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"...but that it's parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers with it, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it." 1 Corinthians 12:25-26

Words from Wesley...

This is the third article in a series of articles from Thom Rainers, "Who Moved My Pulpit: Leading Change In The Church." You can find last month's on our website, gccba.org, under Media, then Newsletter. This month we will look at what Rainer calls, ***Five Kinds of Unmovable Church Members***.

"There are many different kinds of stubborn members, but most of them fall into these five categories."- Rainer

1. The Deniers- When evidence of decline is given, they deny the accuracy of the information. "The denier is the most difficult to lead in change because he or she does not think anything needs changing. The church is fine the way it is, and there is no motivation to do things differently. Denial is the fastest path to death." - Rainer

2. The Entitled- They treat the church like a country club. They pay the pastors salary and expect the pastor and staff to do as they say when they say it. They use phrases like, "You know we pay your salary," or "This is our church." They expect their worship style and decor. They control the thermostats and when the lights are on or off. "The entitled church member resists change constantly. These church members do not want anything that upsets their way of doing church to be introduced to the congregation. Church is about their perks, their desires, and their comfort." - Rainer

3. The Blamers- The condition of the church is always someone else's fault. The pastor, culture, new churches in town, other church members, etc. "The blamers resist change because they do not need to change, at least from their perspective. The problems all reside with other people and other situations. They don't see anything wrong with themselves. Blamers will blame. Blamers do not want to change." - Rainer

4. The Critics- Similar to The Blamers, they believe the problems in the church are someone else's fault. Rainer says that The Critic is worse than The Blamer. "They drain pastors and other church leaders of their energies." They use the dreaded phrase,

Thoughts from our Staff.....

"People are saying that..." Rainer calls them PAST Critics. "These critics are cowards who try to assign blame to some anonymous person or persons for the problems they articulate." They use social media to air their negative thoughts and draw other people into it.

5. The Confused- Rainer says, "The confused are often well-intending church members." They hang on to traditions that have no doctrinal or biblical value. The value is simply their own safety and security. Order of worship and furniture with plaques are just to name a few. "In simple terms, the confused give highest priority to those things that are not high priority. Belief in the bodily resurrection is a tenet that cannot be compromised. Skipping the doxology one week will not result in immediate damnation."- Rainer

Many will read this and immediately think of someone that is one of the above. Sadly, not many will read this and ask themselves, "Am I one of these?"

Rainer doesn't just give the discouraging parts. He offers hope. He says, "I know there is hope because I've seen churches in rural areas with negative population growth become dynamic forces for God's work in their communities." Next month, we will look at what Rainer calls the "Road Map For Leading Change In Your Church."

""Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27

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Earlier this week, one of the church planters we work with in Indiana posted that on Sunday he experienced frustrations before the worship service because they were unable to open the trailer that houses the supplies they need for worship. They meet in an elementary school so all of their supplies are kept in a trailer. That morning the key broke off into the lock, and no matter what they tried they were unable to get the lock off. They had no tables, chairs, sound system, projector, or supplies for the children for church that morning. He then shared that God had taught him a special lesson that morning and this is that Jesus should be enough. In our life we do not need fancy houses, lots of friends, trendy clothes, great sound systems, or large church buildings because Jesus is enough. Just the fact of who He is and what He did for us gives us reason to live, worship, and love others. Take time this week to think about what you need to shed in your life so that you remember.....Jesus is enough.

Katie

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CHILDREN OF GOD MUST BE CHILDREN OF PRAYER

Look, watch and pray. Mark 13:33

We are living in difficult times. There is a need and an urgency to pray. In Philippians 4:6-7, *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* We must know how to respond when we are anxious (Matthew 6:25-34). Only prayer can truly take away the concerns. Take your needs to God with an attitude of worship. Pray 24 hours a day. When praying, learn to be specific, and be grateful for His answers. Learn to give thanks with much joy and much gratitude. Then, you will feel peace in your life. You can get through the difficult times. A real Christian knows what that peace of God can do, and how it exceeds the knowledge of man. He knows that Peace provides hope when there are no answers for the tests of life. It is important to pray for our world. We are in desperate times with our governments. The economy is not good. Society is corrupt. The Church is being destroyed. The enemy is attacking everything he can. We need to pray for our leaders, each other, and our children. We must allow God to guide each step. (Psalm 116:17). It is very important that we ask and allow God to provide. (Luke 11:9-10). We must pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18). We must stay intimate with God (Matthew 6:5-15). This is the only way we will survive these desperate times of life. Pray. Blessings.

