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"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" Philippians 4:1

The year 2020 will no doubt go down as the year the world changed. We are fast approaching the holiday season, and many are dreading it. Everything has been so different. People just want some normalcy. What will Thanksgiving look like this year? What about Christmas?

Yes, the way we celebrate the holidays may be different this year, but the meaning, message and reason we celebrate are no different. If anything, we should concentrate on praise and thanksgiving this year, more than ever. One of the best examples of giving thanks and rejoicing in difficult circumstances can be found in Paul's letter to the Philippians. Even though he is in chains, on house arrest, he gives thanks. Even in the midst of all the changes of 2020, the sickness, the death, the difficult political climate, and EVERYTHING else that this year has brought, what can you give thanks for? It may mean giving thanks for something that you really didn't want to happen, or something that wasn't very pleasant. Paul did. It was not pleasant for him to be confined or on house arrest, but he saw the good things that were happening because of it. Others were hearing and experiencing the Gospel.

I am thankful for each of you in this small part of the family of God we call the GCCBA. We're not in this alone. Be thankful for your sister churches. Even in the days of limited gatherings and physical distance, come together safely. Minister together. Our communities will be better because of it. Ask a neighbor to pray with you for spiritual renewal and revival in your family, neighborhood, or community. Pray as churches together. Pastors, invite other pastors from the community to pray together. Be thankful for one another.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,"
Philippians 1:3-5

There has been a lot of talk about being anxious in this season. Paul gives us a remedy.
"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:6-7

Together, In Christ;
 Wesley

Thoughts from our Staff.....

***So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.
1 Corinthians 10:31***

This verse has always challenged me because it says do it all for the glory of God. Not some, not most, but all. Sometimes I wonder if God really cares about what I eat or what I wear (or don't wear). Does He care about what I drive, what TV shows I watch, or what books I read? But then I am reminded that it's not all about me and what I am doing, but it's also about how the things I do help or hurt others. See God wants our life to reflect Him and the only way to do this is to do everything for His glory. We should all take an opportunity and examine ourselves to see what parts of our life are not being done for the glory of God. Maybe there is something you need to start doing or maybe there is something you need to stop doing, if not for yourself at least so that others can see God's glory through you.

Katie

Pastors:

Ministers Conference

Monday, November 2, 2020
Fellowship/Lunch 11:30am,
Conference/Online at 12:00pm.
Please RSVP for box lunch.
Pastor Dialogue

Annual Meeting Baptist State
Convention of NC
First Baptist Charlotte
November 10, 1-5 PM
<https://ncannualmeeting.org>

KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship will meet
at the Carolina Crossings Restaurant on
Thursday, November 5, at 8:30am.

Lattimore Pastors Fellowship will meet at
the Bulldog Quik Snak, Thursday, November
12, at 8:30am.

**Upper Cleveland/Waco Pastors
Fellowship** will meet at Hwy 18 North on
November 19, at 11:30 am.

Greatest Treat Festival- Saturday October 24th @
Hounds Drive-In Kings Mtn

We are so excited about the opportunity we have to host our annual Greatest Treat Festival at the Hounds Drive-In in Kings Mountain on October 24th. We will be showing 2 movies and handing out popcorn all for free. Please invite your friends and family to join us to hear the gospel message and have a fun family time in a safe environment. We have room for 800 cars and want to fill it up.

Join us!

Monday, October 26, 2020; 6:00pm
Associational Report & Celebration
via Zoom and Facebook Live

Go to our website to see all available positions:
<http://gccba.org/available-positions/>.

- Lattimore Baptist Church is seeking candidates for the position of Children's Ministry Leader.
- Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Shelby NC, is seeking an energetic worship leader who will demonstrate a strong commitment to Jesus Christ while developing and implementing a music ministry for our church family.
- Double Springs Baptist Church is seeking an energetic Part-time Youth Minister who desires to serve our Lord and youth (grades 6-12)

Red Box Christmas gifts that WMU NC sends to the women in the state prison. Toothpaste tubes **must be 6-9 oz** and be left in their original box and/or packaging. It does not matter the brand but it **has to be 6-9 oz** or they will not take it. We still need 600 dropped off by October 26th!





Children's Home Offering week of prayer Nov. 15-22

Baptist Children's Homes
Annual Offering | bchoffering.org



Friday Lunch Program



We are currently working on our schedule for the 2021 Feed the Hungry lunch program. I am so thankful for the many churches who have supported this ministry over the years. If your group is interested in helping please contact Katie.

Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: September 2020	
Food	13
Medicine	1
Power	23
Clothes	3
Hotel	1
Other	5
Counseling	38
Total Assisted Units:	84



Thursday, November 26 for Thanksgiving

Christmas Toy Store

Our Christmas Toy Store applications will be November 17th from 10 am to 2 pm in the parking lot of Eastside Baptist Church. This will be a drive through process in order to keep everyone safe. If you know of people who are needing assistance with toys for their children, please share this information with them. We will be sending out information about when the Toy Store will be open in the next few weeks. All toy donations will be due by December 3rd.

Suggestions for toy donations to the GCCBA toy store:

- For younger children (2-4):** picture books, pull toys, squeeze toys, riding toys, educational toys
- For girls (5-7):** dolls, tea set, storybooks, board games, puzzles, coloring books/crayons, radios, purses, writing/drawing pads, riding toys, dress up clothes
- For boys (5-7):** trucks & cars, model car kits, throw games, bats & gloves, storybooks, remote cars, baseballs, board games
- For boys & girls (8-10):** board games, DVD's, electronic games, books, cd players, bats, gloves, baseballs, football, basketballs
- For older boys and girls (11-12):** jewelry, jewelry boxes, makeup, perfume, vanity cases, curling irons, hair dryers, craft kits, jewelry making kits, watches, board games, card games, DVD-games, basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, cameras, tackle box, fishing gear, diaries/journals, clips/barrettes, hats, skateboards, photo albums, mp3 players
- Cost of gifts should be around \$15 (up to \$20 for older children)
- Please no toys that promote violence



Christmas Toy Store- December 8th

Our annual Toy Store will be a drive through event but we will still have an opportunity to share the gospel with the families who come. I need volunteers to help pack the bags. runners to take bags to the cars, counselors to go to the cars to speak with the adults, and present wrappers to wrap presents for the parents who want them wrapped. Please note that volunteers will be working inside and outside so we will have to be prepared for different types of weather. The Toy Store will still be located at the Shelby Mission Camp. If you would like to volunteer please contact Katie.

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