

Allen Memorial  
 Battleground  
 Beaver Dam  
 Bethany  
 Bethany Hispanic  
 Bethel  
 Bethlehem  
 Boiling Springs  
 Buffalo  
 Calvary  
 Camps Creek  
 Carpenter's Grove  
 Casar  
 Christ Covenant  
 Christian Freedom  
 Christopher Road  
 City of God  
 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  
 Shelby First  
 Sunrise  
 Temple  
 Trinity  
 Union  
 Victory  
 Waco  
 Wallace Grove  
 Washington Missionary  
 Westover  
 Westview  
 Westwood Heights  
 Zion  
 Zion Hill  
 Zoar

Office: 704-482-3472

Website: gccba.org



Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association

*Uniting congregations in effective missions and ministries*

# THE BEACON

Volume 63, Issue 8

August 2021

## THOUGHTS FROM LELAND . . .

**"Fill the Tank"** is a statewide baptism emphasis initiated by the new Executive Director-Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of NC, Rev. Todd Unzicker. Churches are asked to fill their baptism tanks on Sunday, September 12 as we trust God to save souls between now and then.

Rev. Scott Setzer, Associational Missionary for the South Roanoke Baptist Association in Greenville, NC and the President of the NC Associational Missions Conference shared the following with his Association about **"Fill the Tank"**, and I asked him for permission to share it with our churches:

**Pray and Trust God for a Harvest.** *Most of us plan baptism services after we know we have people to baptize. Participating in Fill the Tank can cause a bit of anxiety because churches are being asked to set aside a day for baptisms even if they currently do not have any folks ready to be baptized. Well, we can fret about this, or we can pray and trust God to provide a harvest. I vote we pray and trust God! Many churches will be holding Vacation Bible School and sending children and teens to summer camp. Pray for God to bring a harvest from these events. I'm sure there are other activities in which your church will be engaged in the coming months that will provide opportunities to yield a harvest.*

**Prepare to Share.** *Gearing up for Fill the Tank gives us the opportunity for evangelism training. There are all kinds of ways to share the gospel. One of the most effective ways is telling your story of how Jesus saved you. Gospel sharing tools can be found at [fillthetanknc.org](http://fillthetanknc.org). One of the best ways to prepare to share is to practice when you are with fellow believers. Carve out time during Sunday School and small group gatherings to share your story with others. The midweek prayer gathering is also a good setting for evangelism training. If your church would like to know more, I'm happy to help!*

**Take it Outside!** *Hold your baptism service outdoors. Head to a park, town common, the river, the lake, or your church lawn. Use a large inflatable pool, a tarp in the bed of a pickup truck, or a galvanized stock tank.*

**Join other (GCCBA) Churches in your Community.** *Wouldn't it be awesome if several churches that had 1-2 candidates got together to celebrate with each other? This is a perfect time to hold the service in a space outside of the church walls as well.*

# Thoughts from our Staff.....

**Make it a Party!** After all, we are celebrating new life in Christ! People like parties, so provide invitations for baptism candidates to send to family members and friends. Be sure to share the gospel with those who attend and invite them to respond to God's free gift of grace through Jesus Christ. Oh, and serve refreshments! It's not a party without cake!

**Involve Others.** Two highlights of my life were baptizing my children. Offer parents the privilege of baptizing their children. Ask folks who God used to lead another person to faith in Christ if they would like to baptize that person as well.

**Practice Planned Spontaneity.** I know this sounds like an oxymoron but hear me out. Add a different element to your service by inviting people in attendance to be baptized along with those who are already scheduled for baptism. After sharing the gospel, you can ask something along the lines of what the Ethiopian eunuch asked Philip in Acts 8:36, "Look, here's water. What is keeping you from being baptized? Of course, you will need to make sure you have appropriate garments for those who are baptized.

**Determine to Disciple.** This emphasis provides a prime opportunity to develop a discipleship pathway for your church. Spend time training disciple makers who will walk with new believers and help them grow in the faith. We must not forget that teaching people to observe all that Christ commanded is a crucial part of fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28:20).

Will you pray for people in our community to respond to the gospel and take the next step of obedience through baptism? Will you plan now to participate in **"Fill the Tank"** on September 12? You can find registration and practical resource material at [fillthetanknc.org](http://fillthetanknc.org).

Praying for God to use our churches in this effort,

Leland Kerr, Interim Associational Missionary



# Education and Network Opportunities

## **Pastors: *Ministers Conference***

No Ministers Conference for the month of August

### **KM/Grover Pastors**

**Fellowship** will meet at the Carolina Crossing Restaurant on Thursday, August 5th, at 8:30am.

### **Lattimore Pastors**

**Fellowship** will meet at the Snack Shop, Thursday, August 12th, at 8:30am.

### ***Pastor's Lunch and Learns with Baptists on Mission***

August 12 - Shelby Mission Camp at Noon  
The purpose of these events is networking and the opportunity to share the ways churches can be involved in missions through Baptists on Mission. We will share briefly about the importance of the NC Missions Offering, but the focus will be on ministries like Disaster Relief, Hurricane Florence Rebuild, Dental and Health Screening, Mission Camps, National and International Partnership, and other ways that churches can be directly involved in missions.