Rev Jose A. Espinal. Pastor of the Getsemani Baptist Church. Hispanic Language Missionary.

Education and Network Opportunities

Pastors:

Ministers Conference

Monday, March 2, 2020
Prayer Time 11:00am,
Lunch 11:30am, Program 12:00pm
Rick Fisher, with Blackaby Ministries will be sharing with us. "Becoming A House Of Prayer." This will be a great time! Join us!

Hey Pastors! Do you have a personal disciple making strategy? Would you like one? We are starting new G3 Disciple Making Groups. If you're interested, contact wesley@gccba.org, 704-751-1028

Senior Adult:

Senior Adult Music Day

Thursday, March 12th at Flint Hill Baptist
9:00 AM until 1:00 PM
"Sing America's Song" by Marty Parks
Rehearsals in the Sanctuary and Meal in the Family Life Bldg. Fun! Fellowship! Door Prizes! Great Food! Etc. \$8.00 per Choir Member, Register with GCCBA by March 1st!

BREAKFAST & REHEARSAL

March 14—Bethel Baptist 10 am

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

March 15—Bethel Baptist 6 PM.

Senior Adult Rally

Monday, April 20th at
Poplar Springs Baptist
Registration begins at 8:30 am, program starts at 9 am
Please join us for this time of food, fellowship, and fun. Bill Fryar, Pastor of Double Springs Baptist will be our guest speaker. Please RSVP by April 8th.

Deacon:

Spring Deacon Training

Patterson Grove Baptist,
6:30pm, Mark Mirza, "Common Thread Ministries" will be leading. RSVP by March 9th.

Bible Drill:

The **Associational Bible Drill** will be on Sunday, March 22 at Beaver Dam Baptist at 3:00 pm!



 **Mark Mirza**
Rebuilding the Foundations of Prayer (Psalm 11:3)



"Praying For Local Politicians"

Lunch with Mark Mirza,
"Common Thread Ministries,"
March 16- 12:00pm, RSVP by March 9. Mark has been on staff at First Baptist Atlanta, leading the men's prayer ministry for Dr. Charles Stanley, of In Touch Ministries.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

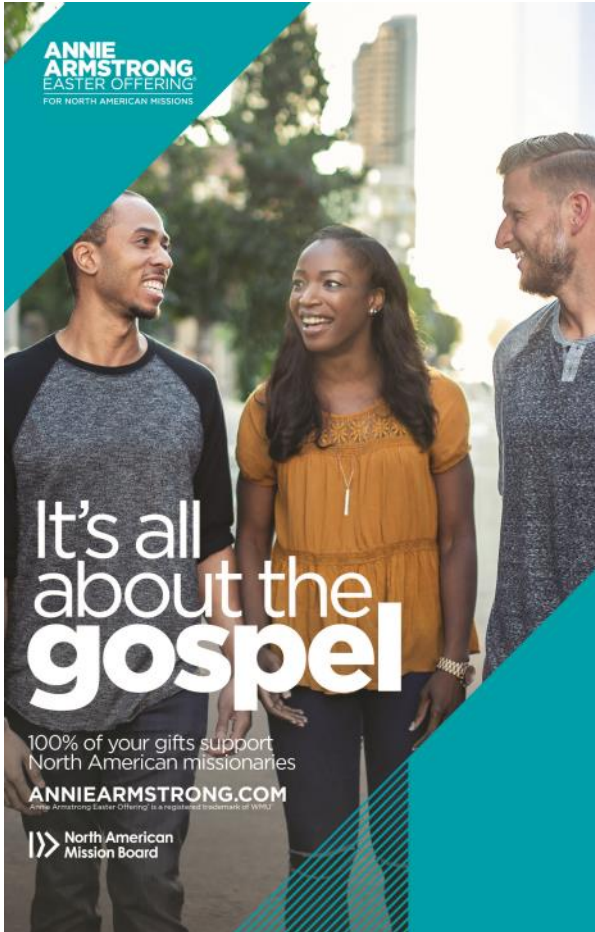
More information coming soon!

