING!

May is Mental Health Awareness



Wake Forest Baptist Health  
**Mother's Day Offering**

WEEK OF PRAYER ~ May 5-12  
PLEASE PRAY... PLEASE GIVE

[www.mothersdayoffering.org](http://www.mothersdayoffering.org)



### Fair Ministry

We are looking into expanding our Fair Ministry to include more ways to serve the workers who travel with the fair. We are looking at ideas such as providing food boxes, providing lunch on set up day, and continuing with our Prayer Breakfast. We are having a meeting on May 13th at 6:00 pm to discuss these ideas and share how are churches can become involved. Please make plans to join us at that meeting.



### Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program

We still have a few summer dates open for this wonderful outreach mission. The summer is a great time for youth and children's groups to be involved. Groups that are interested in serving will be in charge of providing sandwiches, chips, and cookies for 75 people.



### Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type:	Mar 2019
Food	23
Medicine	6
Power	70
Clothes	15
Other	3
Counseling	36
<b>Total Assisted Units:</b>	<b>153</b>

### 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 May

Emmanuel:

Jerry Brooks, 15 years

Sandy Plains:

Chase Robinson, 3 years

Washington Missionary:

Melvin Clark, 10 years



## Pray for these couples on their special day in May:

Grover 1st - Scott and Leslie Kierstead - 23<sup>rd</sup>

Northside – Neal and Carolyn Efird - 23<sup>rd</sup>

Eastside, Shelby – Dale and Linda Byrd- 25<sup>th</sup>



## 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

The schedule for the trailer fills up fast for the Spring and Summer so please remember to call soon to reserve your date. The cost of the trailer is \$100 and includes all supplies needed to use the popcorn, snow cone, and cotton candy machine. One pastor recently shared with us how a Block Party 6 years ago has resulted in a pew full of people who have joined the church. Block Parties are not just about serving free food and games, it's about building relationships and sharing the gospel. We love to hear stories about how Block Parties have helped you reach out to the families in your community.

## Church Needs.....

### Bethlehem:

Bethlehem Baptist Church is seeking a **full-time Director of Children and Youth Ministries** to enhance its children and youth ministry programs by overseeing and providing Christ-centered activities that encourage spiritual growth and group involvement. The Director of Children and Youth Ministries will engage children, youth, and their families in order to help them grow and participate in the life and ministry of the church. Send resume's to [bbckmnc@aol.com](mailto:bbckmnc@aol.com) Full Job Description at [gccba.org](http://gccba.org)

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:davidbaptist2016@gmail.com).

### Elizabeth:

Elizabeth Baptist is currently seeking an **Administrative Ministry Assistant**. This is a full-time position with benefits. The successful candidate will perform standard administrative duties and must have experience creating, editing, and producing publications. Proficiency with Microsoft Publisher, Word, and Excel is required. Experience with church management software is a plus. Must be highly organized and able to manage multi-task assignments. If interested, please send cover letter and resume to [ministryassistant@elizabethchurch.org](mailto:ministryassistant@elizabethchurch.org). Resumes will be received through April 30th.

**Interim Minister of Music:** Elizabeth Baptist Church, 301 North Post Road Shelby, NC 28152. Responsibilities include working with pastor and staff in worship planning, providing information for weekly bulletin, leading music at both services on Sunday mornings (8:30 traditional, 11:00 Blended), choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, and work with the praise team and vocal ensemble. Responsibilities could include handbell and keenage choirs and giving oversight to children's choirs. Participation in weddings, funerals, and other church events may be requested if available. Please send letter of interest and resume to [interimmusic@elizabethchurch.org](mailto:interimmusic@elizabethchurch.org)

Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby, NC is receiving resumes for the position of **Minister of Music**. This position is responsible for giving leadership and oversight for a fully comprehensive music ministry. For more information about Elizabeth Baptist Church, please go to the church's website at <https://elizabethchurch.org>.

# Church Needs.....

This position will be a part of the ministerial team of the church. Persons interested should email a cover letter and current resume to [musicminister@elizabethchurch.org](mailto:musicminister@elizabethchurch.org). Resumes will be received through May 31st, 2019.

## ***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.

## ***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 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. 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. Full Job Description at [gcba.org](http://gcba.org)

## ***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 resumes 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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- 2**— Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am, National Day of Prayer 12-1 pm at local municipality  
KM Youth Minister's Fellowship, Love's ish Box 1:00 pm
- 3**— Hungry program at First Baptist Shelby with Calvary Volunteers, 12:30
- 4**— Operation InAsMuch
- 6**— Food for Baptist Children's Home Collection  
Pastor's Cohort 2 10 am, Minister's Conference 11:30 am at GCCBA
- 7**— GCCBA Volunteer Banquet
- 9**— Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am  
Shelby Youth Ministers Fellowship at Jammin J's, 12:00pm
- 10**—**GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED**  
Hungry program at First Baptist Shelby, with Beaver Dam, 12:30
- 12**— Happy Mother's Day
- 13**— Fair Ministry Interest Meeting at GCCBA, 6:00 pm
- 14**— Ministry Assistant Luncheon at GCCBA, 11:30 am  
Youth Minister's Prayer Time, GCCBA, 12 pm
- 15** — Pastors Prayer Time, GCCBA, 10 am
- 16** - Polkville and Waco Minister's Fellowship at Hwy 18 North Cafe  
WMU Salad Supper at Westwood Heights, 6:30
- 17**—Hungry program, at First Baptist Shelby, with Zoar volunteers 12:30
- 24**—Hungry program, at First Baptist Shelby, 12:30 pm
- 27**- **GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED**
- 31**—Hungry program, at First Baptist Shelby, with Eastside, KM 12:30 pm