



169th Fall Bi-Annual Meeting Agenda

“His Kingdom First”

Monday, October 28, 2019 - Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

6:00 Meal, and Fellowship, Agencies will be set up to network.

6:50 Special Music

7:00 Call to Order Rev. Dale Byrd

Welcome By Host Pastor Rev. Tim Trexler

Scripture/Prayer

Order of Business Report Rev. Dale Byrd

Recognition of Agencies..... Rev. Dale Byrd

Congregation Hymn- # 54 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

7:20 Welcome to New Pastors/Staff Rev. Wesley Smith

Leadership & Business Affairs Team Report..... Rev. Dale Byrd

Clerk-Treasurer’s Report Mrs. Pat Whitley

Budget Team Report Dr. Tim Hendrick

Enlistment Team Report Dr. Tim Hendrick

7:40 Congregational Hymn - #386/300 “The Family of God”/”Without Him”

Special Music

Message: Chuck Campbell- Strategy Coordinator, BSCNC

8:35 Benediction

Moderator: Rev. Dale Byrd, Pastor of Eastside Baptist Church

Vice-Moderator: Dr. Tim Hendrick, Pastor of Patterson Grove Baptist Church, Kings Mtn.

Clerk-Treasurer: Mrs. Pat Whitley, Member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church

Parliamentarian: Mr. Fred Flowers, Member of 1st Baptist Church, Shelby

Mount Sinai Baptist Church

Mount Sinai, known as an arm to Buffalo Baptist Church was organized May 20, 1848. Elder Louis H. McSwain and the deacons from several local churches made up the group of organizers - probably meeting in the Broad River School Building. Elder Louis H. McSwain was chosen as the first pastor. The other church officers were: Thomas McSwain, John McSwain and John Randall deacons. John Randall served as Church Clerk. There were 30 charter members.

On March 30th 1850 Francis Young deeded and conveyed to the deacons and their successors, the land for the first building and cemetery. The deed was witnessed by and signed by F. S. Ramsour and W. R. Roberts. This was 2.25 acres of land. Other property given by Nell & McHoyt Fraser, Mr. & Mrs. C. S. Bridges, Mrs. L. Y. Putnam and Mr. & Mrs. James Putnam. This makes a total of 14.5 acres.

The first building was of logs (a school house) located 100 feet due west of present location. In 1870 a frame structure of one room was built and in 1928 it was remodeled to a brick structure with Sunday School rooms and a seating of 100. This was used until 1954. Sunday School was organized in 1882.

A new structure was built and original structure was used as classrooms and a fellowship hall until May 1973, when it was destroyed by fire.

In conference April 8, 1951 the church elected as a building committee: W.H. Putnam, C. V. Harrill, W.E. Clary and Andrew Hunt. On November 22, 1953 the church voted to construct a new church building. Eighteen thousand dollars was borrowed to help finance the construction. C. D. Hunt was the contractor. On Easter Sunday of 1954 the first service was held in the new church.

In 1964 a parsonage was built and in 1973 a church annex was added. In 1989 another building program was started to create a ball field, a three story addition including class rooms, a kitchen and a choir room. A multipurpose family life center was added in a program lasting 5 years. Many women, men and young people worked in their spare time donating labor, abilities, and money. It was completed in 1995

Since the start there have been several additions and the church is growing. A new Sanctuary began in December 2012. First service held in New Sanctuary on Sunday January 12, 2014 and dedicated on Sunday, January 26, 2014. There were 381 in attendance.

Mount Sinai has been a member of Broad River Assn, Kings Mountain Assn., The Constitutional Kings Mountain Assn. and from 1866 until now the Kings Mountain Baptist Assn. now known as Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association. Mount Sinai is older than the Kings Mountain Baptist Association and was the 8th oldest Church in the Association.

From 1882 to 1990 Mount Sinai has sent eight men and one woman out in full time Christian Service. Members have helped organize three Churches: Mount Paran, Beaver Dam and Flint Hill.

A total of twenty-seven pastors have served at Mount Sinai including Tim Trexler, the present pastor during the history of the Church.

For 171 years this Church has extended the love of the Lord to many people- those who were hungry, grief stricken, lonely, unsaved, in prison and afraid. Only eternity will reveal the true worth of this instrument of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Written with help from Mount Sinai and writings of Lansford Jolley.....
Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Camp Anthony, Historian for GCCBA



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Tuesday, October 29, 2019 Crestview Baptist Church

6:00 Meal, and Fellowship, Agencies will be set up to network.

6:50 Special Music

7:00 Call to Order Rev. Dale Byrd

Welcome By Host Pastor Rev. Artie Hubbard

Scripture/Prayer

Recognition of Agencies..... Rev. Dale Byrd

Congregation Hymn

7:20 Memorial Tribute & Dedication of Minutes Rev. Wesley Smith

Business Affairs Team Report Dr. Tim Hendrick

Resolutions

Budget Approval

Welcome to New Pastors/Staff Rev. Wesley Smith

7:40 Congregational Hymn & Special Music

7:50 Associational Missions Testimonies

8:15 Word from Associational Missionary

8:35 Benediction

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Crestview Baptist Church

A group of between twenty-five and thirty people met on June 6th, 1993 to seek God's will in starting a new Church. The following week on Sunday, June 13, 1993 Crestview held it's first service at EO Studio. The service was held in a movie sound stage at Earl Owensby Studios on Old Boiling Spring Road. Mr. Owensby donated the use of his facilities previously used for film productions.

With help from many people, the vacant sound stage was redecorated, a pulpit was donated, along with chairs for worship. Also donated was children's furniture, books, toys and supplies for Church use. Dr. Eugene Poston spoke at the first service. A total of one hundred and fifty people attended this service.

Area ministers volunteered to preach during the summer with a variety of wonderful messages. Dr Paul Sorrells offered much support, giving his wisdom and guidance in starting this new work. The Church organized a Sunday School with only classes for men, women, youth and nursery. With all the growth, Tom Wright supervised a crew of volunteers in building new Sunday School rooms. Funeral Home fans were in use until air conditioning was obtained.

The members established a building fund with a goal to start building as soon as they reached \$150,000. With special projects, regular contributions from members and caring friends of the Church plus the donation of eleven acres of land on the corner of Highway 150 and Old Boiling Springs Road by Troy Day and Debra & Earl Owensby the church building was begun in August of 1996.

Rev. David Jones was called as the first pastor in October of 1993. He was the first of five pastors which included Rev. Rob Helton 1995-1997; Rev. Stan Webb 1998-2014; Rev. Ray Farrow 2015-2016; and Rev. Artie Hubbard as Interim 2017-2018 and as Pastor from 2018 until the present. He also served as Student Minister 2009-2016. Chad Martin is Student Minister at present. The late Rev. Mel Campos was Minister of Outreach 2008-2013. The Church has also had five interim pastors.

June 8, 1997, a Wednesday, the Church held the first service in the new building. Many of the members gave sacrificially and worked on the actual construction. Everyone encouraged each other during the building process.. In the late 2004 a new addition to the building added six class rooms and a larger fellowship and kitchen area. In 2014 renovation on the metal garage/ storage building converted them into one building with four classrooms, one large meeting room, the Student Ministry office, as well as restrooms and storage space. The building contains all Teen Sunday School Classes, Kids Church and Wednesday Night Teen Worship.

Their goal is that God will always be the center of our focus and that we will continue to be a light in our community.

With help from Rev. Artie Hubbard and writings of Lansford Jolley...
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Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association
Biannual Meeting - Book Of Reports

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Keeping in touch with GCCBA:

Website: www.gccba.org

We are continuously updating our website and hope to launch a new one very soon. There are many helpful resources on our website. Please check it out and help us get the word out to others. We have Bible study materials and links to Bible study and training videos that will be helpful to you. We also have our full calendar on the website that can be printed or added to your google calendar.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GCCBAShelby>

Please also like our page on Facebook to receive up to date information on what is going on with our churches and in the life of our associations.

Newsletter: Beacon

We send the Beacon out once a month! It has lots of information about missions, networking and education opportunities. This can be received by mail or email, just let us know if you would like to receive the Beacon.

Church Events:

Check out the church events page on our website www.gccba.org. We list church events on this page and on our facebook page since space is limited in the Beacon. If you will send your church events to nicole@gccba.org I will put them on our website calendar, website church events page and also on our Facebook page.

2020 Biannual Meetings:

Spring: April 27th – New Prospect

Fall: October 26th – Washington Missionary

October 27th – Pleasant Grove

2019 Fall Leadership and Business Affairs Teams Report

The Leadership and Business Affairs Teams met for their quarterly meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2019. Members Present: Andrew Corley, Mike Jimson, Randall Evans, Melvin Clark, John Houze, Joey Hamrick, Sandra Hart, Dale Byrd, Wesley Smith, Katie Harris, Pat Whitley, Carolyn Dillingham, Diane Rabon, Alan Norman, Brian Taule, Buddy Morehead, Jim Kilby, Rick Bowling, Dennis Pruitt, Tim Hendrick.

The teams began by sharing praise reports from their church or community. Many shared of great experiences from the School Prayer Walks. The teams heard a financial update from Treasurer Pat Whitley. They were also updated on the moisture issue discussed in the last meeting. We are still awaiting someone to quote a gutter and downspout to be installed before Nelon Cole does their water proofing work. It was reported that new air conditioner unit was installed in the upstairs conference room. The teams were notified of an upcoming visit to Swannanoa Christian Ministries in Black Mountain, NC. This is to help us with recommendations for our Community Assistance Ministry. The staff shared their appreciation for the team approving to modify the office hours during the summer. It was very helpful for them and their families. A motion was made by a team member to make those hours permanent. After some discussion, with only one opposition to the motion, the teams approved the new office hours. The office will now be open Monday through Thursday, 8:00am-5:00pm.

A report on Summer Missions, Community Assistance Ministry and an update from the School Prayer Walks was given by Katie. Wesley shared with the teams that Goodes Grove has voted to leave the GCCBA and affiliate with the Sandy Run Baptist Association. Teams were reminded of Fall Deacon Training, for suggestions for theme for Fall Bi-Annual Meeting, and then adjourned in prayer.

The Business Affairs Team met on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 to work on the 2020 Budget to be presented to the association. Present: Dr. Tim Hendrick, Rev. Dale Byrd, Sandra Hart, Joey Hamrick, Rev. Andrew Corley, Rev. Wesley Smith, Mike Jimison, Rev. Melvin Clark, and Rev. Jimmy Black.

It was recommended that the Minutes be dedicated in memory of Rev. Ronell Owensby, Dr. Rev. Paul Sorrells, and Mr. Bill McDaniel. The group affirmed.

The Resolution was submitted to the team for their approval. It will also be submitted to the next quarterly meeting of the Leadership and Business Affairs Teams meeting.

Wesley and Nicole shared with the team giving patterns by the churches and organizations before going through the proposed 2020 budget. They had gone line by line looking at expenditures. Some items were increased or eliminated, others decreased based on ministry needs. They were then asked to leave while the team discussed salaries. The team accepted the proposed budget and recommended a 3% increase in salaries.

The question was asked if given the situation with his family if Wesley had a timeline about his future as the GCCBA Associational Missionary? He indicated that he did not have immediate plans to leave. He will serve as usual until God leads him to do otherwise. He assured the team that when that changed, he would let the teams know. He also asked that if anyone hears or feels that the churches are not confident in him or the association because of him to let him know. The team adjourned in prayer.

The Leadership and Business Affairs Teams met on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 for their final quarterly meeting. Andrew Corley, Tim Hendrick, Mike Jimison, Dennis Pruitt, Jimmy Black, Sandra Hart, Joey Hamrick, Brian Taule, Diane Rabon, Carolyn Dillingham, Jim Kilby, Dale Byrd, Randall Evans, John Houze, Pat Whitley, Katie Harris, Rick Bowling

The teams shared praise reports from churches and communities. Then Pat Whitley, Treasurer gave the financial report. Katie shared about the upcoming Greatest Treat Festival, and Toy Store ministries. It was reported that the moisture problem in the downstairs womens bathroom and closet had been remedied by installing gutter, downspout, sealing outside steps, and applying waterproof epoxy on the closet and bathroom walls where the problem occurred.

The teams approved the Resolution, and the 2020 Budget presented by the Business Affairs Team. A recommendation concerning the community assistance ministry, was given by the Strategic Planning Team for the teams to consider at the January 2020 meeting. The teams were asked to pray about this and talk with benevolence leaders at their church and be ready to discuss at the meeting. It was recommended that we speak with the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry about their organization.

Andrew Corley, David Blanton, Jimmy Black, Carolyn Dillingham, Diane Rabon, Alan Norman, Jack Buchanan, and Carol Kelly were all recognized for their service as they rotate off the team they have served for three years.

Rev. Dale Byrd
Moderator

Dr. Rev. Tim Hendricks
Vice-Moderator

2020 BUDGET

MISSIONS

A. Hispanic/Language	1,000
B. Operation In As Much	1,000
B. Partnerships/Mission Trip expense	10,000
C. Staff Mission Trip Expense	10,500

The funds budgeted above are used to support the mission endeavors and partnerships of the GCCBA. Presently we are in partnership with Jinotega, Nicaragua and the Baptist Churches in Indiana as well as short term mission projects in other areas. We continue to develop ministry with Hispanics here in Cleveland County through the ministry of our Hispanic/ Language missionary.

The funds also help us plan Association-wide opportunities for people to participate in affordable and meaningful mission trips. Through these mission trips, persons from any of our churches, regardless of size, can work alongside sister church members in sharing the Gospel.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. Associational Missionary's Discretion Fund	500
B. Ministry Promotion	1,000

The funds budgeted above allow the association to meet special needs that arise and promote ministries and training opportunities in various mediums.

ORGANIZATIONAL & EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES

A. Associational Council	21,250
B. Media & Audio Visuals	1,000

The funds budgeted above are used by our Associational Council for the ministries and training opportunities that are planned during the year. The areas represented are WMU, Men's Ministries, Music, Sunday School, Discipleship, Youth, Sr. Adult, Ministers Conference/Learning Community and Deacon training events.

Media resources and studies are purchased and maintained through funds listed above. Many of the training opportunities are available on our website, www.gccba.org in English and Spanish. People across the globe are being blessed!

