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 Fallston
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 Grover First
 Hope Community
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Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association

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Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association Bi-Annual Session
Monday, April 27, 2020, New Prospect Baptist Church
6:00-6:45 pm Fellowship Meal
"His Kingdom First"

6:50 Special Music.....	New Prospect
7:00 Call To Order.....	Rev. Dale Byrd, Moderator
Welcome	Rev. Chris Devine, Meeting Host
Scripture and Prayer	
Recognition of New Pastors/Staff ..	Rev. Wesley Smith, Associational Missionary
Clerk/Treasurer Report.....	Mrs. Pat Whitley, Clerk/Treasurer
Missions and Ministry Report	Mrs. Katie Harris, Mission and Ministry Leader
Special Music	New Prospect
Hope and Vision	Rev. Wesley Smith, Associational Missionary
Closing Prayer	Dr. Tim Hendrick, Vice Moderator

The address for this meeting is 1960 New Prospect Church Rd., Shelby 28150

Bi-Annual Meeting Messengers

Each church shall elect annually, in addition to the pastor, two (2) messengers to the meetings of the Association for each fifty (50) members of the church, provided each church shall not have less than three (3) nor more than ten (10) messengers ALONG WITH ALL ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS, these shall constitute the voting body of the Association. The names of the messengers printed in the minutes shall include only those in attendance and registering at the Associational Meetings.

By-Law II Meetings, Section 3

Items of Business to be presented from the floor must be submitted in writing to the Associational Office at least 30 days prior to the first session of the Biannual Meeting.

By-Law II Meetings, Section 4



Thoughts from our Staff.....

"When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of Heaven." Nehemiah 1:4

Words from Wesley...

Last month I shared with you, Five Kinds of Unmovable Church Members, from Thom Rainer's book, "Who Moved My Pulpit: Leading Change In The Church." This month we'll be talking about Rainer's **Road Map for Leading Change**. He rights the remaining portion of his book on these eight stages of leading change, so this is just a quick over. Again, I highly encourage you to read the entire book.

I'm going to give you the first four this month, and the second four, next month. I challenge you to read these and share with other church leaders in preparation for the next four. I would remind you, just as Rainer does, that this "road map," is not a "plug-and-play," program for your church. There are no quick fix solutions or "silver bullets," for leading change. These are clear patterns that begin to emerge when looking at how change is usually led well.

1. Stop and Pray- Pray privately and in groups. Do not gather in groups and talk about praying. Gather in groups to pray. Don't talk to one another. Talk to God. Pray often and intentionally. Pray for Wisdom. Pray for Courage. Pray for strength. Rainer says, "Prayer is not an option in leading change in the church; it is foundational."
2. Confront and Communicate A Sense Of Urgency- "Leading change in the church means you must communicate the reality of the true health of the church." The church may have to hear the reality multiple times before accepting it. Keep communicating. Communicate the urgency. Communicate again. When you think it's time to stop, keep communicating. "The choice is simple: change or die."
3. Build An Eager Coalition- Assemble a team. "Lone Ranger leaders are not good change leaders." Rainer gives a good process for building this coalition. Work together to formulate a vision that will be shared with the rest of the congregation.
4. Become A Voice and a Vision For Hope- "A healthy church has a hopeful and visionary pastor and leaders." Leaders must do more than say their hope is in God. We must be intentional about seeking the Lord in times like these. We must communicate with God daily in scripture reading and prayer. We must share what God is showing us. Communicate hope. Look for small victories that can be achieved now. Rainer calls that, "low hanging fruit." Rainer gives great examples of strategic vision. There must be strategic vision to communicate hope.

We will conclude this article series next month with the final four stages of Rainer's, *Road Map for Leading Change*.

"Lord, I wait for you; you will answer, Lord my God." Psalms 38:15



I am getting ready to take my son to the airport in Charlotte to have an interview to be approved for Global Entry. This is a program offered through Homeland Security where you can bypass the long customs lines when you re-enter the country. The reason for the interview is to gather fingerprints and retina scans and to prove that you are a citizen of the United States. I started thinking that if I was interviewed to see if I was a Christian, what evidence is there that I am a citizen of God's kingdom? Does the way I talk, act, look, and spend my time reflect whose I am? Do people look at me and see God's love? I pray that you will take time today to scan your fingerprints and interview yourself to see if you could pass the interview of being a Christian. It's amazing how God can use the everyday task of life to teach us a lesson we need to hear.

