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New Hope

New Jerusalem New Prospect Norman's Grove Northside

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Oak View
Pathway
Patterson Grove
Patterson Springs

Peach Street
Peoples
Plains View
Pleasant City
Pleasant Grove
Pleasant Hill
Pleasant Ridge
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# THE BEACON

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### Thoughts from Leland . . .

I was in high school in the 60's when many popular songs were released telling us about the importance of love. The Beatles sang:

All you need is love All you need is love All you need is love, love Love is all you need

Burt Bacharach and Hal David wrote and Jackie DeShannon sang:

What the world needs now is love, sweet love It's the only thing that there's just too little of What the world needs now is love, sweet love No not just for some, but for everyone

February is thought of by most as the "love" month and in 2020, just prior to the pandemic outbreak in America, Americans spent \$27.4 billion on Valentine's Day. People invested much time, energy and money on Valentine's Day to express their love in various ways. Extravagant means are used to express just the right love in just the right way.

How much time, energy and money do we invest in others to show them the supreme love - the love of Jesus Christ? Are we as followers of Christ, the Church, using extravagant means to show others this love of Jesus? Jesus taught us the meaning, depth and scope of the kind of love He wants us to have in order to practice extravagant love — "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. The second commandment is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39 (NASB). Another example of extravagant love is found in Matthew 5:44 when Jesus said, "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (NASB).

We are living in a time when some of those around us desperately need to see and feel the love of Jesus in the midst of fears, disrespect, mistrust, deceit, isolation and loneliness. Our task as followers of Christ is to live out His love daily in our lives. It begins with how those outside the community of faith observe how we in the community of faith, the church, love and treat one another. Jesus taught, "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" John 13:35 (NASB). Do others see us see this love in us?

Rev. Henry Drummond, a 19<sup>th</sup> century Scottish evangelist, biologist and author wrote these words that are so relevant today, "*How many prodigals are kept out of the Kingdom of God by the* 

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# Thoughts from our Staff.....

unlovely character of those who profess to be in! [the Kingdom of God]. People are keenly aware of how we the church model the love of Jesus Christ. I urge each of us to love one another extravagantly as brothers and sisters in Christ and to find ways to "love our neighbors as ourselves" extravagantly!

Allow me to edit the song I mentioned above: What the world needs now is love, the sweet love of Jesus, No not just for some but for everyone!

Grateful for the love of Jesus, Leland Kerr Interim Associational Missionary

In Bible times, when someone spoke of following your Rabbi it literally meant being so close to him that the dust from his feet got on your clothes. This is a wonderful picture of the way we as Christians are supposed to follow Christ. When we are close to Jesus His love, passion, compassion, and mission end up covering us. Then when we are dusty from traveling so close to Him we are ready to share what we have learned with others. What a wonderful picture of what our daily life should look like as we follow Christ each step of the way.

Serving together, Katie

### Cleveland County Potato Project

Many of our churches have large expanses of beautifully landscaped grounds. Is it possible that God gave us this land to be used to His glory and to the benefit of others? Have you considered using a portion of your land/grounds to plant vegetables to minister to those with hunger needs? Growing food can be an inexpensive mission project for all ages. Now is the time to begin soil preparation, getting organized, planning, making decisions about what/how much to grow, and enlisting volunteers.

Growing food and giving it away to those who are experiencing hunger – what a great tangible witness!

Doug Sharp and the Potato Project Team

### Please Pray for the Associational Missionary Search Team

The Associational Missionary Search Team held its first meeting by Zoom on Tuesday, December 15. The Team chose Dr. Tim Hendrick as Chairman, Alex Carroll as Vice-Chairman, and Beth McDaniel as Secretary. Will you join others in our Association and pray daily for each of these team members?