LOCAL MINISTRIES

A. Emergency & Relief	56,500
B. Jail & Prison	1,000
C. Back-to-school project	1,000
D. Toy Store	5,500
E. Counseling	15,000
F. Block Party Trailer	12,000
G. Greatest Treat Festival	5,000

The funds above give us the ability to touch basic needs of many in our county. These ministries provide hope for adults and children of all walks of life. The funds reflect only a portion of the needed resources to meet a growing need. Individuals, churches, organizations, corporations, and foundations contribute faithfully to touch lives daily.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT

A. Volunteer Appreciation	1,000
B. Lunch for Volunteers	250
C. Ministers' to Conferences/Orientation/Seminars	500
D. Books	500
E. Thrive Cohorts	500

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

F. Church Staff Picnic	1,500
G. CCLEO Lunch	500

The funds above provide leadership the opportunity to attend conferences and acquire resources that help them grow spiritually and professionally. This is important in the ever-changing times we live in. These funds also help us say "Thank You" to the many volunteers who serve Christ in a tremendous way throughout the year.

OPERATIONS - BAPTIST CENTER & BELWOOD

BUILDING EXPENSE

A. Utilities	6,000
B. Telephone	10,500
C. Belwood Utilities	3,000
D. Building Maintenance /improvements	12,000
E. Belwood Building Maintenance	500
F. Insurance	5,200

OFFICE EXPENSE

G. Beacon & Postage	4,000
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I. Office Equipment Contracts	12,000
J. Payroll Expense	410
K. Accounting	1,100
L. Staff Lunches	500
M. Lunch for Committee Meetings	700

The funds above provide everything from copy paper for the Beacon to insurance and maintenance for the Baptist Center on Wyke Road and the Mission & Ministry Point in Belwood. God has blessed us with beautiful and functional facilities for which we are grateful.

CONVENTION-CONFERENCE/TRAVEL EXPENSE

NC Baptist Convention	300
SBCAL	1,100
NOBA	500
AMS Conference	300
NC Missions Conference	400
Admin Assistant Conference	300
Staff Retreat	200

The funds above provide our Associational Staff the opportunity to attend conferences and retreats, for them to learn, network, and share with the Association.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY EXPENSES

Monthly Fellowships	800
Books	150
Pastor Lunches	1,000

The funds above allow the Associational Missionary the opportunity to fellowship with pastors and to offer support.

PERSONNEL

Associational Missionary Salary	57,453
Housing & utilities	15,000
Retirement	6,881
Insurance	11,592
Christmas gift	300
Mission Team Leader Salary	56,952
Retirement	6,000
Christmas gift	300
Administrative Assistant Salary	46,470
Retirement	4,811
Life	100
Christmas gift	300
Hispanic/Language Missionary Salary	31,426
Housing & utilities	8,604
Retirement	5,227
Christmas gift	300
Part-Time Worker	10,000
Summer Worker	3,000
SS and Medicare	7,500

MILEAGE

Clerk-treasurer	800
Speaker	500
Staff	5,800
TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2020	491,276

This budget is a faith budget. The ministries of the GCCBA are dependent upon the mission offerings of our churches and individuals who desire to partner together to reach this county and beyond with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We thank you for your encouragement, prayer, and financial gifts. We encourage your church to promote and give to the North Carolina Missions Offering each September. This offering is vital to the ministry of Baptist Men, and the GCCBA. Approximately 8% of the total given to the NCMO from Cleveland County comes directly to the GCCBA for ministry.

**Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association Inc.
Contributions from Churches**

January through September 2019

	<u>Jan - Mar 19</u>	<u>Apr - Jun 19</u>	<u>Jul - Sep 19</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Allen Memorial	300.00	600.00	900.00	1,800.00
Beaver Dam	3,187.50	3,187.50	3,187.50	9,562.50
Bethany	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bethany Hispanic	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bethel	300.00	450.00	450.00	1,200.00
Bethlehem	2,797.80	4,196.70	4,196.70	11,191.20
Boiling Springs	2,250.00	2,250.00	1,500.00	6,000.00
Buffalo	1,203.05	1,409.02	1,328.00	3,940.07
Calvary	150.00	150.00	150.00	450.00
Camps Creek	591.04	1,026.99	941.53	2,559.56
Carpenters Grove	0.00	800.00	400.00	1,200.00
Casar	0.00	0.00	624.00	624.00
Chrsit Covenant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Christian Freedom	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Christopher Road	300.00	300.00	200.00	800.00
Community	150.00	150.00	150.00	450.00
Crestview	519.49	835.07	780.22	2,134.78
David	180.00	180.00	180.00	540.00
Double Shoals	900.00	900.00	900.00	2,700.00
Double Springs	1,100.01	733.34	1,466.68	3,300.03
Dover	0.00	948.31	463.78	1,412.09
Eastside KM	250.00	375.00	375.00	1,000.00
Eastside Shelby	2,916.66	5,958.32	1,458.00	10,332.98
Elizabeth	4,364.71	8,927.84	7,546.58	20,839.13
Emmanuel	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
Faith	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fallston	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First Baptist Church Grover	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First Baptist Church Kings Mountain	9,521.89	10,007.91	11,968.00	31,497.80
First Baptist Church of Shelby	3,733.32	5,599.98	5,599.98	14,933.28
Flint Hill	3,097.66	3,337.35	2,719.52	9,154.53
Getsemani	250.00	399.65	304.65	954.30
Goodes Grove	600.00	600.00	400.00	1,600.00
Hope Community	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Immanuel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Joy Christian	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
KM Baptist	100.00	200.00	150.00	450.00
KM Second	249.00	249.00	166.00	664.00
Lattimore	500.00	750.00	750.00	2,000.00
Lawndale	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Lily Memorial	82.30	81.50	78.40	242.20
Living Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Midview	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mount Sinai	0.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	3,500.00

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Mulls Memorial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Bethel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Camp Creek	225.00	225.00	225.00	675.00
New Covenant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Hope	1,877.52	3,306.28	3,134.36	8,318.16
New Jerusalem	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Prospect	300.00	300.00	300.00	900.00
Normans Grove	468.19	510.01	580.83	1,559.03
Northside Shelby	500.01	500.01	500.01	1,500.03
Oak Grove	953.91	1,828.10	1,555.88	4,337.89
Oak View	0.00	627.76	0.00	627.76
Pathway	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Patterson Grove	3,874.26	3,874.26	3,874.26	11,622.78
Patterson Springs	0.00	75.00	75.00	150.00
Peach Street	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Peoples	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Plains View	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
Pleasant City	1,152.33	2,189.52	2,371.02	5,712.87
Pleasant Grove	1,000.02	666.68	1,333.36	3,000.06
Pleasant Hill	0.00	675.00	1,000.00	1,675.00
Pleasant Ridge	2,000.01	2,000.01	2,000.01	6,000.03
Polkville	599.61	927.95	922.01	2,449.57
Poplar Springs	1,543.39	2,674.12	2,538.84	6,756.35
Ross Grove	0.00	0.00	350.00	350.00
Sandy Plains	500.00	2,500.00	0.00	3,000.00
Sunrise	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Temple	201.00	229.00	239.00	669.00
Trinity	0.00	1,000.12	999.96	2,000.08
Union	0.00	1,372.66	0.00	1,372.66
Victory	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Waco	126.75	229.00	224.91	580.66
Wallace Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Washington Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Westover	965.00	0.00	1,005.88	1,970.88
Westview	701.50	1,113.00	1,079.10	2,893.60
Westwood Heights	833.40	1,250.06	1,250.06	3,333.52
Zion	0.00	2,750.00	2,750.00	5,500.00
Zion Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Zoar	812.29	356.46	0.00	1,168.75
TOTAL	<u><u>58,228.62</u></u>	<u><u>88,033.48</u></u>	<u><u>80,394.03</u></u>	<u><u>226,656.13</u></u>

Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association Inc.

Custom Summary Report

January through September 2019

Jan - Sep 19

INCOME

II. MISSIONS

OIAM	472.00
A. Hispanic Language Mission	2,439.59
B. Mission Trip	12,219.68
Association portion of NCMO	3,421.25
Mission partnership income	<u>353.25</u>

Total II. MISSIONS 18,905.77

IV. ORGANIZATION & EDUCA MINIS

A. Association Council

Leadership Training	712.36
Ministers Conference	31.34
Music income	904.00
WMU	<u>395.00</u>

Total A. Association Council 2,042.70

Evangelism 250.00

Total IV. ORGANIZATION & EDUCA MINIS 2,292.70

V. LOCAL MINISTRIES

CC FAIR Incme 400.00

A. Emergency & Relief

Food Assistance	2,735.50
Power Assistance	5,669.64
Share the Warmth	9,551.17

A. Emergency & Relief - Other 1,391.22

Total A. Emergency & Relief 19,347.53

D. Toy Store Income 2,000.00

E. Counseling Center Income 754.00

F. Block Party Trailer income 900.00

G. Greatest Treat Festival 500.00

Total V. LOCAL MINISTRIES 23,901.53

VI. LEADERSHIP DEVELOP & SUPPOR

B. Lunch with Volunteers 20.00

Total VI. LEADERSHIP DEVELOP & SUPPOR 20.00

VII. OPERATIONS

REIMBURSEMENT 331.99

B. Belwood Utilities 1,800.54

Interest Income 12.06

Total VII. OPERATIONS 2,144.59

Refunds and Rebates 1,030.38

X. PERSONNEL

Summer Worker 1,500.00

Total X. PERSONNEL 1,500.00

Contributions

Churches 226,656.13

Donations for General Fund 43.97

Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association Inc.

Custom Summary Report

January through September 2019

	<u>Jan - Sep 19</u>
Corporations	255.37
Foundations	11.03
Total Contributions	<u>226,966.50</u>
Total INCOME	<u>276,761.47</u>
Expense	
II. MISSIONS	
OIAM	1,082.50
A. Hispanic Language Missions	1,842.56
B. Mission Trip Expense	14,118.33
C. Staff Mission Trip Expense	2,545.94
Mission Partnerships	2,805.37
Total II. MISSIONS	<u>22,394.70</u>
III. MISCELLANEOUS	
B. Ministry Promotion	284.95
Total III. MISCELLANEOUS	<u>284.95</u>
IV. ORGANIZATION & EDUCA MINIS	
A. Association Council	
Bible Study Teacher	1,000.00
Awards	71.75
Biannual Meeting	100.00
Brotherhood	280.19
Cleveland County Fair Expenses	50.00
Deacon Training	2,246.28
Leadership Training	473.08
Ministers Annual Dinner	83.86
Ministers Conference Expense	904.11
Music Ministry	2,354.00
Secretary luncheon	524.00
Secretary/Training	80.88
Senior Rally	1,054.50
Woman's Missionary Union	525.11
Youth Committee	750.00
A. Association Council - Other	44.98
Total A. Association Council	<u>10,542.74</u>
B. Media & Audio Visuals	665.36
Evangelism	513.46
Total IV. ORGANIZATION & EDUCA MINIS	<u>11,721.56</u>
V. LOCAL MINSTRIES	
A. EMERGENCY & RELIEF	
Dental Services	1,199.58
E&R Other Expenses	1,133.12
Food Expense	780.34
Homeless Lunch	1,708.58
Medical Prescription Expense	2,296.81
Ministerial Relief & Emer. Asst	567.42

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Other Medical Expenses	150.00
Power Assistance	45,286.92
Rent Expense	641.92
Share the Warmth	768.00
Water	990.46
Total A. EMERGENCY & RELIEF	55,523.15
B. Jail & Prison	613.18
E. Counseling	3,955.00
F. Block Party Trailer	153.42
Donations	225.00
Potato project expense	16.00
Total V. LOCAL MINSTRIES	60,485.75
VI. LEADERSHIP DEVELOP & SUPPO	
A. Volunteer Appreciation	554.00
B. Lunch for Volunteers	85.28
C. Ministers to Conference/Semi	100.00
D. Books	478.46
Total VI. LEADERSHIP DEVELOP & SUPPO	1,217.74
1. OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS	
F. Church Staff Pinic	877.25
G. CCLEO Lunch	99.69
H. Bible Study Fellowship Meal	237.83
Total 1. OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS	1,214.77
VII. OPERATION, BAPTIST CENTER	
REIMBURSED EXPENSE	146.96
1. BUILDING EXPENSE	
A. Utilities	3,722.30
B. Telephone service	7,404.17
C. Belwood Utilites	2,573.68
D. Building Maintenance	13,274.00
E. Belwood Maintenance	317.17
F. Insurance	6,869.00
Total 1. BUILDING EXPENSE	34,160.32
2. OFFICE EXPENSE	
G. Beacon & Postage	3,121.29
H. Paper & Office supplies	2,653.96
I. Office equipment/Contracts	17,746.68
J. Payroll Expense	
Bank Fees	388.77
J. Payroll Expense - Other	97.90
Total J. Payroll Expense	486.67
K. Accounting	65.00
L. Staff Birthday Lunches	594.60
M. Lunch for Commitee Meetings	393.38
Total 2. OFFICE EXPENSE	25,061.58

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	<u>Jan - Sep 19</u>
Total VII. OPERATION, BAPTIST CENTER	59,368.86
VIII. CONVENTIONS/TRAVEL EXP	
SBCAL	1,071.81
Admin Assist Confer	225.00
Conventions, Continuing Ed, etc	
Memberships/Dues	80.00
Conventions, Continuing Ed, etc - Other	133.10
Total Conventions, Continuing Ed, etc	<u>213.10</u>
Meals	402.13
Staff Development	<u>175.10</u>
Total VIII. CONVENTIONS/TRAVEL EXP	2,087.14
IX. ASSOC. MISSIONARY EXP	
Monthly Fellowships	611.56
Books	49.03
Pastor Lunches	<u>399.94</u>
Total IX. ASSOC. MISSIONARY EXP	1,060.53
X. PERSONNEL	
A. EXPENDABLE INCOME	
Housing & Utilities	17,703.00
Salary	<u>132,644.56</u>
Total A. EXPENDABLE INCOME	150,347.56
B. BENEFITS	
Hospitalization	19,227.15
Retirement	17,126.70
Social Security & Medicare	<u>5,513.81</u>
Total B. BENEFITS	41,867.66
Summer Worker	3,000.00
XI. MILEAGE	
Clerk Treasurer-travel	255.20
Speaker	480.24
Staff	<u>1,771.19</u>
Total XI. MILEAGE	<u>2,506.63</u>
Total X. PERSONNEL	<u>197,721.85</u>
Total Expense	357,557.85

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

2019 - 2020

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Moderator.....	Rev. Dale Byrd	Rev. Dale Byrd
Vice-Moderator.....	Dr. Tim Hendrick	Dr. Tim Hendrick
Clerk/Treasurer.....	Mrs. Pat Whitley	Mrs. Pat Whitley
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer.....	Mrs. Charlene Frazier	Mrs. Charlene Frazier

