

Allen Memorial
 Beaver Dam
 Bethany
 Bethany Hispanic
 Bethel
 Bethlehem
 Boiling Springs
 Buffalo
 Calvary
 Camps Creek
 Carpenter's Grove
 Casar
 Christ Covenant
 Christian Freedom
 Christopher Road
 Community
 Crestview
 David
 Double Shoals
 Double Springs
 Dover
 Eastside (KM)
 Eastside (Shelby)
 Elizabeth
 Emmanuel
 Faith
 Fallston
 Flint Hill
 Gethsemane
 Grover First
 Hope Community
 Immanuel
 Joy Christian
 Kings Mountain
 Kings Mtn. First
 Kings Mtn. Second
 Lattimore
 Lawndale
 Lily Memorial
 Living Hope
 Macedonia
 Mt. Sinai
 Mulls Memorial
 New Bethel
 New Camp Creek
 New Covenant
 New Hope
 New Jerusalem
 New Prospect
 Norman's Grove
 Northside
 Oak Grove
 Oak View
 Pathway
 Patterson Grove
 Patterson Springs
 Peach Street
 Peoples
 Plains View
 Pleasant City
 Pleasant Grove
 Pleasant Hill
 Pleasant Ridge
 Polkville
 Poplar Springs
 Ross Grove
 Sandy Plains
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 Temple
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Words from Wesley...

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Philippians 1:6

I believe we can see the light at the end of the tunnel! Hopefully, it's not the train. Though it has been a difficult couple of months, there are many things to celebrate! I pray that we take the time to thank God for all the wonderful things we can see Him doing. We should do this also while preparing for an uncertain future.

This month we will finish looking at **The RoadMap for Leading Change** from Thom Rainer's book, *Who Moved My Pulpit*. We started this eight step process in April. You can find our series on our website under the Media tab, "Newsletter." Here's a quick run down.

1. Stop and Pray
2. Confront and Communicate a Sense of Urgency
3. Build an Eager Coalition
4. Become a Voice and Vision of Hope
5. Deal with People Issues
6. Move from Inward Focus to an Outward Focus

Here are the final two.

7. **Pick Low-Hanging Fruit.** In the previous step, the church knows it has been inward focused and needs to shift to an outward focus. The key is to begin with something simple to achieve. For example, instead of challenging the church to invite three people per member, begin with one, like the *Who's Your One?* emphasis. The only difference is that the "low hanging fruit" needs to be related to a major change initiative. Rainer says there are three key components to picking low hanging fruit. The first is visibility. Rainer says, "Successful low-hanging fruit efforts are evident to almost everyone in the church." Secondly, there need to be clear results. "...low-hanging fruit results will be clear, compelling, and potentially, paradigm shifting." Lastly, low-hanging fruits need to be clearly related to the major change initiative. It must point to the, "greater desired change."

Thoughts from our Staff.....

8. **Implement and Consolidate Change**- In this step it's important to communicate. In fact, there is power in over communicating. "I have never seen or heard a major change initiative and its accompanying vision repeated too much." Leaders need to be transparent in this phase. "Change can be hijacked in a few days if there is any sense of the leadership lacking full disclosure." There will be those who do not like what is going on. Dissenters will need to be dealt with. "The dissenters want the urgency to end and complacency to resume." Be aware, "change is NEVER complete. The urgency can never end." This will sound strange, but success can also hinder the change process. "...one of the greatest challenges for a church that has successfully completed change is to enter into a period of complacency." Rainer says complacency is an "ever-present and lurking danger." The best way to deal with complacency is to have and communicate a clear vision. Keep the change urgent. "At any point the urgency in the church ceases, change ceases, and the church is no longer the church."

I'm going to end this series with these final quotes. Rainer says, "Our message is one of eternal importance. We don't lead change for change sake. We lead change for the sake of the Gospel." Change is urgent because the Gospel is urgent." Don't give up!

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As I was reflecting on this time in the life of the church, I was reminded of the song by John Waller *While I'm Waiting*. Churches are doing a lot of waiting right now. We are waiting to see when we can meet in person again, waiting to see what will happen with summer camps we were supposed to attend, waiting to see if we can have our planned VBS, summer programs & fellowships, waiting to see if we will be able to resume church as it was before. But we should not be waiting to share God's love with our community, waiting to disciple our members, or waiting to lead people into an everlasting relationship with the Father. No matter how you choose to go about the work of the church, just don't wait. God is moving now and we need to be vessels that He can use.

Serving together,
Katie Harris

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Indiana Mission Trip

Because of the uncertainty of travel conditions and policies on gathering in groups we will be moving our Indiana Mission Trip to the fall. We are excited about the opportunity to work with our ministry partners in their community. We hope to have more information about this mission opportunity soon.

Local Mission Opportunities

We know many of your mission trips and service projects may have been cancelled for the summer so we wanted to remind you of a wonderful opportunity we have right here in our own home town. The NC Baptist Men's Shelby Mission Camp has many projects that need to be completed. If you have a team or groups looking to serve, please contact David Brown at the Mission Camp. You can talk with him about helping on a certain number of projects, and he is also set up for your church to stay at the camp. There are many needs right here in our county and this summer is a wonderful time for us to serve.

Call Janet or David Brown to sign up to help.
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Men's Ministry
Women's Ministry
Senior Adult

Also check out groups for area churches! Share, work and grow together!

*No in person fellowships or meetings in June.

Pastor's Weekly Zoom- Monday's 9am



Contact Wesley for details

Pastors Prayer Time 3rd Wednesday of each month on Zoom Call.



SUNDAY, JUNE 21



Welcome our 2020 Summer Missionary, Chloe Clary. Chloe is a sophomore at the University North Carolina at Charlotte. She is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Business from Belk College of Business. At UNCC, Chloe has been involved with the Business Learning Community, the Emerging Leaders Program, Delight Ministries, and she is a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Chloe is a member at Eastside Baptist Church. Let us know if Chloe can help you with any Social Media stuff, VBS, Missions, outreach, etc. She looks forward to serving our community this summer!

Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program

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



A new **available position** has been added to our website:

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

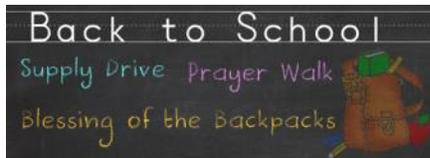
Go to our website for the full listings:
<http://gccba.org/available-positions/>



Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: **April 2020**

Food	25
Rent	1
Power	5
Other	1
Counseling	29
Total Assisted Units:	61



Please look for information next month about the **Back to School** prayer walks and school supply collection. If you are interested in helping in these areas please let Katie know.

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