Sunday – Dr. Tim Hendrick, Pastor of Patterson Grove Baptist Church, Kings, Mountain Alex Carroll, Youth and Children's Minister, Waco Baptist Church, Waco

Monday – Beth McDaniel, member of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Kings Mountain

Tuesday – Rev. Will Davis, Pastor of Polkville Baptist Church, Polkville

Wednesday – Joey Hamrick, member of Flint Hill Baptist Church, Shelby

Thursday – Josh Hamrick, Minister of Music, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Kings Mountain

Friday - Rev. Michael Moore, Pastor, City of God Church, Shelby

Saturday – Rev. Missy Smith, Children and Family Pastor, First Baptist Church, Shelby

We are grateful these Team Members are willing to serve on the Search Team.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV)

# **Education and Network Opportunities**

### **Ministers Conference**

Monday, February 1, 2021 Prayer Time 11:00am, Lunch 11:30am, Program 12:00pm KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship will meet at the Carolina Crossings Restaurant on Thursday, February 4, at 8:30am.
 Lattimore Pastors Fellowship will meet at the Bulldog Quik Snak, Thursday, February 11, at 8:30am.

### Please pray for Association churches and pastors for February:

Allen Memorial—Robbie Moore (interim)
Battleground Community—Stephen Littlejohn
Beaver Dam—Tom Runyon
Bethany - Richard Smith
Bethany First Hispanic—Nimnor Vazquez
Bethel—Timothy Sims
Bethlehem—Steve Taylor
Boiling Springs—Interim Search Team





Praying for the Least Reached and Unreached in North Carolina

### Visit https://ncbaptist.org/prayandgo/

It is our hope to see a number of local church driven prayer walks among unreached peoples and in pockets of lostness across our state.

Use the registration form to sign up. The dropdown menus will guide you through the options available in your area. Select the dates provided and location in your area.

As we go, let's watch for divine appointments. George Mueller once said, "God not only orders our steps, He orders our stops." Pray for the lost, when possible pray with the lost, and always be ready to share the reason for the hope we have in Christ Jesus.

### Friday Lunch Program

We are working on our schedule for the 2021 Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program. If your church is interested in signing up to bring 75 bag lunches you to can sign up online by scanning the QR Code or contact Katie Harris at 704-482-3472 or katie@gccba.org



### **Block Party Trailer**

Our new trailer is finished and ready for churches to use. The calendar for the Spring and Summer fills up quickly so as you are making those 2021 plans please remember to call and put your name on the schedule. If you have not had a chance to see the new trailer stop the office, and we would love to show it to you.

We have several books from Lamplighters Ministries for sale at GCCBA:

Nuts and Bolts of Deacon Ministry (English and Spanish)
"Is That You, God?"

Six Keys to Unlock the Power of Prayer

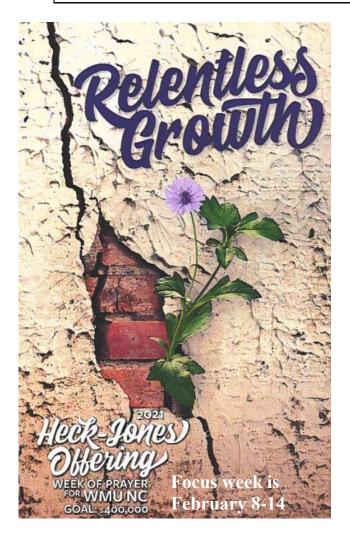
Slaying Dragons

Prayer: Puzzling Questions Answered

Joy in God's Presence

Come by and purchase a great resource!

## **Missions Opportunities**



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North Carolina Operation Inasmuch-(NCOIAM) is a one-day missions blitz in your community. Imagine your whole church active in missions to your community on April 24 or May 8, 2021





### Wanted

- -Bibles (all kinds in any condition); Christian Literature (Sunday School, church training, tracts, devotionals, magazines from Christian publishers, sheet music, etc.);
- -Christian Books of all kinds (hymns, Bible Study, concordances, Bible dictionaries and regular dictionaries, commentaries, children and adult Christian books and paperbacks, etc.);
- Christian CDs, DVDs, & Blu-Ray., etc.
- Spanish: Bibles, Sunday School literature, and Devotional books.

Literature can be new or used. All material is sorted, boxed and sent to another Ministry, where it is sent to our brothers and sisters in poor Third World Countries. If you or your church would like to join "Harvest Seeds Ministry", please contact Pat Hamrick from Mt. Sinai Baptist Church 704-487-7518 or for Churches in Upper Cleveland County, New Bethel Baptist Church in Lawndale is now a collection site for "Harvest Seeds." Please contact Tony Fogleman at 704-538-0223 or you can bring them by the GCCBA Office.