Ministry Support Team

Submitted by Enlistment Team to the Biannual Meeting in October

<u>Position</u>	<u>Present Leader</u>	<u>Proposed Leader</u>
PARLIAMENTARIAN	Fred Flowers	Fred Flowers
HISTORIAN	Elizabeth Anthony	Elizabeth Anthony
MUSIC MINISTRY	Jeremy McSwain	Teresa Edmonson Maggie Andre
SUNDAY SCHOOL, DISCIPLESHIP, & SMALL GROUPS	Connie Queen	Connie Queen
YOUTH MINISTRY	Jason Mills Corey Mode	Jason Mills Corey Mode
MEN'S MINISTRY	Gary Marburger	Gary Marburger
SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY	Brian Johnson Glenn Davenport	Brian Johnson Glenn Davenport
WOMEN'S MINISTRY		Joy Turner

ENLISTMENT TEAM REPORT

Business Affairs Team

Rev. Chase Robinson, Lattimore (Sandy Plains)..... 2020
Mr. Mike Jimison, Grover (Oak Grove)2020
Mr. Randall Evans, Shelby (Christopher Road)2020
Rev. Melvin Clark, Waco (Washington Missionary)..... 2020

Rev. John Houze, Kings Mountain (Peoples) 2021
Mr. Joey Hamrick, Lattimore (Flint Hill).....2021
Dr. Bulo Price, Shelby (Dover)2021
Mrs. Sandra Hart, Polkville (Carpenter’s Grove)..... 2021

*Rev. John Bridges, Waco (Pleasant Grove)..... 2022
*Rev. Russ Bradley, Grover (New Hope).....2022
*Rev. Ron Caulder, Kings Mountain (Eastside, Kings Mountain) 2022
*Mr. Will Davis, Polkville (Polkville) 2022

ENLISTMENT TEAM

Mr. Bill Cameron, Grover (New Hope)..... 2020
Rev. Wayne Brazzell, Kings Mtn., (Oak View) 2020
Rev. Doug Pruet, Polkville (Casar)..... 2020
Mrs. Teresa Edmondson, Shelby (Westwood Heights) 2020

Rev. Tony Sisk, Lattimore () 2021
Rev. Rob Craig, Kings Mtn., (David) 2021
Rev. Richard Stroup, Waco (New Camp Creek) 2021
Mrs. Susan Wilson, Shelby (Eastside, Shelby) 2021

*Rev. Jim Brackett, Grover (Oak Grove) 2022
*Rev. David Blanton, Polkville (Fallston) 2022
*Rev. Mike Frazier, Lattimore (Trinity)..... 2022
*Rev. Jimmy Black, Waco (Mulls Memorial) 2022

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Brian Taule, Grover (David).....	2020
Dr. Steve Taylor, Kings Mtn. (Bethlehem)	2020
Rev. Buddy Morehead, Lattimore (Camps Creek) Leader of Lattimore Group	2020
Rev. Jim Kilby, Polkville (Lawdale) Leader of Polkville Group	2020
Dr. Rick Bowling, Shelby (Westview) Leader of Shelby Group	2020
Dr. Rit Varriale, Waco (Elizabeth) Leader of Waco Group	2020
Rev. Scott Kierstead, Grover (Grover First) Leader of Grover Group	2021
Rev. Dennis Pruitt, Kings Mtn. (Kings Mtn., Second) Leader of Kings Mtn. Group	2021
Rev. Keith McKinney, Lattimore (Boiling Springs)	2021
Rev. Jair Escalona, Polkville (Polkville)	2021
Rev. Jeremy Peeler, Shelby (Hope Community)	2021
Rev. Neil Efird, Waco (Northside)	2021
*Mrs. Tracy Easter, Grover (Immanuel).....	2022
*Mrs. Lynn Echols, Kings Mtn. (Bethlehem)	2022
*Mrs. Janice Ledord, Lattimore (Calvary).....	2022
*Mrs. Chrissy Helton, Polkville (Hope Community, North)	2022
*Mrs. Pat Harrison, Shelby (Lily Memorial)	2022
*Mrs. Debbie Weaver, Waco (Buffalo)	2022

Associational Officers

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***To be approved at the October 2019 Biannual Meeting**

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the churches of the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association have been blessed by God through another year of cooperation and service;

And whereas, the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association is now meeting in its 169th Fall Biannual Meeting;

And whereas, Mt. Sinai Baptist, and Crestview Baptist in Shelby, have been gracious hosts for the 2019 Fall Biannual Meeting;

And, whereas, Sandy Plains Baptist Church was a gracious host for the 2019 Spring Biannual Meeting;

And, whereas, the Moderator, Rev. Dale Byrd, Vice-Moderator, Dr. Tim Hendricks, Clerk-Treasurer, Pat Whitley, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, Charlene Frazier, and Parliamentarian, Fred Flowers have provided loving and spiritual leadership for the Association;

And whereas, the Associational staff, Rev. Wesley Smith, Jose Espinal, Katie Harris, and Nicole Mosley have worked diligently throughout the year and in preparation for this meeting;

Let it be resolved that the messengers of the 169th Biannual Meeting of the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association express our appreciation to all who have made this year a fruitful time for baptists in Cleveland County and have made this associational meeting a harmonious session;

Let it be further resolved that the minutes of the 169th Biannual Meeting be dedicated to Rev. Ronell Owensby, Dr. Paul Sorrells, and Mr. Bill McDaniel. Rev. Ronell Owensby served as Pastor of New Bethel and churches in TN and SC. Dr. Sorrells, served at FBC Grover, Beaver Dam, as well as teaching at Gardner-Webb and Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. Following their retirement, each of them served many of our churches as interims. Mr. McDaniel was a member at Bethlehem Baptist in Kings Mountain and served our association in some leadership capacity for more than fifty years. He passed away in July of this year. These men will be greatly missed by our association.

Let it be further resolved that the messengers of the churches of the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association pledge continued cooperation with the associational leadership and with all of the churches of the association.

Respectfully submitted,
Business Affairs Team

Associational Missionary 2019 Fall Report

It has been a great year, a fast year, but a great one. It just seems like yesterday that I was typing up a report for the spring meeting. Since our spring meeting, there have been some great things happening in the GCCBA. Please read Katie's report about our summer mission experience to Indiana. She is currently making plans for a trip to Nicaragua in 2020. We're gearing up for our annual Toy Store!

There has been an increased emphasis on praying together as pastors. We have a Pastors' Prayer time each month prior to our monthly Ministers' Conference, on the third Wednesday of each month, and after each fellowship. I believe this will lead to more collaboration among pastors and churches in our association. I highly encourage our pastors to participate in at least one of these prayer times. We are weak in our participation in the Waco/Polkville area fellowship. Pray for these pastors.

Pastor disciple-making triads began this year. So far, there have been four groups of pastors that have begun their own disciple-making triads in their churches. I would love for all of our pastors to develop their own disciple-making triads. I'm praying for more pastors to want to be involved in personal disciple-making. Chuck Campbell, author of the G3 model we have been using, is the speaker for our Monday night meeting.

We continue to talk about and strategize about impacting lostness in the five pockets of lostness in Cleveland County. I believe that disciple-making is the beginning to this. I also believe that our prayer life will change the way we see these areas of the county that are identified as lost. Pray about your personal disciple-making, and pray for these areas of darkness in our county. Remember, we are called to be the light!

I recently ran a series of newsletter articles from Tom Rainers, [Autopsy Of A Deceased Church](#). I pray that you and your church have taken the time to pray about which of the four categories your church may fall. Of our eighty-three churches, based on Rainers statistics, here are the four categories:

- 8- Healthy, disciple-making churches
- 33- Have symptoms of sickness
- 33- Really sick
- 8- Dying

My desire is for dying churches to realize and admit they are dying and that they need help. Then, we want healthy churches to want to help the dying churches thrive and live again. Sick and really sick churches need to admit their sickness and allow the Holy Spirit to help them get well. All of us need to repent and come before God, admitting our selfishness and our desire to die to ourselves and be totally dependent on the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in His Church.

We are continuing to analyze our Community Assistance ministry and working toward a better collaborative way to help meet the needs of our community. There are many under resourced people in Cleveland County and lots of opportunity to minister and share the Gospel. I am thankful for so many of our churches who have benevolent ministries, food pantries, clothing rooms, and other great resources. We hope to have something to present to the association at our Spring 2020 meeting.

I am very thankful for all our teams who have worked so hard this year. We would love your help in submitting names for those to serve on our teams. Please submit those to myself or someone on our Enlistment Team.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wesley Smith
Associational Missionary

Missions Team Leader
October 2018-September 2019

Greatest Treat Festival

We held our annual Greatest Treat Festival on October 28th, 2018 at the Shelby City Park. Those who attended heard a Gospel presentation and were treated to free games, rides, popcorn, and ice cream from the Dairy Queen trailer. They were also given a chance to have their pictures made at photo booths. After the festival, we mailed or emailed the pictures to the parents. The ministry booths were a great way to engage the people who attended. It gave the volunteers time to talk with people about the Gospel through creative activities.

*The 2019 festival was held this past Sunday.
A report from it will be in next year's book of reports.*

Christmas Toy Store

Last December, we helped children during our Christmas Toy Store. Because of winter weather we had to reschedule the Toy Store and move it to Eastside Baptist. I appreciate everyone being flexible as we had to change plans. I appreciate the volunteers who gave of their time to help with this important mission project. This year our toy store applications will be taken November 5th & 6th at the GCCBA Office, and the toy store will be open December 17th & 18th at the Mission Camp. We need volunteers to help on each of these dates. We appreciate the support of the churches who donate toys and money to purchase toys. If you would like to help with donations this year, a list of suggested toys is located in this book and on our website.

School Prayer Walks

This year we organized prayer walks to take place at each school in Cleveland County the Sunday before school started. School partnerships are a great way for the church to connect with its local community. We hope these prayer walks will be the beginning of great partnerships between churches and schools.

Fair Ministry

Each year we host a breakfast for the workers at the Cleveland County Fair. We are grateful for the Baptist Men's groups that provide the food. This year we also provided a boxed lunch to the workers on set up day. We were also able to give out food bags and toiletry bags. We are continuing to look at ways we can expand this ministry in the years to come.

Summer Missionary

This year, Kendall Rabb served as our summer missionary. Kendall is a student at Western Carolina and a member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. Kendall helped in our office, helped with the Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch, and planned and taught during our Indiana Mission Trip. She also assisted several churches during Vacation Bible School. I am very grateful for the work that she did this summer.

Indiana Mission Trip

In July, a team of 28 people from 5 different churches traveled to New Albany, Indiana to minister with churches in the South Eastern Indiana Baptist Association. While there, we held several block parties, attended church services, painted, worked with a food ministry, held a Vacation Bible School, and helped with various construction projects. We were encouraged as we developed new partnerships this year. There is much work to be done in Indiana and we look forward to continuing our partnership there.

Nicaragua Mission Trip

In March, we sent several people to Nicaragua to check on the political climate in hopes that we will soon be able to return. They were very excited to report that things are safe, so we are making plans to return in the Spring of 2020.

Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch

Our Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch program continues to be a vital ministry in our county. We are currently serving 50-75 people each week. I want to thank the churches who have been faithful to provide food and volunteers to help with this ministry. We still have a few dates open in November and December to help provide food and volunteers for this ministry. We are also in the process of signing up groups to help during 2020. Please see Katie if you are interested.

Block Party Trailer

Our block party trailer continues to be a vital ministry tool available to our churches. This trailer is stocked with items needed to have a successful block party. The trailer is used almost every weekend in spring and summer, so reservations need to be made early. The trailer costs \$100 to rent, which includes all supplies that are needed to run the machines. We have created a training video that is on our website for you to watch before you use the trailer, so that you can better understand how to operate and clean the machines.

Operation In As Much

Operation In as much was held on April 28th, 2019. 12 churches completed 48 projects including 4 wheelchair ramps. 397 people volunteered their time for a total of 191.75 of volunteer hours. A total of 2,636 people were served during this mission's day. A total of \$6,315 was spent to complete these mission projects. Several churches reported their projects after the reporting date so we know that even more families were impacted on this mission day.

Save the Date: Operation In as much 2020 April 25th & May 2nd

Substance Abuse Council

I have been a member of the Substance Abuse Council with the Cleveland County Health Department since its inception in 2007. This council exists to help eliminate drug use among teenagers in Cleveland County. We are currently working to help educate the public on the dangers and consequences of E- cigarettes and marijuana. We hope that our work will continue to help make Cleveland County a safe and drug free place to live.

Senior Adult Rally

Our annual associational Senior Adult Rally was held on April 11th at Poplar Spring Baptist Church. This year Paul Langston was our guest speaker. Before the event, attendees were able to visit booths of local organizations that were present to give information that pertains to senior adults. Lunch was served and door prizes were given.

Facebook/Website:

We continue to use Facebook and our website (www.gccbba.org) to communicate with the community on upcoming events and ministries in which they can be involved. If you have events you would like to advertise, please send them to Katie or Nicole.

2019 WMU Salad Supper:

This year's WMU Salad Supper was held at Westwood Heights Baptist Church. Kellee Cogdill, who is a missionary in Africa, spoke about her and her husband's ministry with Wycliff Bible Translators. We were all encouraged to listen to God and trust him to do what he said he will.

Community Ministries Report

Number of families assisted from October 2018-September 2019

Food: 294

Clothes: 134

Medicine: 51

Utilities: 528

Dental: 6

Other: 35

Counseling: 475

Upcoming events:

WMU World Day of Prayer: Details coming soon

Toy Store Applications: November 5th 9 & 6th @ GCCBA

Toy Store Open: December 17th & 18th @ Shelby Mission Camp

I want to thank our churches for their willingness to partner with each other to serve our community. Working together we are more effective in reaching our community for Christ.

Serving together,

Katie Harris

Hispanic Language Missionary Report 2019

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will show me witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1: 8

This verse is really the central theme of the book of Acts, and Jesus Christ affirms to believers that when he left they would receive power. This would happen when the Holy Spirit came upon them, and then they would be the first witnesses in Jerusalem and then to the end of the earth. We have fulfilled part of that blessing, as did the apostles, who perhaps understood better than us the three fundamental aspects of this portion of the Bible. First, the presence that confers power would not be the Lord Jesus, but the Holy Spirit. This is the reason why the Lord prepares His disciples for the Holy Spirit to become a constant presence during His absence. Second, the growth of the church would be the result of the testimony of their faith in Jesus Christ. The church would grow quantitatively and geographically. And its growth would begin in Jerusalem, and then spread in increasing concentric circles to other Jewish regions (Judea) and the limits of Judaism (Samaria). Third, until the end of the earth, this was a reference to the world known at the time of the Roman Empire. Today, with the discovery of new lands and new peoples over the centuries, the church understands that it must continue to witness until one day the earth as a whole is full of the knowledge of the Gospel.