- UNITE Youth Worship Weekend, March 6-7
- Operation InAsMuch 2020, April 25, or May 2.
- God's Not Done Yet 2020, 2nd Baptist Rutherfordton, May 1-2.

www.godsnotdone2020.com



Missions Opportunities



Scorecard Training

Saturday, April 4, 2020—9:00AM -3:00 PM
Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

Scorecard is a one-day event that will answer these important questions and more! Consider bringing your entire staff to Scorecard to learn how to develop a strategic ministry plan with checkpoints that will help you measure spiritual growth in your children and youth. Scorecard also includes specific ways your church can partner with parents to disciple their children at home.

The cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch. For GCCBA Churches who will register participants with the GCCBA Office by Monday, March 23, the cost will be \$10 a person. Call or email Nicole to register and save \$15 per person!



Have all food & gift cards
dropped off at the GCCBA
Office by April 30th!
Check out their website to
get a list of the needs they
have.

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MY GOD, O MY KING!
AND I'LL BLESS YOUR NAME
INTO ETERNITY"
-PSALM 145-**

Sign up NOW! For more information contact Rita
Stewart 704-466-8383 wolsings@gmail.com

Missions Opportunities

Indiana Mission Trip

We will once again travel to Clarksville Indiana to serve alongside the churches of the Southeastern Indiana Baptist Association. The trip is July 11th-17th. We will help churches with VBS, yard work, block parties, canvassing neighborhoods, and prayer walking. If you are interested in joining us on mission please contact Katie as soon as possible.



Associational Children's Missions Race Car Derby Wednesday March 11th @ 6:30 at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

Please note that this year our derby race will take place on a Wednesday night. Supper and registration will begin at 6:30 with a missions presentation and race to follow. Please call the office by March 9th to RSVP for supper. RA/GA groups who are not racing cars are also welcome to join us for supper and to cheer on the racers! To register online please go to <https://forms.gle/Uz2efksyTBBiXZA46>



Pray for the Nicaragua Mission Trip April 14-20



Jose and Maria Espinal are available to come cook a meal for your church. The church in Nicaragua greatest need right now is transportation. All the proceeds will go to help them purchase a vehicle, so they can bring people to church. To schedule his group to cook a meal, please contact Katie Harris.

Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program

We are currently working on the 2020 schedule for the Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program. If your church is interested in providing sandwiches, chips, and cookies for 75 people please contact Katie Harris to schedule a date.



Block Party Trailer

We are very excited that our brand new Block Party Trailer is close to being completed. It will be ready just in time for you to use at your summer events. The new trailer will have the same types of machines, games, and other supplies needed to help make your ministry event successful.



Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: **Jan. 2020**

Food	28
Rent	1
Power	26
Clothes	8
Other	1
Counseling	40
Total Assisted Units:	104

GCCBA FOOD PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS: ** DIAPERS ALWAYS NEEDED **

Spaghetti sauce
spaghetti noodles
peanut butter
cereal
macaroni and cheese
Canned Meat
Toiletries: toilet paper, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, clothes detergent



The pantry always needs everything, but the items listed are what we go through the fastest!

GCCBA Bulletin Board

Pastors Anniversaries for March

Camps Creek:

Buddy Morehead, 8 years

Dover:

Ervin Price, 13 years

New Hope:

Russ Bradley, 14 years

Pathway:

James Hamrick, 42 years

Westover:

Kevin Whittington, 7 years

Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.

FBC Shelby ~ New Bethel ~ Zoar

Pray for the following churches in the interim.

Calvary ~ Carpenter's Grove ~

Lawndale ~

Pleasant Grove ~ Temple

GCCBA Website

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

GOD'S NOT DONE 2020

** Encouraging, Inspiring, and Motivating Church Leaders to Go Beyond **

A conference for the church with NAMB revitalization specialist...