Please do not send: RA, GA, Acteens, & Mission Friends material; No Mission Mosaics, Mature Living, Guide Posts, & Angels on Earth magazines; No cassette or VHS tapes.

### **Missions Opportunities**

### Indiana Mission Partnership Update:

We have been contacted by one of our partner churches, River Ridge, that will be doing a relaunch in a new location this Fall. They would love some help sharing this news with their community. We are looking for ways to send small teams for weekend trips (2-3 nights). We will also be contacting our other partner churches in Indiana to see if they have needs where we may be able to provide assistance. If your church has interest in sending a small team or has individuals that may want to join a small team please contact Katie.

### Nicaragua Mission Partnership Update:

While we are still unable to travel to Nicaragua we are communicating with our ministry partners and supporting them in their ministry. I want to thank everyone who donated to help provide Christmas gifts and food bags for over 320 children that the ministry serves. If you would like to see pictures of their Christmas parties please visit our Facebook page.



### GCCBA Mission Opportunity: Sharing Hope, Feeding People

Last year a couple of our churches made Meals of Hope prepackaged food bags that were given out to local food pantries. On May 7th & 8th we are going to host the same mission project for the entire association. Our goal is to make 100,000 food bags in 3 hours but in order to do this we will need a lot of volunteers. Churches who are involved may have some of the food to use in their own food ministry. If your church is interested in being involved please contact Katie Harris.

### **Share the Warmth**

The **Share the Warmth** Round Up program offers customer a way to help low-income individuals and families pay their monthly energy bills. Since 1985 the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association has been the exclusive distributor for **Share the Warmth** in Cleveland County. You can also have a very important part in Share the Warmth by mailing your contributions in to the Duke Energy Foundation and having them matched dollar-for-dollar by the foundation. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SHARE THE WARMTH FUND** and mail them to the following address: Share the Warmth Fund, The Duke Energy Foundation, PO Box 35469, Charlotte, NC 28254-3429 May you and your family have warm celebrations while together at Thanksgiving and Christmas and let's reach out to families who are having a difficult time this year and need a little extra help with higher utility bills!

### **Compassion Ministry Report**

Assistance Type: **December 2020** Food 7 Medicine 1 30 Power Clothes 1 Hotel 1 Other 1 Counseling 42 Total Assisted Units: 83

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

Spaghetti sauce spaghetti noodles peanut butter cereal macaroni and cheese Canned Meat



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

Toiletries: toilet paper, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, clothes detergent

### GCCBA Bulletin Board

# Pastors Anniversaries for February

Elizabeth:

Rit Varriale, 16 years

KM First:

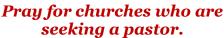
Chip Sloan, 33 years

Northside:

Neal Efird, 22 years

Pleasant City:

Bryan Glisson, 22 years



Allen Memorial ~ Boiling Springs ~ Calvary ~ Camps Creek ~ Carpenter's Grove ~ Lattimore ~ Lawndale ~ Mulls Memorial ~ New Bethel ~ Normans Grove ~ Plains View ~ Pleasant Hill ~ Temple ~ Zoar



### GCCBA Website

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



# 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.....

### **Buffalo Baptist:**

Buffalo Baptist Church of Shelby seeks an Associate Pastor of Youth and Children to join its pastoral staff. The ideal candidate will have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, will strive to meet the pastoral qualifications for pastors found in the New Testament, and will possess a clear calling to minister to youth and children. The candidate will have 3-5 years of ministry experience and must possess a Bachelor's degree in a relevant field. Possession of a Master's degree or working toward a Master's degree from an accredited Southern Baptist seminary is preferred. Starting pay is \$35k-\$45k depending on education, experience, and qualifications. Buffalo Baptist is a conservative Baptist church affiliated with the BSCNC and SBC. We wholeheartedly affirm BFM2000. For a complete job description and more information about our church, visit buffalobaptistchurchof-shelby.com.Send resumes to BuffaloBCsearchcommittee@gmail.com by January 30, 2021.