This year has been abundant in harvest, and this passage is being fulfilled day by day as 2019 progresses. We have been able to make Jesus Christ known within the community and also outside of it. We have reaped the harvest by bringing people to the feet of Jesus Christ, but also taking it to the baptismal waters. We have trained intellectually in the preparation of leaders with an average of 23 people per month, and we are currently finishing classes related to internal missions and foreign missions. United as one body, we could travel on a mission trip to Indiana where we connected with the Indiana Baptist Association. We were able to collaborate with the Hispanic community by training leaders and activating homes that know Christ but are attacked in their homes by Satan. There God used our lives to make known the power of the Gospel and reconcile with it all things. We can affirm that 12 homes returned to the ways of the Lord, and today they continue to persevere. In coordination with pastors, positive steps were taken in the formation of new Hispanic work in Indiana. We continue to pray, believing God that empowers us, for them as a new people because they are filling their Jerusalem with the Gospel. For us, as missionaries, we are beyond Samaria, encouraging them and expanding concentric circles of missionary reach. All the glory is for Christ.

We have also advanced in our Hispanic organizations within our association. After almost 10 years of work, we have managed to associate 29 Latino churches. Today, I also continue working with Charlotte pastors to organize them as an association as they seek to fulfill the great commission with more support and vision.

Today, we are getting our bags ready to go on a mission trip to Nicaragua, where we will have the inauguration of the Principe de Paz Baptist Church, in the capital, Managua. This is barely 50% of the vision of building. We rely on divine provision and believe that in the next 3 years,

we can build four classrooms for Sunday school classes. There we started with a group of 17 people. Today, the church has more than 130 active members.

Within the community, we have two students at the University of Fruitland, who already have two years of study. We believe that in the future they will be able to plant new churches in the Cleveland County area. We have collaborated, with the help of new Cuban pastor, Jorge Ramos, with the Hickory area through Bethel Church. We continue to support and recover the congregation. During this year, we have had several joint events with the Convention and the Latino Association on marriage, leadership, church planting and administration conferences with Pastor Guillermo Soriano, Pastor John Rosal, Pastor Amaury Santos, and Pastor William Ortega. We have also assisted the Latino community in matters related to food, housing, clothing, aid for their payments of electricity bills and house rent, letters of recommendation to the immigration offices, and we have also referred others to have documents translated. The Church also with the collaboration of the American people had two holiday Bible schools that gave an average of 5 decisions for Christ. The Hispanic Church in Cleveland County continues to suffer in some ways, but we continue to rely on the power of God. Amen.

With the collaboration of the North Carolina Convention, we were able to have two trainings for seniors and young people at Caswell with an average attendance of 350 guests, and we collected harvests of dedication, acceptance, and reconciliation. We give honor and glory to God because we are useless servants, but the instruments of God to apply His Word and be the objects of His righteousness.

To the Cleveland County Churches, thank you very much for the opportunity to continue being useful in your work and in the different ministries that God has given us. I just want to recognize the work of my wife, Maria Espinal, who continues to make efforts, preparing food to produce some money for the mission. I also thank the united effort of the staff of our association to reach more people for Christ. Amen. My respects.

Best regards.

Pastor Jose A. Espinal.
Hispanic Language Missionary
Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association.

Training/Conferences Report

Tuesday morning classes: All classes held at GCCBA Office

January 2019 – Rev. Wesley Smith – “Church Beginnings,” study from the book of Acts - 17 people
from 10 churches - 6 sessions

March 2019 – Dr. Tim Elmore - "When Gods Spirit Moves," - 19 people from 11 churches - 6
sessions

August 2019- Rev. Jim and Wanda Kilby- "Patterned" - 10 people from 7 churches - 6 sessions

September 2019 – Rev. Buddy and Meredith Morehead - Unbroken: Path to Redemption – 12 people
from 10 churches - 5 sessions

Other conferences/classes:

January 2019 - JD Greear Simulcast held at GCCBA – 13 people from 11 churches

February 2019 – Parliamentary Procedure Workshop held at GCCBA – 3 people from 2 churches

April 2019 - Senior Adult Rally held at Poplar Springs - 72 people from 17 churches

May 2019 - WMU salad supper held at Westwood Heights - 25 people from 3 churches

July 2019 – Annual Church Profile Training held at GCCBA –10 people from 9 churches

Deacon Training Events:

March 2019 held at Zoar - 154 people from 31 churches

September 2019 held at Eastside Shelby - 78 people from 17 churches
held at Kings Mountain, Second – 38 people and 8 churches

Special Events:

December 2018 – Ministers and Wives Christmas Dinner held at Elizabeth - 53 people

March 2019 – Senior Music Day held at Flint Hill and Elizabeth – 113 people

March 2019 – Association RA Race held at Mt Sinai – 34 racers

March 2019 – Association Bible Drill held at Eastside, Shelby – 43 drillers

April 2019 – Operation in As Much – 374 people

April 2019 – Association Spring Biannual Meeting held at Sandy Plains – 100 people

May 2019 – Ministry Assistants held at GCCBA Office – 16 people

May 2019 – Volunteer Luncheon toured Shelby – 13 people

July 2019 – Indiana Mission Trip – 28 people

August 2018 - Church Staff Picnic at Shelby City Park Pool – 19 people

Pastor Fellowships:

First Monday of the month - Pastor Cohort 2 – 10:00 am at GCCBA

GCCBA Minister’s Conference Prayer time - 11:00 am, Lunch – 11:30 am, and Conference 12:00 pm at GCCBA

First Thursday - Grover & KM Breakfast ~ Carolina Crossing at 8:30 am

Kings Mountain Youth Minister's Fellowship ~ Love’s Fish Box at 1:00 pm

Second Thursday - Lattimore Breakfast ~ Bulldog Quick Snack at 8:30 am

Shelby Youth Minister's Fellowship ~ Jammin J’s at 12:00 pm

Third Thursday - Polkville & Waco Lunch ~ Hwy 18 North Café

Third Tuesday of the month – Youth Minister’s Prayer Time ~GCCBA at Noon

Third Wednesday of the month - Pastor Prayer Time~ GCCBA at 10:00 am

Meetings Hosted:

Planting, Replanting Meetings, Strategic Planning Team, Region 8 DOM Peer Group, OIAM Meeting, Leadership and Business Affairs Team Meetings, Fair Meeting, Enlistment Team Meetings

Church History Notes 2018 – 2019

Battleground Community Church: Church Becomes Autonomous Local Church - 10/7/18

New Deacons Ordained for office - 12/30/18

Beaver Dam -Accomplished the paving and sealing of our parking lot - debt free
-Removed and replaced roof on the carport of the church-debt free
-Revised role of Associate Pastor to that of Family Discipleship Minister with emphasis on planning generational discipleship for the entire church.
-Re-engineered October Trunk or Treat to an outreach that presented the gospel to over 300 guests on our campus including the distribution of over 300 gospels of Mark.
-Re-engineered April Easter Egg Hunt to the gifting of Resurrection Eggs and a presentation of the gospel to several unchurched families in our community.
-Re-engineered VBS to be a vehicle for broader community outreach and total church involvement.
-Renewed focus on our Annie Armstrong offering spearheaded by our WMU to greatly improve contributions to Easter Offering for Home Missions.
-Revised summer worship schedule for emphasis on building fellowship and with planned outreach opportunities for Vacation Bible School and start of new Sunday School year.
-Overall heightened effort in local missions through Operation In As Much

Bethany: New pastor with some pruning and new growth.

Boiling Springs: We had our 50th Anniversary year celebration of being in our current sanctuary on Sept 8, 2019. We walked from the previous church site (on GWU campus) to our current location, the same trek we made 25 years ago as well as 50 years ago.

Camps Creek: Clay Hastings was ordained 04/07/19

Crestview: Chad Martin was ordained into the Gospel Ministry on Sunday, August 11, 2019.

David: 81st church anniversary

Eastside, Shelby: Eastside Baptist hired Margarida Andre' as the Associate Pastor/Minister of Music. Maggie's start date was June 16, 2019.

Elizabeth: In June 2019, Mike McGee retired from Elizabeth Baptist Church after serving as Minister of Music 31 ½ years.

First Baptist Shelby: May 2018 - Ordination of John Wright to the Gospel Ministry
June 18, 2018 - Ordination of Missy Smith to the Gospel Ministry
2018-2019 - Building Renovations to Sanctuary including the construction of Welcome Center and Youth Center.
October 2019 -Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Ministry to the Deaf

Patterson Grove: We completed the building of our new educational building and renovation of our sanctuary. Much of the work was done by the congregation, thus saving money and giving the members a chance to work closely together on the project. Now we turn our attention more closely to missions in our community, our country and our world - seeking to reach the lost.

Pleasant City: We are celebrating 70 years on Oct. 20th. And we are building on to our existing building. Will not be completed until late summer of 2020.

Pleasant Grove: Celebrated 140th Anniversary of Church October 14, 2018

Ross Grove: 5th Sunday Services included a variety of musical emphases. Outreach efforts focused on families - intentional outreach efforts and follow-ups encouraged. Children attended summer camp at South Mountain for the 1st time in many years. Children lead services two times per year.

Westview: Surprise service to celebrate Rev. Rick Bowling for his service of 10 years at Westview in August 2019

Counseling Center Report 2019

The Baptist Counseling Center of Cleveland County is a partnership ministry of the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association and the Board of the Counseling Center at Charlotte. This ministry has been serving the people of Cleveland and surrounding counties for nearly 19 years. The Center is staffed on Tuesday and Thursday each week, with hours by appointment. The Center provides individual, marital, and family counseling. The Local Subsidy Fund, provided by the GCCBA, allows a reduced fee to those in need who are members of associational churches.

Services are provided by Dr. Gary McFarland, a certified fee-based practicing pastoral counselor, licensed professional counselor supervisor, and licensed marriage and family therapist and by Linda Page, RN, who is a licensed professional counselor associate.

In the past 12 months:

- 811 hours were made available for counseling
- 669 hours of counseling were provided
- The total subsidy amount provided was \$6530 or an average of \$8.05 per hour of service provided
- 14 new clients were seen

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Gary McFarland

Shelby Mission Camp

September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019

It's hard to believe a church year has already passed that started so differently by our hosting volunteers from around the world and security staff for the World Equestrian Games at the Tryon Equestrian Center. This was an extremely busy month with many great opportunities to witness and minister in the name of Jesus. GCCBA churches stepped up and assisted through our coffee shop, cleaning, baking, leading worship and many other ways. Many of our guests expressed that they will not forget the great hospitality and care that they received while staying at the Shelby Mission Camp.

Our annual Community Thanksgiving Meal grew to being able to feed 938 people with 784 meals delivered to seniors and handicapped across Cleveland County. Once again our volunteers from our local churches were the heroes. We had 175 volunteers involved in cooking, baking, serving, delivering, outreach and many other tasks required. We are already working on plans for this coming Thanksgiving. Plan to be involved this November!

Construction and home repairs continues to be our most requested need. We have already had a great year but our project help list continues to grow. We have had church groups from nine different states plus Puerto Rico and Canada staying and serving others through the mission camp this year. We have had children, youth and adult mission teams serve in a variety of ways. But it is very important to have local volunteers and churches involved to help us have an effective ministry all twelve months. We thank God for our volunteers.

September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019 Mission Response

Volunteer Days – 6776

Total Construction Projects - 226

Wheelchair ramps – 107

Handicap Showers – 5

Roof Replacement – 8

Other Home Repair and Modifications – 78

Yardwork jobs – 28

Non-Construction Projects – 35

Includes Bible schools, sports camps, senior adult ministries,
furniture, cleaning and other responses as needed

David and Janet Brown
Shelby Mission Camp Coordinators
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GCCBA 2019 Christmas Toy Store



Who:

Children ages 2-12 that live in Cleveland County

Applications taken:

November 5th 9-11 am & 5-6:30 pm

November 6th 9-11 am & 2-4 pm

Where:

GCCBA Office 1175 Wyke Rd Shelby
(Please enter around the back of the building)

Parent or legal guardian must bring:

- Picture Id
- Proof of address
- Birth Certificate or other official document that shows the child's birthdate or age

BAPTISTS ON MISSION/NCBM

www.baptistsonmission.org

BAPTISTS ON MISSION AREAS OF WORK

Baptists on Mission/NCBM volunteers serve in 18 ministries that include the following:

STATE/NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL MISSION PROJECTS

God is changing lives through mission trips sponsored by Baptists on Mission in North Carolina (mission camps, Impact NC, Disaster Rebuilds, etc.) and to places such as Pennsylvania, Hawaii, New England, Rocky Mountain Region, Appalachian Coalfields, Alaska, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya, Armenia, Romania, Hungary, Cuba, South Africa and other places. Many hundreds of volunteers serve in these partnerships every year.

Lives are being changed...North Carolina Baptists on Mission started our Roma partnership in 2008 to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of the Hungarian-speaking Roma (Gypsy) people in Western Ukraine. The Roma, who originated in Northern India, are a very marginalized, persecuted people who have never had a place to call home. Large populations live in Eastern Europe remaining in a cycle of poverty and under intense discrimination. 12 -14 North Carolina Baptist teams each year have the opportunity to minister to the Roma during ten-day trips to Hungary, Romania or Ukraine. Teams serve as the hands and feet of Jesus in Roma churches and villages as they provide medical and dental clinics, evangelistic outreach, women's and men's ministry and children's programs. Construction teams are helping to build much needed church buildings in Romania. A uniqueness to this partnership is the opportunity for teams to provide a week-long day camp for children, preschool through high school in the public schools in Hungary using a provided Gospel-centered curriculum. This opportunity opened up in 2012 as our partner organization, Hungarian Baptist Aid began operating some of the public schools in poor areas of Hungary with high populations of Roma children. The gospel message is integrated among six classes teaching, the Bible, English, American Culture, Sports, Crafts and Music. Since 2014, North Carolina churches have partnered with these schools and hundreds of school children, along with principals and teachers, have heard the Gospel message for the first time. Lives are being changed and whole communities are being impacted by the gospel.

Alicia Jones is the On-Site Coordinator for the Roma partnership and she lives in Nagyhalász, Hungary, has become fluent in Hungarian and serves both the teams and our in-country partners. She is a missionary to the Roma in Hungary, Romania and Ukraine and a liaison with Hungarian Baptist Aid, local Roma leadership and the administration of the ten schools in which we serve. Lives are being changed.