MARK CLIFTON

Senior Director of Replanting, NAMB



May 01, 2020, 6:15 PM - 9:00 PM

Registration begins 4:30 PM, Dinner 5:20 PM

May 02, 2020, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Continental Breakfast 8:30 AM

Second Baptist Church

191 Green St, Rutherfordton, NC 28139, USA

\$10.00 per person

(includes Dinner & workshop materials)

(Must preregister for Dinner and if Childcare is needed)



There will also be break-out sessions led by experienced and faithful pastors and teachers.
This is an area-wide event and all are welcome to attend!

For more information and to register go to www.godsnotdone2020.com or contact Green River Baptist Association at (828) 286-9278.

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PRAY GOD'S GLORY *Across the Earth*

"FOR THE EARTH WILL BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD AS THE WATERS COVER THE SEA."

HABAKKUK 2:14 NIV

MAY 7, 2020

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**Sunday,
March
8th!**

Would your church like to know more about the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association?

We would love to share our story! Some churches have invited us to come and be a part of their worship time and share what God is doing in our association. Our staff would come and share a time allowed in Sunday Morning or Sunday Evening worship service. Contact us today to set up a time!

Church Needs.....

Church Needs.....

Bethany:

Bethany is seeking an inspired person **to lead a contemporary worship style**, to develop and organize the praise time and individuals. Contact Pastor Richard 704-300-1730

Bethlehem:

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

Crestview:

Crestview Baptist Church in Shelby is searching for a **musical accompanist** (piano) to serve in a permanent part-time position. This will involve Wednesday nights and Sundays, plus planning/practice time. Send resume to: Crestview Baptist Church, 1090 Old Boiling Springs Road, Shelby, North Carolina 28152

Lattimore

Lattimore Baptist Church is seeking a **part time organist**. This position includes playing during Sunday morning worship services and coordinating special music with the pianist. This person should have the ability to work well with others. This person also needs to be willing to play at weddings and funerals when requested and fill in for the pianist when she is absent. Lattimore Baptist Church services use the Baptist Hymnal and are traditional in style of worship. If interested, please email resume to: lbcsecretary2016@gmail.com

Lily Memorial:

Lily Memorial Baptist Church is in need of a pianist/choir accompanist. Music is traditional. Responsibilities would include Sunday morning service at 11:00, Sunday afternoon choir practice at 4:30, Sunday evening service at 6:00 and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:00. Resumes may be mailed to Lily Memorial Baptist Church, 406 Whitener St. Shelby, NC 28152.

New Bethel:

New Bethel Baptist Church in Lawndale, North Carolina is seeking a **full time pastor** who God is calling to serve our church and community. We are a conservative, mission minded, Southern Baptist Church family with strong ties to the community. Our church has traditional Sunday School and worship services. The pastor will lead 3 services each week (Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday evening), while working alongside a minister of music and a minister of youth and children to create the growth of the kingdom. Our pastor will be a man of the highest Godly character with God guided leadership and vision. He should believe the Bible is the true and inerrant word of God. After prayerful consideration, please submit resumes including details of your salvation experience and calling by God to be a pastor to; Pastor Search Committee, New Bethel Baptist Church, Post Office box 5 Lawndale, NC 28090. Resumes are currently being accepted.

New Prospect:

We are prayerfully seeking a **organist**. The organist would be responsible for playing the organ Sunday morning worship and choir practice on Wednesday evening after Bible Study. We welcome you to be a part of our church family. Please send resumes to the church: 1960 New Prospect Church Rd., Shelby, NC 28150

Oak Grove:

Oak Grove Baptist Church is seeking an individual for the position of **Organist/Accompanist**. This is a 4 – 6 hour per week, part-time, salaried position. Position includes playing music for Sunday morning & evening

services, choir practices and special planned events (cantata, revival, etc.) The qualified candidate should have a proficiency in playing the organ, have a knowledge of organ range of skills, the ability to sight read accompaniments. You should be self-motivated, have strong interpersonal skills, work well with other and be flexible with changes in work hours during the Christmas and Easter seasons. If want additional details, email them to ogbcsearchcomm@gmail.com Please submit your resume, reference, and video/audio sample of you playing (if possible) to: Oak Grove Baptist Church Attn: Music Committee 1022 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or email to ogbcsearchcomm@gmail.com

Pleasant Hill:

Pleasant Hill Baptist is in need of a **pianist/choir accompanist** for Sunday morning worship and Wednesday night choir rehearsal. Music is traditional/blended style. Contact Amanda Lowery alowery52@gmail.com

Pleasant Grove:

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church is in need of a **part time secretary**. Approximately 18 hours per week. If you are interested or have other questions, please call the church and leave a message and your call will be returned.