Katie

Thoughts from our Staff.....

The People Did Not Relent

"So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:46-47.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ advances slowly because we have a number of people who are proud and selfish. At the beginning of the Early Church, the people who received Christ and His Holy Spirit persevered in a united manner. They were made up of strong, solid groups. The Word ran at that time as flowing rivers, and they were consistent people because every day they were in the temple. They were praying and praising the name of Jesus Christ. They returned to their homes and families also met with great joy, sharing all they had. In their meetings, they sang and prayed. They cried to God and He answered them. The approach was of quality, they had no pride or bad passions. They understood that they must depend on God in all that they did. They considered themselves dependent from the moment of their conversion. They knew perfectly well that there is a supreme God, who is almighty. He was a faithful and constant God to them, a God who yearned for them with jealousy, and a God who led His people on the path that leads to heaven. These people were really simple from their heart. They received the favor of God. The church grew and affirmed to us that the Spirit of God would add every day those who were to be saved. Today, we have a big problem, and it is that men are taught to follow men, and not Christ. This is not what God wants. He wants total dependence on Him. The Church does not grow because it is proud and at the service of the enemy. The focus is on the people, not God. They are in frank opposition to the Lord and will never be recipients of God's grace and mercy. They have not yet had a real encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. They have not been sincere. They are not humble, rather proud, and this is not embraced by God. The children of God depend on the grace, love, and provision of the Creator. The current Church, then, has to ask for forgiveness for the way it is. God's Church will become powerful, if its members repent of their selfish ways of functioning.

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

Education and Network Opportunities

Pastors:

Ministers Conference

Monday, April 6, 2020

Prayer Time 11:00am

Lunch, 11:30am

Program 12:00pm

Ministers Conference, Chris Allen with Southeastern Theological Seminary will be with us. This will be a great time!

Join us!

Senior
Adult:

Senior Adult Rally

Monday, April 20th at

Poplar Springs Baptist

Registration begins at 8:30 am,
program starts at 9 am

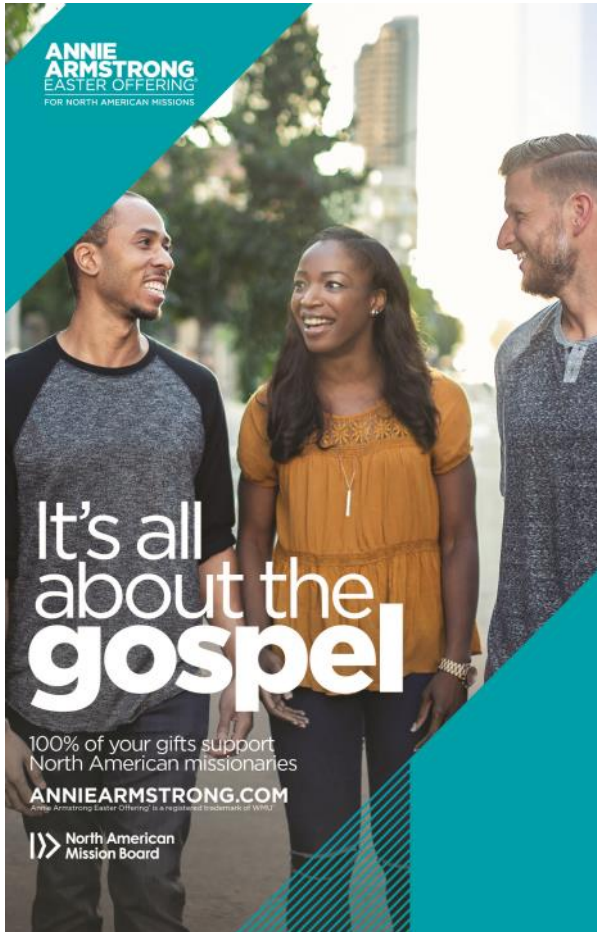
Please join us for this time of
food, fellowship, and fun. Bill
Fryar, Pastor of Double Springs
Baptist will be our guest speaker.