DISASTER RELIEF

God has blessed us with excellent disaster relief equipment and volunteers. North Carolina Baptists have five large disaster feeding units. The two largest units are capable of preparing and serving 30,000+ meals per day. We now have more than 250 disaster recovery trailers (owned by local churches and associations) that are used to do clean up and repair work after a disaster. We also have six large shower units, three laundry units, a childcare unit, several large recovery units, large generator units and lots of other disaster relief equipment that the Lord has provided.

Lives are being changed... In September, 2018, Hurricane Florence slammed our state and affected thousands of families. Since then, as NC Baptists you have provided over 1,000,000 hot meals and over 50,000 volunteer days of labor to hurting people. The rebuilding from Hurricane Florence will last another 3 years. Our goal is to help 2,000 families get back in their homes and to do this in Jesus' name. People in great need are hearing and seeing the love of Christ and many people are coming to commit or to recommit their lives to Jesus. As NC Baptists we are still serving hurting people in Puerto Rico and have already completed more than 260 roofs for people who lost their roofs in Hurricane Maria.

MEDICAL/DENTAL MISSIONS

NCBM offers the use of the mobile medical/dental units to Baptist and non-Baptist churches and service organizations within North Carolina who wish to reach out to people in need. Approximately 4,000 people are seen on the two mobile units every year. Patients targeted through this ministry may include the impoverished, Hispanic and other ethnic groups, migrant workers, fair workers, the homeless, the elderly and more.

HEALTH SCREENING MINISTRY

One of the newest ministries in which we are involved is Health Screening with a mobile Health Screening bus. This ministry provides not only basic health screening clinics, but spiritual assessments and counseling as well. We are seeking to reach a vast population including the uninsured, minority, elderly, migrant workers, rescue missions, and homeless shelters. Our hope is that by meeting a physical need, a spiritual door will be opened and the love of Jesus can be shared. Health screening

tests offered on the unit include: Hemoglobin A1C for diabetes screening, finger stick glucose, Cholestech LDX for total cholesterol and HDL results, body mass index calculation, depression screening, vital signs assessment. A new mobile health screening unit will be ready for use by the end of this year.

STUDENT MISSIONS

Deep Impact helps North Carolina Baptist churches develop a comprehensive coed youth missions strategy to produce committed followers of Christ. This strategy includes pre-packaged mission weeks, free online mission studies, weekend mission retreats, hands-on mission training and much more. Almost 2,000 students are involved in Deep Impact every summer.

DI KIDS

One of our newest efforts is DI Kids (Deep Impact Kids), a missions weekend/week for children and their leaders. DI Kids Missions Weeks, Mini-weeks, and Weekends are pre-packaged mission experiences sponsored by Baptists on Mission/NCBM that provides elementary age students and their leaders/parents with the opportunity to share the love of God with people in NC. The children enjoy a great camp experience with a mission focus. Involving children in missions is a great beginning to developing disciple making students and adults with a love for missions.

OTHER MINISTRIES

In addition to the ministries described above, other ministries of Baptists on Mission/NCBM designed to equip, motivate and mobilize men and women to be involved in missions are: Agriculture Missions, Aviation Ministry, Baptist Builders, Baptist Educators, Family Foundations, College Missions, Compassion Ministry, Church Renewal, Prayer Support, Sports and Recreation, Men's Ministry, Student Missions and Children's Missions.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

The annual missions conference, sponsored by Baptists on Mission, include music, testimonies, speakers, breakout sessions, mission fair exhibits, volunteer suppers and much more. The desired end result is for participants to be spiritually renewed and inspired to become involved in missions locally and around the world. Over 1,600 people attend this conference every year.

REGIONAL MISSIONS RALLIES

Each spring and fall, Baptists on Mission/NCBM sponsors regional rallies in all 10 regions of our state. These meetings are designed to challenge North Carolina Baptists across the state to greater missions involvement and to promote the September North Carolina Missions Offering. The rallies are open for all men, women and youth interested in missions.

BAPTISTS ON MISSION MAGAZINE

This publication is mailed twice each year to all church missions leadership on each level, mission volunteers, all NCBM ministry groups, youth directors, ministers of education and pastors. Information is provided through this magazine to promote upcoming mission projects/events and to report on recently completed projects.

MISSION CAMPS

Every year an average of 5,000 volunteers respond to needs through the Mission Camps in both Red Springs and Shelby. These Mission Camps are a great way to get your church involved in life-changing mission projects at a very affordable price.

STAFF

The Baptists on Mission/NCBM Staff is committed to helping North Carolina Baptist churches involve their members in missions. Your Baptists on Mission staff are: Richard Brunson, Executive Director-Treasurer; Mark Abernathy, Consultant for Partnerships and Men's Ministry; Tom Beam, Consultant for Student Missions Mobilization; Dollie Noa, Consultant for Children and Family Missions; Paul Langston, Missions Mobilization Consultant; Jack Frazier, Consultant for Disaster Relief and Mobilization; David and Janet Brown, Mission Camps Coordinators in Shelby; Larry and Teresa Osborne, Mission Camp Coordinators in Red Springs; Tracey Ford, Events Assistant; Kecia Morgan, Financial Assistant; Joanne Honeycutt, Disaster Relief Assistant; Lynn Tharrington, Administrative Assistant; Julie Dolinger, Mobile Dental Ministry Coordinator; Crystal Horton, Health Screening Ministry Coordinator; Dewey and Kathie Aiken, Appalachian Coalfield Field Coordinator; Teresa Jones, Roma Partnership Coordinator, Bill Martin, Florence Rebuild Coordinator and Rick Trexler, College Missions contract worker.

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2019 Report: July 2018 - June 2019

A Message from BCH/CEO President Michael C. Blackwell

My heart is full. In fact, like the Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) heart, it's overflowing.

The joy I feel cannot help but spill over as I see the myriad of ministries that comprise the BCH heart. I've witnessed it grow fuller throughout the ministry's 133-year history. BCH was founded in the small community of Thomasville rising from a dream to establish an orphanage that North Carolina Baptists could call their own.

BCH's heart began to beat on November 11, 1885 when nine-year-old Mary Presson became the first child to enter the orphanage's care. From there, the heartbeat only became stronger.

Today, we have grown to include ministries to special needs adults, aging adults, single mothers, college students and entire families. You don't have to look very hard to discover the reason why we provide ministry and outreach to people of every age. The answer is found at the center of the BCH heart -- **the cross**.

Jesus' sacrifice on that rugged tree was a gift to us all, and it is our desire to see the Gospel shared with everyone who turns to us in search of help and hope. After all, it is God's unconditional love that mends the most broken of hearts.

In 2018, BCH impacted more than 94,000! The needs of vulnerable children are greater than ever. The needs of our neighbors around us are greater than ever. The need to them the unfailing love of Christ is greater than ever!

We are Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. We are many ministries beating with one heart -- *the heartbeat of Jesus*.

Michael C. Blackwell | Baptist Children's Homes President/CEO

Note: Help by encouraging your church to be a part of the **2019 Annual Offering** this fall. Schedule a speaker to share the BCH story with your church. **Call 336-474-1209 and visit www.bchoffering.org.**

Ciara – A Life Changed

“You learn how God wants a relationship with you. It’s mind blowing.”

– Ciara | Accepted Jesus in October 2014

Ciara never knew her birth father. Her mother was 16 years old when she moved to Tennessee where Ciara was born. She was strong and determined to care for Ciara and her younger sister.

“My sister and I felt loved,” she remembers. “I know she made bad choices, but it was the drug addiction that destroyed our mom and our family.”

Their mother overdosed and died on July 3, 2013. In November, the girls came to Baptist Children’s Homes’ (BCH) Mills Home in Thomasville. BCH has locations in 21 North Carolina communities as well as an affiliate orphanage in Guatemala.

“Mom always placed a priority on our school work. We went to school and she had expectations that we do well,” Ciara recalls. “And we did.”

Ciara graduated high school in June. Out of 162 students, she was Valedictorian.

“When I first arrived at Mills Home, I couldn’t help but feel that I had done something wrong,” she confides. “It took a while for me to realize that what had happened to me wasn’t my fault. I began to understand that God had a plan for my life.”

In October 2014, Ciara said, “It clicked.” She had watched her Christian cottage parents. She had listened closely to Mills Home Baptist Church pastor Randy Stewart’s words. She knew she wanted Jesus in her life.

“I’m part of that BCH statistic that says 80% of the children who come into care are unchurched,” she says. “I went from attending church occasionally, to attending church every Sunday and Wednesday. There are cottage devotions.”

Ciara begins her freshman year at UNC-Chapel Hill in the fall. She plans to major in physics. “I’m going to college. It’s weird and I’m a little scared. But I’m ready. My family at Mills Homes is there for me, encouraging me, giving me a place to call home. And I’m trusting God to guide my every step.”

Foster Care - Families and Churches Partnering with BCH

The number 16,796 catches people’s attention quickly. It is the number of NC children removed from their families in 2018 and placed in the foster care system.

It is why Baptist Children’s Homes (BCH) is actively partnering with families and churches to meet the need through its growing Family Foster Care ministry. BCH

provides the training and vital support needed for a family to become a successful, licensed foster home or for a church wanting to be their own foster care ministry.

“It is an exciting step for us because we are partnering with families who have felt God’s call to open their homes, and their hearts, to children desperate for hope,” says BCH president/CEO Michael C. Blackwell. “We are able to offer both our traditional cottage home care as well as Family Foster Care. Both options allow us to better serve more children and ones we would not have been able to care for previously.”

BCH has trained 37 married couples and 36 children are living in those licensed BCH family foster homes. A number of those families are members of North Carolina Baptist churches who have partnered with BCH and begun foster care ministries as part of their missions efforts.

Two of those churches, Providence Baptist Church in Harrisburg and Salem Baptist Church in Dobson, have couples in their congregations who have come forward and become foster families through BCH’s training and licensing process.

David Powell, Senior Pastor at Salem Baptist, sees the church’s role and commitment as a means of sharing the Gospel with the children. “This is a Gospel opportunity as we show the children they are valued. It is an applicable way the church can share God’s love with them.”

BCH Chief Operating Office Keith Henry closely monitors the increasing needs and sees an overwhelmed state child welfare system. “There’s not enough staff, resources and, most of all, safe placement options for the children in the system. God is opening doors for BCH and North Carolina Baptists to serve children and families together in a way that no one else can.” **For more information, visit www.bchfostercare.org or call 800.476.3669.**

North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry Outreach Increases

North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) launched eight new educational workshops, three new programs (Disaster Preparedness, Home Safe Home, The Heart of the Caregiver), and added a third title to its CareAble curriculum -- Servant Volunteers in Action. The NCBAM Call Center experienced a 27% increase in calls and a 44% increase in needs met. Seventy hurricane-related calls were handled during hurricanes Florence and Michael. With \$10,000 from Fancy Finds proceeds, NCBAM helped 40 churches increase their ramp outreach during Rampin’ Up 2018! Four Senior Adult Leadership events and three Aging Well Conferences were held across the state. In addition, programming for Caswell and Caraway senior adult retreats was expanded to address more issues relevant to health, safety, and independence. **For more information, visit www.ncbam.org or call 877-506.2226.**

Community Impact Increases through Greater Vision

In 2017, the Tucker Greater Vision Outreach Ministry (GVOM) began making a difference across the state before the new ministry's permanent location was even constructed. Many of the 9,393 lives helped in GVOM's three months of operation experienced loss due to Hurricane Matthew. Today, GVOM, whose purpose is to offer resources to NC families searching for support and stability, is fully operational at its Thomasville headquarters and has created a network of corporate and nonprofit partnerships to meet the variety of community needs.

In 2018, its first full year, GVOM impacted 64,040 lives through the following ways:

- 48,314 meals served
- 14,471 pieces of clothing and 10 items of furniture distributed
- 681 visits (pastors, nonprofits, community groups, etc.) made to increase awareness
- 138 people received gifts for their children through GVOM volunteer efforts at Christmas Toy Store through Memorial United Methodist Church.
- 418 people reached through outreach events (Feeding at the Gazebo, MLK event, etc.). **To donate, volunteer or learn more about services, call 866-904-0060 or visit www.bchfamily.org/greatervision**

BCH President Celebrates Milestones

Michael C. Blackwell, Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) longest-tenured leader, was recognized for his 35 years of service in 2018. During the Family Gathering: Special Edition on June 19, a day of fellowship and worship uniting everyone from BCH's statewide locations, Dr. Blackwell was recognized on stage by staff members. He received a custom piece of artwork, depicting BCH's many ministries, that was specifically created in his honor. Trustees hosted a celebration on October 23 surprising him with the establishment of Blackwell Grove, a commitment by the Board to plant 35 maturing Legacy Maple trees at BCH locations across the state. At the Annual Meeting of the Baptist State Convention (BSCNC) on November 5, Dr. Blackwell led approximately 150 children, adults and staff for BCH's presentation, entitled One Heart, to messengers. Applause and praises filled the room as children and adults shared their stories of hope through testimony and song. Later, BSCNC Executive Director-Treasurer Milton Hollifield recognized Dr. Blackwell and his wife, Catherine. Hollifield presented Dr. Blackwell with a commemorative plaque and a bouquet of red roses to Mrs. Blackwell celebrating her service as well as her birthday which was also that day.

For more information or to refer someone in need of the Baptist Children's Homes ministry, visit www.bchfamily.org or call 800.476.3669.

Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

For period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Introduction

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC) exists to help local churches fulfill their divinely appointed mission from God. The convention staff, under the leadership of Executive Director-Treasurer Milton A. Hollifield Jr., is committed to helping Baptist churches and associations maximize their ministry outreach for the purpose of building God's kingdom through a strategy of "impacting lostness through disciple-making."

Following are brief summaries of some state convention ministry activities that have taken place from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. These summaries are abbreviated versions of ministry reports that will be published in the program book for the 2019 BSCNC Annual Meeting, scheduled for Nov. 11-12 in Greensboro.

ADULT EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP

During the summer of 2018, we set out to host Gospel Conversations Trainings across the state and to find trainers to be a part of the DiscipleNC team, with the ultimate goal of having a trainer in every region of the state. From July 2018 to June 2019, we have hosted eight trainings with a total of 227 people representing 49 churches in attendance. At the Gospel Conversation Trainings, attendees learned practical tools to share their faith and were given time and space to practice in the field. These tools included "3 Circles," personal testimony and understanding spheres of influence.

ASSOCIATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Associational mission strategists (AMSs) across North Carolina play a crucial role in the life of our churches and can be a vital, significant and strategic force in the effort to help plant new churches and assist in the revitalization and replanting of existing congregations. For this reason, Associational Partnerships continues to offer opportunities, training and resources to help associational missionaries enter the field with a fresh, intentional and deliberate approach. We are grateful for the important strategic ministry partnerships with the associational leaders representing 77 associations across the state.