Poplar Springs:

Poplar Springs Baptist Church is seeking an experienced **part time organist**. Responsibilities include playing all regularly scheduled Sunday Services, practice with choir on Wednesday night, playing for any specially scheduled church activities, funerals and weddings as needed. Resumes may be mailed to Personnel Committee, Poplar Springs Baptist Church, 1106 Poplar Springs Church Road, Shelby, NC 28152.

Shelby First:

First Baptist Church, Shelby, NC, is seeking a **Lead Pastor** to guide our church into its next stage of worship and ministry. Those interested in applying should send a letter of interest and resume to firstbaptist-churchshelby@gmail.com. FBC Shelby supports the mission agencies of the Cleveland County (NC) Baptist Association, the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Southern Baptist Convention. Full Job Description at gccba.org

Westview:

Westview Baptist Church is seeking a **Part Time Minister of Outreach and Assimilation**. The new position is designed for the person God calls and has gifted to reach others with the gospel. The position will require 25 -30 hours per week and would involve assisting the Pastor and Staff in weaving the church together in a seamless process in the community. This position will require organizational and administrative skills while implementing new ministries and enhancing existing ones through creative outreach, technology and media, while maintaining a missionary mindset. Please submit a written resume by mail to Westview Baptist Church, 500 Melody Lane, Shelby, NC 28150 on or before October 10, 2019, or by email to millie@wbcshelby.org.

Zoar:

Zoar Baptist Church, Shelby, NC is currently seeking a **full-time pastor** who God is calling to serve our church and community. We are a conservative, Southern Baptist, family, community and mission oriented church that was established in 1837. We have traditional Sunday School and worship services with average attendance of 90 - 100. The pastor will lead three services each week (Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening). He will work alongside a minister of music, and minister of children and minister of youth. Our pastor will be a man of the highest Godly character with God guided leadership and vision. He will be Biblically balanced and have a minimum of five years pastoral experience with a seminary degree from an accredited seminary. After prayerful consideration, please submit resumes including details of your salvation experience and calling by God to be a pastor, to: Pastor Search Committee, Zoar Baptist Church, 1740 S. Lafayette Street, Shelby 28152

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

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- 2**—Pastor's Cohort 3, GCCBA 10:00 am, Pastor's Prayer Time, GCCBA 11:00 am, Minister's Conference, GCCBA 11:30 am
- 3**—Operation InAsMuch 2020 Follow-up, GCCBA 6:30 pm
CO and Liza Greene Lectures at GWU, 9am-2pm
- 5**— Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am
- 6**— Hungry program *Volunteers Needed*, at Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 6-7**—UNITE YOUTH WORSHIP
- 12**— Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am
Senior Adult Music Practice, Flint Hill, 10:00am – 1:00pm
- 11**— Association Mission Derby Race, Mt Sinai, 6:30 pm
- 13**— Hungry program with Beaver Dam at Shelby First, 12:30
- 14**— Senior Adult Music Practice, Bethel, 10:00am – 1:00pm
- 15**— Senior Adult Music Performance, Bethel, 6:00 – 7:00pm
- 16**— Praying For Local Politicians Luncheon, GCCBA 12:00 pm
Spring Deacon Training, Patterson Grove, 6:30
- 17**— Youth Minister's Prayer Time, GCCBA 12:00 pm
- 18**— Pastors Prayer Time, GCCBA, 10 am
- 19**— Polkville and Waco Minister's Fellowship at Hwy 18
North Café, 11:30 am
- 20**—Hungry program with Peak Resources volunteers
at Shelby First, 12:30
- 22**—Association Bible Drill, Beaver Dam, 3:00 pm
- 26**—Christian Ministers Fellowship, Atrium Health
Cafeteria, 8:30am
- 28**—Hungry program with Dover, Shelby First, 12:30 pm