#### 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 Full job description on our website

Lattimore Baptist Church is seeking candidates for the **position of Children's Ministry Leader.** The ideal candidate for this role will have a deep and growing relationship with Jesus and a calling to work with children. We seek an effective leader who possesses the skills to develop, organize, and supervise all aspects of the Children's Ministry for the purpose of making and growing children into disciples for Jesus Christ. The position of Children's Ministry Leader is a part time position with a focus on children Pre-K – 5th grade. Interested candidates should submit a resume, personal statement regarding interest and qualifications for the position, and contact information for three references.

Email: lbcchildrensprog@gmail.com, Subject line: Children's Ministry Leader Position or Mail to: Lattimore Baptist Church, Attn: Children's Ministry Search Committee, PO Box 188, Lattimore, NC 28089

### 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,

### Church Needs.....

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 **part-time music director and organist** to help lead an engaging time of worship for our congregation. The ideal person should have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The director would be responsible for choosing music and leading the choir and congregation in worship on Sunday morning, Sunday night, special events and choir practice on Wednesday evenings. 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 prayerfully seeking a **permanent part-time pianist** that can read music and play traditional hymns and contemporary music. Responsibilites include Sunday morning & evening Worship Serve and choir practice. If interested, and more information, please mail resume to: Oak Grove Baptist Church 1022 Oak Grove Rd. Kings Mountain, NC 28086 Attn: Josh Hamrick. You may email to ogbc1022@gmail.com.

#### Patterson Grove:

Kings Mountain, NC Patterson Grove Baptist church seeking a **part-time Youth Minister**. This person should have the ability to teach the Bible, encourage spiritual growth, and help the youth with the challenges of life that teens and pre-teens face in today's world. The position requires this individual to be a born again Christian who believes the Bible is the infallible work of God. Someone who will love our youth, who will help them to love others, and help them to truly believe that they are loved by God. If you are that person, please send your resume by email to ffice@pgbakm.org and mark to the attention of the personnel committee or by mail to Patterson Grove Baptist Church, 301 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086 to the attention of the Personnel Committee.

#### 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 Ridge:

Part-Time Worship 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. Pleasant Ridge is only interested in candidates who offer strong leadership and organizational skills. We are seeking the right person who possesses the ability to blend traditional and contemporary music styles into our Sunday Morning Celebration Worship Service. In addition, this person would be coordinating our entire Music Ministry. We are seeking someone who has educational and experiential qualifications. This is a part-time position and a background check (provided by the church) will be required. In addition to video recordings of your musical ability (leading musical groups, conducting congregational singing, playing an instrument or singing), please send résumés, and inquiries to the Music Ministry Search Team c/o Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, 198 Pleasant Ridge Church Road, Shelby, NC 28152 or to Dr.JEDavis1@amail.com

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Shelby NC (located 2 ½ miles from Gardner-Webb University) is seeking a **part-time Church Organist** who will serve in consultation with the Minister of Worship and Discipleship as well as the worship planning team in a way that reflects our church's mission, values and theology. This person would provide musical

accompaniment for all worship services and would provide support for all scheduled adult choir rehearsals. Two weeks of paid vacations each year are included in the salary package. If you are interested in receiving a more comprehensive Job Description or you would like to offer a resumé, please contact the church office at 704-434-6431 or contact us by e-mail at Dr.JEDavis@gmail.com .

### **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.

#### 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

Zoar Baptist Church is seeking a **part time administrative assistant**. The Administrative Assistant is directly responsible to the pastor for organizing the tasks and functions of the church office. In addition to general office duties, the administrative assistant will be responsible for assisting all staff and church leadership in the tasks of ministry. Knowledge of Microsoft Word, Microsoft Publisher and general bookkeeping skills are desired. Please submit resumes by mail to: Attention: Personnel Committee Zoar Baptist Church, 1740 S. Lafayette St., Shelby, NC 28152

Zoar Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking a **permanent, part-time worship** leader. We are a loving, mission and community minded church. Applicants should be willing to lead both traditional choir and praise team in a blended style worship. Please email or mail resumes to: wlsczoar@gmail.com or Worship Leader Search Committee 1740 South Lafayette Street Shelby, NC 28152



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

Go to our website to see the full listing and all available positions:

http://gccba.org/available-positions/.

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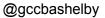
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