Events, conferences and training: Associational Partnerships and the North Carolina Associational Missions Conference (NCAMC) formed a joint planning team consisting of the AMS officers and Baptist state convention staff that collaborate to enhance our relationship and plan the annual NCAMC. During this year's three-day training event in April, we offered a full day devoted to potential and new AMS training and a full agenda of education, training and fellowship opportunities for all associational staff. A conference for new and potential AMSs was offered at Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center in Talladega, Ala., in January. The theme was "Associational Transitions ... Moving Into a New Future!"

Associational Partnerships assists associations with filling vacant associational ministry positions through associational search committee training along with a database of possible candidates.

Associational Partnerships continues to develop and connect potential AMSs, new AMSs and experienced AMSs with training and orientation opportunities offered by the convention and other entities that resource associational missionaries such as the Southern States Associational Missions Conference, the Network of Baptist Associations (NOBA) and the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders (SBCAL). Premier training is available during these opportunities for sharpening skills and developing competencies for future associational challenges.

CHILDHOOD EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP

Safety and security has been a primary focus of ministry this past year throughout the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and our own state convention. This emphasis has led to many opportunities for training and resource development. A new resource available at ncbaptist.org/children is a “Framework for Creating Safety and Security Policies” to assist churches in writing policies specific to their context and culture. The resource is available at ncbaptist.org/safetypolicyframework. Other resources available to assist churches in this area are available at ncbaptist.org/children-resources-all.

CHURCH HEALTH AND REVITALIZATION

Church revitalization continues to be an emphasis for the BSCNC as it is desperately needed in many North Carolina churches. According to LifeWay statistics, 48 percent of North Carolina churches are plateaued, while 38 percent are declining. Based on these figures, church revitalization is more than just a topic for discussion, it is a call to action. We recognize that our churches did not get into a state of decline quickly, so it will not be a quick process to return to disciple-making. Therefore, we have come to understand that equipping the pastor for this journey of revitalization is paramount. To address this need, we have 11 revitalization cohorts meeting monthly. These cohorts are pastors brought together within their local associations as they prepare for the difficult call to church revitalization.

CHURCH PLANTING

Church Planting N.C. celebrated the addition of 80 new churches in 2018. Of these 80 new church starts, 57 of those received training, coaching, and financial assistance through the North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) and the Cooperative Program. In addition to the newly planted churches, 23 additional churches, mostly new mission works, joined the BSCNC through affiliation. Of the new church plants launched in 2018, 68 percent identified as non-Anglo, which included 24 Hispanic congregations, four Asian congregations and 10 African American congregations. We were also blessed to add 17 new congregations who identify as being multiethnic.

New churches planted in 2018 reported 152,901 evangelistic contacts, and we praise God with them for 7,117 professions of faith through the members of these churches. We rejoice in a reported total of 1,537 baptisms in 2018, an increase of 636 baptisms from 2017. New churches have a tendency to reach those who have been unreached with the gospel. Over the last four years new N.C. church plants have reported more than 28,000 professions of faith.

COLLEGIATE PARTNERSHIPS

At the conclusion of the 2018-19 academic year, the Collegiate Partnerships Team notched a benchmark of seeing a full five years since implementing the new church-based strategy designed to fulfill a vision of seeing a reproducing gospel presence on every single college or university campus in North Carolina. North Carolina boasts a staggering 185 collegiate campuses. After only five years, gospel saturation throughout North Carolina's collegiate landscape has certainly increased, but there are still more than 100 college or university campuses yet to be engaged by a reproducing gospel presence. Even though the Collegiate Partnerships Team has identified a much more vast mission field across our collegiate landscape than had been previously targeted by the campus ministry system prior to 2014, by helping local churches engage these campuses in an effort to fulfill the Great Commission, North Carolina has seen far greater gospel saturation since we shifted our strategy from being convention-led to church-led.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

After decades of faithful and fruitful service to Southern Baptists through the International Mission Board and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC), Mike Creswell has retired. His work to promote generous giving to missions through the Cooperative Program has impacted countless lives for the gospel. The work to promote the Cooperative Program has been assigned to the Communications Team within the Administration and Convention Relations group of the BSCNC. Will Taylor has assumed this responsibility as well as integrating new churches seeking to join the convention as member churches. From July 2018 to July 2019, Taylor has been in consultation with more than a dozen churches that wish to join the Baptist state convention as member churches.

We celebrate that over the past 13 years, N.C. Baptists have given more to support Southern Baptist Convention missions through both the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong special offerings than any other state convention. In the years to come, we hope to encourage Baptists across North Carolina to give generously to missions through the Cooperative Program in a way that is consistent with our core Baptist convictions, that God's people are to obey God's Word in fulfilling the Great Commission.

DISCIPLE-MAKING CULTURE

The central focus of the Evangelism and Discipleship Group is to engage our state convention's strategy of "impacting lostness through disciple-making" as we strengthen churches by helping them develop a "disciple-making culture" that results in lives that are transformed by the power of God. We believe that a disciple is a transformed follower of Christ who is engaging the lost with the gospel and making disciples who, in turn, make more disciples. A disciple-making culture exists in a church when this process becomes the norm. Our staff is passionate to see this as a reality in North Carolina Baptist churches across our state. The Evangelism and Discipleship Group is comprised of two teams, the Disciple-Making Team and the Church Strengthening Team.

DISCIPLE-MAKING CONFERENCE

The 2019 Disciple-Making Conference was held on Feb. 26 at Green Street Baptist Church in High Point. Attended by approximately 700 people, the conference focused on disciple-making in a rapidly changing culture. The keynote speaker was John Stonestreet, president of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview. More than 40 breakout sessions were hosted, providing practical application to a vast array of evangelism and discipleship issues faced by the local church.

EMBRACE AND WOMEN'S EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP

During the 2018-2019 ministry year, Embrace continued equipping women to make disciples in order to impact lostness. During the 2019 Disciple-Making Conference, Embrace hosted two breakout sessions to help women understand the postmodern culture that surrounds them and how to live as followers of Christ in a culture that encourages compromise.

Roundtables: In the spring of 2019, Embrace hosted five roundtable events across North Carolina. The curriculum of the 2019 roundtables was "How to Study Your Bible." Through this training, women learned the Bible study principles of observation, interpretation and application. Women learned the techniques of exegesis and were exposed to tools and resources for Bible study to help them grow in their walk with Christ.

N.C. Baptist Women's Retreat: During the weekend of Oct. 26-27, 2018, Embrace hosted the 2018 N.C. Baptist Women's Retreat. The 2018 theme was "Holy. Chosen. Beloved." based on Colossians 3:12-14.

Embrace Leadership Network: Embrace also launched the third year of the Embrace Leadership Network (ELN) at the beginning of 2019. The twofold goal of ELN is to holistically equip women for kingdom service in their local churches or associations and to introduce them to other like-minded women's ministry leaders from across the state.

Missions involvement: Embrace hosted "Embracing New York City," a four-day mission trip to New York City held Sept. 13-16, 2018. The ladies who participated in the trip worked alongside Graffiti Coney Island in the New York City borough of Brooklyn. Graffiti was launched in 2016 by Pastor Stephen Trainer. Graffiti's ministries include a church and the Graffiti Ministries Learning Center.

GREAT COMMISSION PARTNERSHIPS

Great Commission Partnerships exists to mobilize and empower churches to make disciples among unreached people groups and in least-reached places in North Carolina, throughout North America and around the world. We do this through a catalytic focus on multifamily housing, the Peoples Next Door initiative, and by helping churches form partnerships with church planters and missionaries in North America and around the world.

Multifamily housing: Nationally, 95 percent of those living in multifamily housing communities are unchurched. Throughout North Carolina, one out of every three people live in multifamily housing. When Great Commission Partnerships was tasked with catalyzing gospel work in multifamily housing communities, we knew of only 44 communities being engaged. Churches are now engaging 96 multifamily housing communities throughout the state, with 20 communities newly engaged in 2018. Great Commission Partnerships has catalyzed the engagement of 57 communities since the inception of this initiative in June 2017. Still, there is much to be done.

Peoples Next Door: Great Commission Partnerships formed the Peoples Next Door initiative to help churches discover, engage, and make disciples of the unreached people groups who are now living in North Carolina. Churches are engaging 86 of the 162 people groups that have been identified throughout our state. There are 76 people groups still unengaged.

Church Partnerships: Over the course of last year, Great Commission Partnerships orchestrated six vision trips with 19 pastors and leaders to help churches form partnerships in strategically unreached areas of the world. Learn more about these trips at ncbaptist.org/visiontrips. These trips are for North Carolina pastors and leaders to explore how they might partner alongside of church planters and missionaries in each of these strategic areas. We know of 273 North Carolina churches who are engaged in partnerships in cities throughout North America, and 82 North Carolina churches who are engaged in partnerships around the world.

OFFICE OF PRAYER

The Office of Prayer exists to serve, resource and partner with N.C. Baptist congregations, associations, institutions and ministries in mobilizing prayer toward revival, spiritual awakening and impacting lostness through disciple-making. God is truly working in a heightened way in North Carolina and beyond by calling pastors, ministry leaders, associational leaders and individual believers to seek Him for an outpouring of God's manifest holy presence through revival and spiritual awakening. This is not pervasive, yet it is taking place gradually in certain churches, associations and areas all across our state. Below are some of the ways the Office of Prayer has sought to join the Lord and fan the flames of God's prayer activity over the past year.

“Awaken” Prayer Gathering: The 2019 “Awaken” Prayer Gathering was held at Pleasant Garden Baptist Church on March 8-9. Richard Owen Roberts, founder and president of International Awakening Ministries in Wheaton, Ill., was the keynote speaker on Friday night and Saturday morning. Saturday morning featured a “Broken Before the Throne” concert of prayer. The 2020 “Awaken” Prayer Gathering is scheduled for March 13-14 at Pleasant Garden Baptist Church.

Pray for 30 Days: The “Pray for 30 Days” emphasis calls on North Carolina Baptists to unite in prayer for God to send revival and spiritual awakening to our state, nation and world during the month of October prior to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Annual Meeting in November. The 2018 theme was “Who is My Neighbor?” based on Luke 10:29.

STRATEGIC FOCUS TEAM

The Strategic Focus Team assists churches in taking a missionary approach to North Carolina's pockets of lostness. In 2011, the Baptist State Convention commissioned a study to better understand the current state of lostness in North Carolina. This study found 250 small geographic areas scattered across the state where the lost population is growing unusually fast. We call these small geographic areas pockets of lostness. Many of these pockets cluster around the state's major cities like Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh, but most of these pockets dot the landscape of smaller cities and towns like Beaufort, Taylorsville and Sylva. The population in these pockets is growing, changing and filled with groups of people not easily attracted to our churches. Since few of these people will come to us, we must go to them.

That realization compelled messengers attending the 2013 Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Annual Meeting to affirm the strategy adopted by the board of directors to assist local churches to impact lostness through disciple-making across North Carolina starting in the most concentrated areas of lostness. Since 2014, strategy coordinators from the Strategic Focus Team have worked with local associations to help the churches take a missionary approach to these pockets of lostness. Each strategy coordinator primarily works in and around one of North Carolina's major population centers.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

This year has seen a focus on increasing the number of ways to deliver training to N.C. Baptist worship leaders, particularly through the extensive development of online training. Our primary training for worship leaders is through one of the Worship Leader Boot Camp experiences. We now offer a variety of possibilities depending upon how deep a worship leader wants to go and how much time they can allot the learning experience. We now offer five varieties of Worship Leader Boot Camps. To learn more, visit *WorshipLeaderBootCamp.org*.

YOUTH EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP

Summer Youth Weeks 2018 consisted of seven weeks of camp at Fort Caswell. These weeks combined worship, small and large group studies, special interest tracks, church group devotions, a missions opportunity to package meals for Haiti and many other fun activities. The theme for the summer was "Reimagine," based on Psalm 78:1-2. Students took an in-depth look at the parables of Christ that challenge us to reimagine the kingdom of God. Attendance for the 2018 camps was 6,484, representing 277 churches. Total decisions reflected the greater things God was doing at camp, which included 367 first-time professions of faith, more than 890 recommitments and 15 called to full-time Christian ministry. Campers also packaged the 2 millionth meal for Haiti since beginning the project in 2011.

During the summer of 2019, we sponsored eight weeks of youth camp for teenagers at Fort Caswell. The theme for our 2019 camps was, "On This Rock," based on Matthew 16:18. Students took a closer look at how the church was formed with Jesus as its foundation. As of June 1, 2019, attendance was slated to total 6,638 representing 273 churches.



Baptist Retirement Homes 2019 Annual Report

to North Carolina Baptist Associations and Churches



Residents at the Gardens of Taylor Glen 4th of July Parade

**“Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing; thou hast put off
my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;”**

Psalm 30:11 King James Version (KJV)

- ◆ Provided financial assistance to over 40% of the “Homes” residents in 2018—2019...disbursed more than \$3,600,000 in benevolent care to those residents who could not afford to pay for the quality institutional care that they needed.
- ◆ Partnered with local churches and associations to meet needs of frail Older Adults living in their communities via Adult Day Respite, Nutrition, and Housing Adaptation programs.
- ◆ Assisted Older Adults with limited financial resources (both Older Adults living in an institutional setting and those living in a home and community based environment) purchase the medications that they needed via the “Medicine From the Heart” campaign.
- ◆ Through the “Life at Home” ministry was able to assist Winston-Salem/Forsyth County area Older Adults with reliable, low cost handy man services.
- ◆ Baptist Chaplains located at each of the “Homes” locations to aid in the continued spiritual journey of each resident.
- ◆ Provided a statewide system of resource counselors to answer questions related to the needs of aging persons...Baptist Elder Care Network.

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The History and Ministry of NCBAM, 2009-2019

It isn't often that you're asked to create something from nothing. But, that's exactly how the North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) began in 2009.

Rev. Milton Hollifield Jr., executive director-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, "laid it on the heart" of Dr. Michael C. Blackwell, to create a non-residential ministry to older adults. Hollifield called Blackwell "the trusted source" in North Carolina Baptist life and said if anyone could create such a new and creative ministry—with broad-based support—it would be the long-time President of the Baptist Children's Homes.

Blackwell accepted the challenge and assembled a blue-ribbon committee of experts in all matters relating to aging adults—legal, medical, religious, psychological, social, and other challenges associated with the frail elderly.

Then, as now, BCH was a leader in developing family-focused Christian ministries. In addition to residential care for children, the ministry has established a Christian-focused day care, wilderness programs for boy and girls, a ministry for developmentally disabled adults, a family care ministry for single moms and their children, college campus ministries, and an orphanage in Guatemala. In further fulfillment of BCH's calling to serve all of God's children, NCBAM was born.