Please RSVP by April 8th.

WMU Salad Supper

Please save the date of May 7th for our annual WMU Salad supper. More details will be coming soon. This year our association has been asked to provide 1,100 tubes of toothpaste for the Christmas Red Boxes WMU provides to the women in the State Prison in Raleigh. We will begin collecting these at the WMU Salad Supper. The toothpaste must be in tubes size 6-9 oz and must remain in the original box. These items can be dropped off at the association office anytime between now and October 12th.

Missions Opportunities



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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!



FILL HIS PLATE
FILL HIS HEART

food round up

SHARING HOPE...CHANGING LIVES

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

April 2020 | bchfoodroundup.org

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.



Community Assistance Ministries

We are in the process of revamping our Community Assistance program. One of our first steps is to start offering classes to those who come for assistance. These classes can be on a wide range of topics such as health care, cooking, shopping, caring for your children, saving for the future, paying off debt, budgeting, and many others. Please think about what skills you have to offer to those in need. During the classes we will also need childcare for the parents who attend so there is a wide range of areas where you can help. If you would like more information or want, to help please contact Katie.

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



Block Party Trailer

We are very excited that our new Block Party Trailer is almost finished. Our new trailer is a larger, is wrapped with bright colors, offers all new machines, and even more items to help you have a successful outreach event. If you are interested in using the new trailer this spring and summer, please call to reserve it as soon as possible. The cost to rent the trailer will remain at \$100.



Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type:	Feb. 2020
Food	29
Medicine	1
Power	43
Clothes	11
Other	4
Counseling	38
Total Assisted Units:	126

GCCBA FOOD PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS:

**** DIAPERS ALWAYS NEEDED ****

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



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

GCCBA Bulletin Board

Pastors Anniversaries for April

Community:

Scott Caldwell, 5 years

Flint Hill:

Shane Kirby, 10 years

Poplar Springs:

Andy Oliver, 9 years

Zion Hill:

Roger Fuller, 28 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
~ Mulls Memorial ~ New Camp Creek ~
Pleasant Grove ~ Temple



From the GGCBA Staff!
Office will be Closed Monday,
April 13!

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., Asheville, NC 28139, USA

\$100.00 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.

Sponsored by: Green River, Sandy Run, Polk and Greater Cleveland Baptist Associations

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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Fair Ministry

The Cleveland County fair is arguably the largest event held each year in the county. Hundreds of fair workers travel here to give people 10 days of fun! This creates a wonderful ministry opportunity for our churches. Last year we added ministry events by feeding the workers lunch on set up day and providing food boxes. We have even greater ideas in mind for this year. In order for this ministry to be successful we will need the participation of many of our churches. If you are interested in learning more about how you can be involved, please come to our informational meeting on May 21st at 6:30 pm at the GCCBA office. If you have questions, please contact Katie.

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 bbckmnc@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

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, ease 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

Waco:

Waco Baptist Church is in need of a **part-time secretary**: 15 hours per week. Please mail resume or call by April 30th. Waco Baptist Church, PO Box 297, Waco, NC 28169. Call/ leave a message Everette Grigg 704-435-2937

Zoar:

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

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

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- 3**— Hungry program at First Baptist Shelby with First Baptist Shelby volunteers, 12:30
- 10**—Hungry program at First Baptist Shelby, with First Baptist Shelby volunteers, 12:30
- 13**— GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 15** — Pastors Prayer Time, Facebook, 10 am
- 17**—Hungry program, at First Baptist Shelby, with Peak Resources Volunteers 12:30
- 21**— Leadership and Business Affairs Meeting, GCCA—11:45 am
Youth Minister's Prayer Time, Facebook, 12 pm
- 24**—Hungry program, at First Baptist, Shelby, with First Baptist Shelby Volunteers 12:30 pm
- 25**—Operation InAsMuch 2020
- 27**— Spring Bi-Annual Meeting, New Prospect Baptist, 6:00 pm