Blackwell chose Dr. Sandy C. Gregory to serve as director for the new ministry. At that time, Gregory was serving as south central director of development for BCH and had education and experience working in senior adult ministry. Blackwell connected Gregory with Bobby Boyd, then president of the BCH Board of Trustees and a retired director of Catawba County Social Services with 35 years' experience.

Gregory and Boyd spent the first year in research – traveling the state speaking to social service directors, older adults, and pastors, – asking "what can Baptists do to help older adults?" Gregory remembers two key lessons from Boyd that profoundly impacted the growth of the ministry: "Relationships are key" and "Don't promise more than you can deliver."

With a mission statement in place (*"to help individuals 65+ maintain their independence"*), NCBAM began a three-month pilot program with the Liberty Baptist Association. Working with Rev. Mike Ester, director of missions, NCBAM identified resources, established partnerships with existing services, and met individuals with needs. Gregory recalls, "The pilot program helped us determine the needs that were out there and ways that we could begin to address them."

With the pilot program rolling, a building on the Mills Hope campus of Baptist Children's Homes was upfitted for the NCBAM Call Center. Older adults called in with needs for transportation, home-delivered meals, or respite care. NCBAM staff provided callers with local numbers for existing services. It was usually only a few days before the caller would phone back to report they had been put on a one-to-two year waiting list. Gregory remembers, "Giving out those numbers was easy. But God had another plan—for NCBAM to call on the churches of North Carolina to step up and do ministry."

By embracing that divine plan, the foundation of NCBAM was laid – partnerships with churches and Baptist organizations ministering to the needs of the frail-aging while encouraging and empowering well-aging adults to continue God's call on their lives. Gregory had seen the focus of senior adult

ministries changing in the years before NCBAM was born. “Senior adult ministry used to be about a monthly luncheon and a trip to see the leaves. Now, seniors want more. They want to stay involved in ways that are meaningful to them and to continue to make a difference in the world.”

Known affectionately throughout the state as “BAM!,” the ministry has stayed true to its name to dream big and to act boldly with explosive energy. Gregory has seen to that by developing innovative partnerships with public and private sector entities. Today, those partnerships include North Carolina’s Office of State Fire Marshal which has led to more than \$100,000 in smoke alarms being installed in seniors’ homes, and the National Fire Protection Association that has brought fall-prevention education to thousands. Other vital partnerships are those with North Carolina’s Area Agencies on Aging and North Carolina’s Department of Insurance SHIP program.

Numbers tell only part of NCBAM’s story; but each number represents a life impacted by God’s love. Since 2009, NCBAM’s Call Center has received more than 25,000 calls, served 4,000 individuals, met needs in all 100 counties, and facilitated 33,000 volunteer hours. The ministry has developed ten Priority #1 Prevention programs, set the world’s record for the most wheelchair ramps built in one day (321), distributed 20,000 Red Bags for medication management, trained 27,000 individuals, and received 17 state and national awards. More than 40 educational workshops have been developed and taught, free of charge, to senior adult groups. Topics include caregiving, healthy aging, and disaster preparedness.

Through its AAIM outreach (Aging Adults Innovating Ministry), NCBAM provides leadership conferences for those involved in ministry to senior adults. Since 2014, a statewide event has been held each May followed by regional events in the fall.

As gratifying as it is to look back on the first ten years, Gregory spends more time looking forward. “Each day brings opportunities to explore new partnerships, build new programs, and impact more lives. As a ministry working with churches, government groups and the private sector, we explore uncharted territory every day.”

Like the first steps of NCBAM, the ministry’s latest venture into uncharted territory is also beginning as a pilot program – once again within the Liberty Baptist Association. Volunteers from LBA churches are trained to receive calls from older adults experiencing loneliness. This NCBAM Hope Line is part of a broader “One Hope” outreach which offers a spiritual response to the epidemic of social isolation and loneliness.

Founder Dr. Michael Blackwell sees the growth of NCBAM as a divine blessing. “The Lord has provided excellent staff and has consistently opened doors for new programs and partnerships at just the right moment. In the next ten years, as Baby Boomers continue to retire and need help maintaining their independence, NCBAM and North Carolina Baptists will be ready!”

NC Baptist Foundation Report 2019

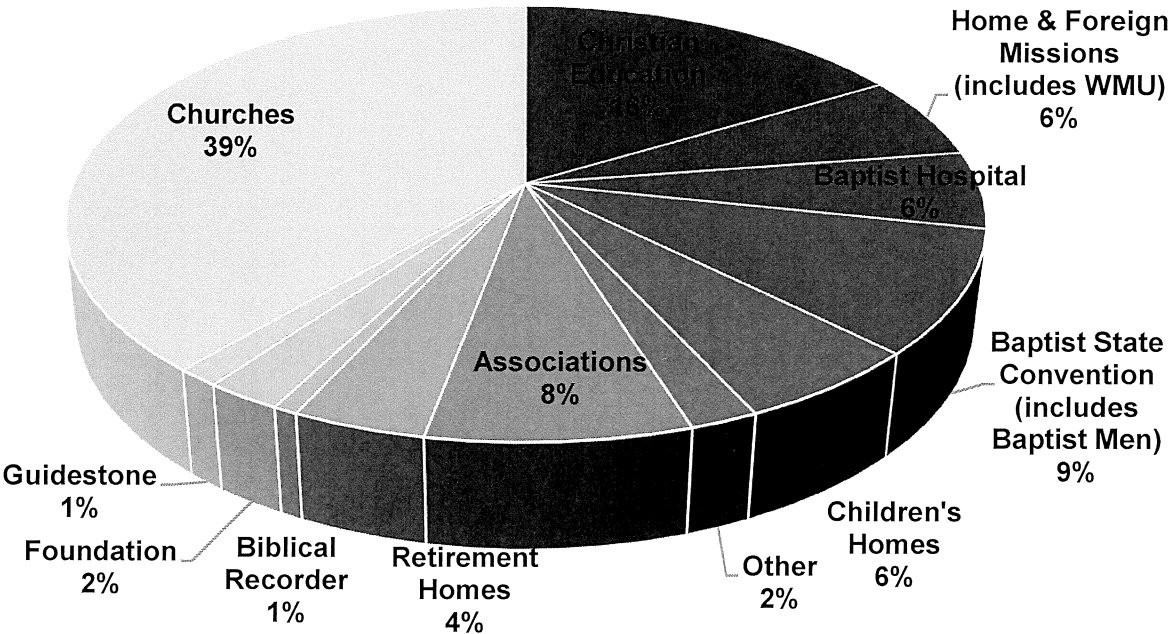
North Carolina Baptists felt the need to create the NC Baptist Foundation when a \$1,000 gift was made in 1919 to help with the establishment of Baptist Hospital. These Baptist leaders also envisioned the potential for Kingdom causes being supported in perpetuity by encouraging Christian estate planning and asking NC Baptists to leave legacy gifts to support ministries they had loved and supported throughout life. Today their vision and actions have resulted in the NC Baptist Foundation managing 2778 endowments, charitable trusts and accounts for churches benefitting 710 ministries and charities. While the Foundation today manages over \$162.5 million, throughout its nearly 100 year history it has distributed over \$192.5 million to ministry causes. Still today our mission remains to serve NC Baptists by “generating an increased awareness of Christian estate planning principles as a means of financially undergirding Baptist churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis.”

Ten years ago our mission was expanded as we created North Carolina Baptist Financial Services “to serve the needs of NC Baptist churches, Baptist institutions and members of the NC Baptist churches by providing loan and investment services. During these ten years, Financial Services has granted some 149 loans totaling some \$83 million. Our motto today is “Fostering Generosity...Facilitating Kingdom Growth.”

The Lord blessed our ministry in 2018 in the following ways:

- The opportunity to make 167 presentations in Baptist churches, associations and institutions and agencies across our state
- Establishing 21 new accounts and having total receipts of \$4.4 million
- Distributing \$7.8 million (see pie chart)
- In cooperation with the Baptist State Conventions awarded 188 scholarships to NC Baptist students totaling over \$332,700
- Closed 13 new loans totaling \$7 million
- Currently have a total of 617 investments in Certificates of Participation totaling \$52 million
- 84 loans outstanding to NC Baptist churches totaling \$44 million

The following pie chart illustrates areas of ministry receiving support from Foundation accounts in 2018:



The North Carolina Baptist Foundation is always available to assist NC Baptist individuals and churches in “Fostering Generosity...Facilitating Kingdom Growth.”

Cooperative Program

The Cooperative Program is the most effective tool to fulfill the Great Commission. We challenge Baptists across North Carolina to join in the effort to support the \$31 million budget approved by messengers to fuel missions and ministry in North Carolina and around the world.

After decades of faithful and fruitful service to Southern Baptists through the International Mission Board and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC), Mike Creswell has retired. His work to promote generous giving to missions through the Cooperative Program has impacted countless lives for the gospel.

The work to promote the Cooperative Program has been assigned to the Communications Team within the Administration and Convention Relations group of the BSCNC. Will Taylor has assumed this responsibility as well as integrating new churches seeking to join the convention as member churches. From July 2018 to July 2019, Taylor has been in consultation with more than a dozen churches that wish to join the Baptist state convention as member churches.

We celebrate that over the past 13 years, N.C. Baptists have given more to support Southern Baptist Convention missions through both the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong special offerings than any other state convention. In the years to come, we hope to encourage Baptists across North Carolina to give generously to missions through the Cooperative Program in a way that is consistent with our core Baptist convictions, that God's people are to obey God's Word in fulfilling the Great Commission.

The "52 Sundays" resource is available to prayerfully inform your congregation about how the Cooperative Program is fueling missions and ministry around the world. For 2020, the "52 Sundays" resource will feature a wider breadth of ministry and missions efforts that are supported through the Cooperative Program. The 2019 resource is offered in English, Spanish and Korean, and it may be accessed at ncbaptist.org/52sundays.

Will Taylor, Communications Strategist

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CAMP

2019 REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATION

The call of God to us is one of complete surrender; it's a call to go all in with Him, holding nothing back. He demonstrates for us what this looks like through the life of Christ. When God sent Jesus Christ to this world, He went "all in." When Jesus went all the way to the cross to die for our sins, He went "all in." Our whole-hearted Lord is not interested in half-hearted followers.

The apostle Paul expressed this idea in Romans 12:1. *"Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship".* "To present your bodies" is Paul's way of saying, "Go all in." Anything less is a spiritual no man's land. Yet that is exactly where so many people are. We're afraid that if we go all in that we might miss out on what this life has to offer. It's not true. The only thing you'll miss out on is everything God has to offer. And the good news is this: if you don't hold out on God, God won't hold out on you.

That was the message we attempted to communicate through our 2019 summer camps. As we examined our theme of **"All In"** through worshipping, playing, teaching, and witnessing with almost 1400 campers and counselors, God moved in the hearts of many. When the last camper left, we had witnessed over 285 decisions for Christ. That number included 170 that trusted Christ for their salvation. Hallelujah! Also among that number are 32 who surrendered to God's call to ministry/missions. We are excited to see how God will work in the lives of these that have made renewed commitments to Him and how He will use them.

The power of camp to influence lives should come as no surprise to us. The Lord Jesus himself modeled for us this truth as He regularly pulled away from His routine and the needs of persons around Him for times of refreshing and renewal with the Father. When we do so today, we are just following His example.

Camp does a lot of things well. In a setting separate from their daily routine, with an opportunity to shed the expectations and pressures of others, campers are freed up to truly be themselves, to live above artificial limitations and blossom into who they were created to be. At camp, young people have the mental room to consider some of the most important issues of life. This break from the craziness of their regular routine allows campers to think about their future, to evaluate unhealthy patterns, and to discover the truth that God loves them and has an amazing plan for their lives. At camp, caring adults, staff and mentors come alongside campers, helping them think through decisions and experiences in a way that will prepare them for their future. Many campers point back to a positive role model they met at camp as one who helped shape the direction of their lives.

It should be obvious that every young person needs and deserves a camp experience like I'm describing. But the truth is, there are many adults who also need such an experience. In the busyness and hectic pace of today's world, there is great value in following the example of the Lord to get away just to spend time with our Heavenly Father. That's why we make our facilities and resources available to church groups of all ages year round. In addition our staff is willing to come alongside you to provide assistance to any degree you might desire. We exist to serve you and are committed to give you the personal attention that you need. We would love to talk with you about how we might partner with you to support you as you seek to carry out the unique mission of your church. So give us a call!

We are grateful for the relationships we have with the churches of this association and welcome the opportunity to serve the Lord by serving you, advancing His kingdom until He comes!

Al Tinnin, Director

Compensation and Benefits Services (CABS)

The Compensation and Benefits Services (CABS) office is able to provide answers to general questions regarding retirement, insurance and other financial needs of our churches. Our goal is to keep our North Carolina Baptist association offices and churches up to date on changes that affect them. The following information is a summary of those efforts:

Retirement

The CABS office works with church staff and lay leaders in an effort to assist them in the restructuring of pastor and staff compensation packages to include retirement benefits. Many pastors and staff members do not see the benefits of participating in the Church Retirement Plan through GuideStone Financial Resources, and they will opt out of the plan if given an opportunity. Therefore, a continued effort is being made to challenge churches to assist their pastors and staff by establishing and contributing to their retirement plans in addition to their salaries and other benefits. Sadly, nearly half of N.C. Baptist churches make no contribution to the retirement plans of their staff members. We continue to educate and encourage our churches to be responsible employers by providing for their staff members' retirements in a Christ-honoring manner.

Convention Protection Benefits

We were pleased to be able to continue offering life and disability benefits to all staff members of N.C. Baptist churches participating in the Church Plan through GuideStone. North Carolina continues to lead all state conventions in the number of participants, but we still fall far short of the goal of having every church providing protection benefits for their staff members through participating in a GuideStone Retirement Plan.

Tax and Health Insurance Laws

Healthcare reform law: GuideStone remains a leader in providing detailed information regarding the impact that changing tax and health care laws have on our churches and their staff members. Timely and thorough updates of changes in the tax law are available on the GuideStone website. We are certain that there will be many more changes in the coming months related to health care laws, and your CABS office will work diligently to stay on top of these changes.

Church Staff Compensation

The results of the 2018 Southern Baptist Compensation Study are available online by visiting compstudy.lifeway.com. Much of the year has been spent educating churches on the tax implications of the "lump sum pay packages" for pastors and churches. The taxability of such pay packages continues to be a concern.

Mission Dignity

GuideStone Financial Resources continues to provide financial assistance to elderly ministers and widows of ministers who live under financial duress and need ongoing and/or one-time assistance through Mission Dignity. For assistance, call the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina at (800) 395-5102, ext. 5604 or 5637, or visit our website at ncbaptist.org. You may also call GuideStone at (888) 984-8433, or visit the GuideStone website at GuideStone.org.

Davis Blount, Senior Consultant

Biblical Recorder **2019 Annual Report to the Associations**

News moves faster than ever. It is hard to know who you can trust. Trying to keep up can be exhausting. North Carolina Baptists need a reliable news source on their side. That's why the *Biblical Recorder* exists.

Our task is vital to the health of N.C. Baptist missions and ministries. We foster partnership and Cooperative Program support among our churches by providing reliable information. Journalism is our process, but our real product is trust.

The past year represented a season of transition for the *Biblical Recorder*. We celebrated the legacy of Allan Blume as he retired May 31. Blume had served as editor-president since 2011. With gratitude for the biblical commitment and Great Commission focus that Blume championed, we began to look toward the future and envision how our staff can continue to build on that foundation.

Like most traditional news outlets, we are facing significant cultural, technological and financial obstacles. Despite the challenges, our team is committed to pioneering creative strategies that will ensure churches in this state continue to be informed and inspired for years to come.

Our staffing structure has been retooled for efficiency and alignment with a digital-first content strategy. We are developing new ways of telling the same story – the wonderful tale of how N.C. Baptists are taking the gospel to their communities, state, nation and across the globe.

The *Biblical Recorder's* print edition continues to be an essential part of what we do. The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina conducted a survey last year to discover how pastors and churchgoers receive information. In the results, 72 percent of respondents said they currently get news about the state convention through the *Biblical Recorder's* print edition.

We are reimagining how traditional services like classified advertisements can serve N.C. Baptist churches in the best ways possible. Plus, our digital reach is expanding with new developments related to our website, BRnow.org, and the addition of new social media tools that enable live video coverage of events.

Our goal is for all products – digital and print – to be the best they've ever been. We pray N.C. Baptists will continue to read, subscribe and support the work of the *Biblical Recorder* as we labor diligently to serve our churches for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Nate Jones, Board Chair
Seth Brown, Executive Editor



North Carolina Baptist Hospital/Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center 2019 Report to Baptist Associations in North Carolina

Wake Forest Baptist Health is a regional health care system anchored by the 885-bed tertiary care hospital and campus in Winston-Salem. This campus is home to the adult and pediatric Level I Trauma Centers and Burn Center, the 144-bed Brenner Children's Hospital and 167-bed Comprehensive Cancer Center, serving patients in northwest North Carolina and southwest Virginia.

The regional health care system's network encompasses the main campus and four community hospitals, the 50-bed Wake Forest Baptist Health Davie Medical Center in Davie County, the 351-bed Wake Forest Baptist Health High Point Medical Center in Guilford County, the 94-bed Wake Forest Baptist Health Lexington Medical Center in Davidson County and the 130-bed Wake Forest Baptist Health Wilkes Medical Center in Wilkes County. Through a joint venture, Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital and Wake Forest Baptist acquired Alleghany Health, a 25-bed critical access hospital in Alleghany County.

Wake Forest Baptist also operates three urgent care centers; the emergency departments at more than a dozen community hospitals; maternal-fetal and neonatal units; freestanding dialysis, imaging and endoscopy facilities; and, with Wake Forest Health Network's community practices, more than 232 primary and specialty care clinics.

We continue to be profoundly grateful for our long standing partnership with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, our founding partner of the Hospital. This nearly 100 year old partnership between the Convention and the Hospital is unlike any other between founding State Baptist Conventions and hospitals.

The Baptist State Convention is our creative partner in providing medical service and healthcare to the very poor and most vulnerable people in our state. The Convention is woven into the fabric of the FaithHealth movement and helps us weave together multiple networks of caring.

Our work in FaithHealth rests on the thriving partnership we share with the Convention and our broader points of "touch" aligns with the original vision of the Convention to begin North Carolina Baptist Hospital. The Baptist State Convention is our creative partner in providing medical service and healthcare to the very poor and most vulnerable people in our state.

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FaithHealthNC – A Partnership of Compassion

FaithHealthNC has been a grateful recipient of Cooperative Program funds to support our ongoing work among NC Baptists and our growing partnership with the General Baptist Convention of NC.

This partnership with the General Baptist Convention is a crucial part of our ministry as we develop ways to work with the Divinity School at Shaw University, co-sponsor our Annual John Hatch FaithHealth Lecture series, and work together to help churches address the emerging developments in health care, particularly to the most vulnerable.

- **FaithHealthNC** has 38 Connectors serving across the state. These Connectors are local, trusted individuals who relate well to churches, medical providers, and community resources to improve health in their communities. They work closely with volunteer caregivers from churches to assist individuals before, during and after hospitalization.

The Connectors are a vital part of our ministry to help persons find the **Right Door** for healthcare at the **Right Time** helping them to be **Ready to be Treated** and assuring them that they are **Not Alone**.

- **FaithHealthNC** appreciates the ministries of Baptist Associations and their impact on their communities. They are a vital partner in the FaithHealth movement and strategically placed to impact health in their communities. We will be working closely with Associations served by the Hospitals in our Health Care system in the coming year and placing Connectors in those Associations.
- **FaithHealthNC** supports the Convention's strategy to "Impact Lostness" as we work with churches to improve health in their communities that touches the spiritual, behavioral, social, and physical needs of persons. New commitments are developing as we anticipate the 100th anniversary of the hospital and our long-standing partnership with the Baptist State Convention.

The Mother's Day Offering – A Source of Hope

The theme for the 2019 Mother's Day Offering was, *"Give thanks to the God of Heaven, for His steadfast love endures forever."* Psalm 136:26. North Carolina Baptists have been giving thanks to God by putting on a heart of compassion for patients who face financial burdens due to hospitalization since 1924. These gifts make a life-changing difference in the lives of patients and their families as they experience the generosity of North Carolina Baptists in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Patients like Eddie Barr whose terrible headaches and terrific pressure in his head were so bad, he was bedridden, causing him to be out of work. The surgery he had at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center relieved his headaches and pressure, but not the pressures associated with no health insurance. Facing the enormous medical bill, Eddie Barr said, *"I thought, how am I ever going to pay this? We didn't know how to make ends meet. Our son was going to college so we had a lot of expenses all at once. There was no light at the end of the tunnel and we were worried."* But the Barrs did what most people do in times of trouble – they prayed that everything would be alright. And it was when they received a letter saying Eddie's debt was wiped clean by the Mother's Day Offering. Eddie said, *"I just thanked God. It made me feel like I belonged somewhere. This offering makes God's love real because it is real – this is something you can actually touch, you can feel it. I pray more and feel a whole lot closer to God than before all this happened."*

Thank you for giving to the Mother's Day Offering in the name of Jesus Christ to change lives like Eddie's.

Please visit www.mothersdayoffering.org to see her full story and those of other recipients

CareNet, Inc. Lifting Spirits. Holding hope.

Leadership Transition – In June 2018, Steve Scoggin, then President for CareNet was asked by Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center to assume interim leadership in the Department of Psychiatry. He accepted, and Bryan Hatcher was placed in the role of Interim President of CareNet Counseling. In January 2019, that role was made permanent and Bryan became President. An ordained Baptist minister who has served churches as Associate Pastor, Pastor, and Interim Pastor across North Carolina, Bryan began work with CareNet in October 1999 as a counselor. In 2003, Bryan became the Director of the CareNet Counseling Center in Wilkes County. In 2007 he took on a statewide leadership role with CareNet as Director of Professional Services and in 2010, Bryan moved into the role of Director of Center Development. In 2014, he took over the role of Chief Operating Officer for the statewide organization

For over forty years, the Baptist State Convention has pioneered a unique one of a kind partnership with a mental health ministry that reaches across 70 North Carolina counties. In that span of time, we estimate that we reached over 250,000 North Carolinians by this ministry of hope, healing and growth. The care of the mind, body, spirit and community is a hallmark of the Division of Faith and Health Ministries of

which CareNet is a part and a witness to the extraordinary vision of the BSCNC to attend to the whole life of the Disciples of Christ.

The unique work done by CareNet counselors is enabled by the generosity of Cooperative Missions giving by the BSCNC. This work is carried out in innovative, relevant and timely ways designed to meet needs in:

WILMINGTON/JACKSONVILLE ; GREENVILLE REGION; FAYETTEVILLE ;

LUMBERTON REGION; HARNETT COUNTY REGION; WINSTON-SALEM REGION

WILKES REGION; MOORESVILLE REGION; MARION REGION

In a turbulent policy environment where behavioral health is already reimbursed well below its cost, the partnership with the Baptist State Convention is a beacon of hope and a welcome respite for tired and weary souls who cannot incur the full cost of services. We are confident our mission of mental health which impacts one out of four Americans will continue to thrive as we develop new and innovative forms of care that touch the mind, body, spirit and community. Thank you North Carolina Baptist for standing with and for the broken, despondent, tired and hopeless who are given the opportunity through sensitive and compassionate care in 35 CareNet locations to reclaim life, love and hope. Your gifts to us through the Cooperative Program enable us to assure no one is turned away for service because of inability to pay.

Chaplaincy and Clinical Ministries – Combining Ministry with Education

The Clinical Pastoral Education program allows Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center chaplains to provide spiritual and supportive care to patients, their loved ones and staff of the Medical Center. Chaplains serve in several capacities, including a 24-hour, on-call ministry within the hospital, and helping people with a range of medical, emotional, and spiritual needs. The CPE educational program is one of the oldest and largest in the nation, and offers a variety of programs, including some in community-based settings.

Center for Congregational Health – Opening Doors to Hope and Wholeness

Congregations are experiencing unprecedented changes and with these changes strategic opportunities. Since its inception, the Center for Congregational Health (CCH) has sought to assist churches. However, just as congregations have experienced great change so has the CCH. As a self-supporting ministry of the Hospital, CCH has refined and refocused its role in the FaithHealth strategy.

The CCH plays a key role in supporting, encouraging and strengthening congregations and thus extends the Medical Center's mission of health and healing beyond the hospital's walls. During the past fiscal year, the Center has provided a variety of consulting, coaching, and training ministries supporting clergy, lay leaders, congregations, and the FaithHealth movement itself. Faith communities and the volunteers from those communities form the backbone of the FaithHealth movement.

CCH staff and professional coaches in the Center's coaching network provided over 1200 hours of coaching and consultation to congregations and over 250 hours of training events for congregations and their leaders. Consultants work with congregations in the areas of re-visioning/strategic planning, conflict management, pastoral and staff transitions, church mergers, and the challenges of financial sustainability. CCH staff work directly with the FaithHealth congregations and clergy in the 24 county service area and beyond. As part of the FaithHealth Ministries Division, we provide service and training to the Clinical Pastoral Education residents and interns. The CCH staff often refers clients to CareNet or other Medical Center services.

Additional Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center Highlights:

In June of 2019, **Wake Forest Baptist Health** unveiled the new Birth Center and the Dale and Karen Sisel Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, a 100,000 square foot, two floor facility.

Wake Forest Baptist holds the coveted Gold Seal of Approval from The Joint Commission, and in 2018 was ranked among the nation's "Best Hospitals in seven adult medical and surgical specialties by U.S. News & World Report. This marks the 26th consecutive year that Wake Forest Baptist Health has been ranked among the nation's top hospitals by U.S. News & World Report.

The Medical Center is the region's only Level I trauma center, renowned for handling the region's most complex medical cases.

In April of 2019, **Wake Forest Baptist Health and Atrium Health** signed a Memorandum of Understanding to create a next-generation academic health system that will further transform medical education, expand patient-centered research and innovation currently in place in Winston-Salem, and empower the next generation of clinical excellence.

Wake Forest Baptist Health's Comprehensive Cancer Center is one of only three in North Carolina and 49 in the country to be designated as "comprehensive" by the National Cancer Institute. Wake Forest Baptist has continuously held the designation since it was introduced in 1990.

Wake Forest Baptist continues to be a major research and innovation center, making important contributions to biomedical and health science research nationally and internationally. The most recent "Best Doctors in America" database includes 312 **Wake Forest Baptist** Physicians in 36 specialties, 52 of whom are pediatricians and pediatric specialists at Brenner Children's Hospital.

Brenner Children's Hospital has once again been listed among the best children's hospitals in the country by *U.S. News and World Report*. Each year Brenner Children's Hospital has about 5,000 admissions, 57,000 outpatient clinic visits and 36,000 pediatric emergency department visits.

Thank you North Carolina Baptists for partnering with us since 1920 to carry out the health care mission envisioned in the minds of those who believed there should be a Baptist hospital to extend the healing ministry of Jesus in North Carolina. We are blessed by you and grateful for your financial and prayerful support.

As we approach the 100th Anniversary of the Hospital a key component of that event and celebration will be recognizing the significant impact of our partnership with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. This partnership has contributed to not only our care for patients but the broader impact of extending ministry to the most vulnerable and needy in the same communities where the congregations of the Convention are located.

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At the IMB, we believe every church—regardless of size, location, or resources—plays a vital role in taking the gospel to every nation.

That includes yours.

Because of your churches and the cooperative work of Southern Baptists, gifts to the IMB through the Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering are up this year. Currently, there are more fully-funded open missionary positions than candidates in the pipeline. We are excited to partner with churches to fill every open position and create many more.

When you partner with the IMB, you do more than make it possible to send missionaries. You're part of the team that goes. We provide opportunities for your church to:

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Pray

Join the critical work of praying for unreached peoples.

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Give


Empower IMB missionaries to make disciples.

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Go


Explore opportunities to take the gospel to the nations.



100+ East Asian groups now have access to heart language Scripture resources.



An initiative in the Americas to engage **103** unreached peoples and places by the end of **2020** is over **50%** to its goal.




10 new Baptist churches are being prayerfully planned in Krakow, Poland, a city where **99.8%** of the people don't have a personal relationship with the Lord.



1550 former Muslims were baptized and over **100** new churches were started in Central Asia, the least evangelized part of the world.

YOU ARE HELPING PLANT CHURCHES AND MAKE DISCIPLES AROUND THE WORLD. HERE'S THE WORK YOU'VE BEEN A PART OF DURING THE LAST YEAR.



God saved the **first** believer from the Mwani people group in Mozambique.



100+ short-term mission teams were sent out by Chinese churches in partnership with IMB missionary teams in **2018**, engaging **33** unreached people groups.



2,724+ national partners within Chinese churches received cross-cultural missionary training.



154 unengaged unreached people groups in East Asia have now been engaged through an evangelism and church planting strategy.

Let's talk about how your church can *play a role* in reaching the nations.