#### **Participants can register at:**

<https://baptistsonmission.org/bom/pastor-s-lunch-and-learn/lunch-and-learn---shelby-mission-camp,-august-12,-hosted-by-quintell-hill/5376>



Reminder of Meetings in August.

**Enlistment Team Meeting,**  
August 17 at 11:45am

**Leadership and Business Affairs Teams-** August 24 at 11:45am

***Please pray for Association churches and pastors for August:***

**New Hope** Russ Bradley

**New Jerusalem**

**New Prospect** Chris Devine

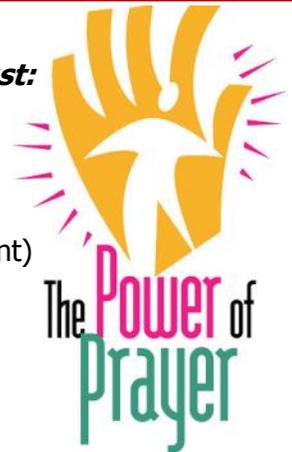
**Norman's Grove** John Bridges (int)

**Northside** Neal Efid

**Oak Grove** Jason Allen

**Oak View** Wayne Brazzell

**Pathway** James Hamrick



## **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

Monday— Alex Carroll, Youth and Children's Minister , Waco Baptist Church, Waco

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

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

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

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

Saturday – Rev. Michael Moore, Pastor, City of God 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)*

# Missions Opportunities

## ***School & Church Partnerships***

Our churches have some many great ministry opportunities right in their backyard. None of these are greater than the local school. As we draw closer to the time when the school bells ring we need to start thinking and praying about how you can support your local school. Ryan Nelson, who use to work for Young Life and now teaches bible studies on various websites offers these ideas:



1. **Start a sports league:** Whether you have your own field or court, or you use one that's available to the public, starting a sports league is a great way for your church to build relationships with others in the community. This doesn't have to be a huge undertaking, either. Games like cornhole require a minimal investment, and you can set them up just about anywhere.
2. **Set up a backpack drive:** School supply costs add up fast, and the burden on families only seems to increase each year. Consider coordinating with local schools to create a list of supplies, and then ask your congregation to either purchase supplies or donate to a backpack drive fund
3. **Prepare a back-to-school bash:** This is essentially a community party, and it's a chance for your church to go big. You could partner with local businesses and encourage them to donate supplies, clothes, food, services, or games and activities to make this event something your community will remember.
4. **Encourage church members to volunteer at schools:** Schools can always use volunteers. Whether they need more help supervising at recess or detention, coaching on school teams, or support for group activities, encourage your congregation to be that extra set of hands and be ambassadors for your church.
5. **Plan a teacher appreciation day:** Every year, National Teacher Appreciation Day is on Tuesday of the first full week of May. But that doesn't mean you can't celebrate teachers on other days, too.
6. **Invite teachers to church for a special service:** To kick off the school year, consider preparing a special service to honor and lift up teachers in your community. Plan to have a special time of prayer acknowledging the important role teachers have in your community and the world, and then serve them food and spend time with them after the service.

These are all great ways to partner and support your local schools. We are creating partnerships and asking churches to hold prayer walks at the schools. If you are interested in being a church partner or if you already are one please let us know. We want to make sure every school has one.

## ***Friday Feed The Hungry Lunch Program***

We continue to provide bag lunches for the Feed the Hungry Ministry held at First Baptist in Shelby. If your church is interested in providing the bag lunches one Friday please contact Katie. You are welcome to drop the bags off or volunteers are welcome to stay and help hand them out. We still have openings on September 3,10,24 and October 1, 15, 29 and November 5, 12, 19, 26 and December



## ***Cleveland County Fair Ministry***

If your church is interested in helping with our ministry to the fair workers please contact Katie as soon as possible.

# Missions Opportunities

North Carolina  
**MISSIONS**  
Offering

2021 goal  
**\$2.1 MILLION**

Relief for Today  
**HOPE FOR  
TOMORROW.**

[NCMISSIONSOFFERING.ORG](http://NCMISSIONSOFFERING.ORG)

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 HCSB

## Greatest Treat Festival

We are excited to be able to once again hold our Greatest Treat Festival on October 31st from 4-6 pm at Shelby City Park. If your church is interested in being a part of this year's festival please join us for a meeting on *August 26th at 6:00 pm.*



## Block Party Trailer



The schedule for the trailer fills up fast for the summer so please remember to call soon to reserve your date. The cost of the trailer is \$100 and includes all supplies needed to use the popcorn, snow cone, and cotton candy machine. We love to hear stories about how Block Parties have helped you reach out to the families in your community.

## Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: **June 2021**

Food	9
Medicine	1
Power	19
Clothes	2
Dental	1
Counseling	<u>35</u>
Total Assisted Units:	67

## 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 August**

Macedonia:

Michael Horne, 13 years

Westview:

Rick Bowling, 12 years



## **Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.**

Allen Memorial ~ Boiling Springs ~  
Carpenter's Grove ~ Double Springs ~  
Lattimore ~ Lawndale ~ Normans  
Grove ~ Plains View ~ Pleasant Hill ~  
Temple ~ Zoar

## **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!

### **GCCBA Website**

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

## **Pray for these couples on their special day in August:**

Union - Michael and Edith Shumate - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Zion - Matt and Melanie Storie - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Poplar Spring - Andy and Kim Oliver - 8<sup>th</sup>  
Beaver Dam - Tom and Joanna - 12<sup>th</sup>  
Pleasant City - Bryan and Tina Glisson- 22<sup>nd</sup>



Go to our website to see listings from outside the association:

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

## **Wanted**

- Bibles (all kinds in any condition); Christian Literature (Sunday School, church training, tracts, devotionals, magazines from Christian publishers, 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, Acteans, & Mission Friends material; No Mission Mosaics, Mature Living, Guide Posts, & Angels on Earth magazines; No cassette or VHS tapes.**

### **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 [buffalobaptistchurchofshelby.com](http://buffalobaptistchurchofshelby.com). Send resumes to [BuffaloBCsearchcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:BuffaloBCsearchcommittee@gmail.com)

### **Flint Hill:**

Flint Hill Baptist Church is seeking a **Pianist** to play for worship services, choir rehearsals, and other occasions in support of the music ministry of the church. Anyone interested in this position please send a resume electronically to: [personnel@flinthillbaptist.org](mailto:personnel@flinthillbaptist.org)

Flint Hill Baptist Church has a position for a **sign language interpreter** for Sunday Morning Worship services. ASL certification is not required but the individual must be fluent in sign language. Anyone interested in this position please send a resume electronically to: [personnel@flinthillbaptist.org](mailto:personnel@flinthillbaptist.org)

# Church Needs.....

## **Lattimore:**

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

## **Lawndale:**

Lawndale Baptist Church in Lawndale, NC is seeking a **full-time pastor** to shepherd and grow the church. To provide Spirit led, bible-based preaching and teaching. We support the SBC, NC Baptist State Convention, and our local association (The Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association). If the Spirit is leading you to serve our church, please send resumes to: LBC Pastor Search Team, PO Box 55, Lawndale, NC 28090, Or email: lawndalechurch@gmail.com, Sermon samples are welcome. Resumes will be received through 8/31/2021.

## **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 Hope:**

New Hope Baptist Church, Earl, NC is accepting resumes for either a full-time youth and children's minister or a part-time youth minister and a part-time children's minister. Go to <https://www.newhopepearl.com/careers/> to submit resume.

## **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. Responsibilities 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](mailto: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 [office@pgbckm.org](mailto:office@pgbckm.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](mailto:alowery52@gmail.com)

## **Pleasant Ridge:**

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Shelby NC (located 2 1/2 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](mailto:Dr.JEDavis@gmail.com).

## **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@gmail.com](mailto:Dr.JEDavis1@gmail.com) by April 25, 2021.

## **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.

## **Ross Grove:**

Ross Grove Baptist Church is seeking an **instrumentalist – (piano and/or organ)**. This position is a part-time, salaried position and includes providing instrumental solo and accompaniment for Sunday morning worship services, accompaniment for the choir when it resumes, and providing music for special services, weddings and funerals as needed. The person would work with the pastor and minister of music to enhance the worship services through music. Resumes are being accepted through May 21 at [rossgrovebaptistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:rossgrovebaptistchurch@gmail.com). For additional information you may call the church office at 704-482-6051 on Tuesdays or Thursdays or email the church office. You may mail resumes to Ross Grove Baptist Church at 1225 Fallston Road, Shelby, NC 28150.

## **Zoar:**

Zoar Baptist Church, Shelby, NC, is seeking a **full-time Pastor**, servant-leader, and a gifted teacher with a vision for growth and outreach to our community and grow disciples while staying true to our conservative roots and statement of beliefs (BFM 1963). Developing prayer warriors, leading blended worship for all ages, missions and Bible study are all important. Applicants should have an accredited seminary degree and prayerfully consider the opportunity to apply. Please mail your résumé and at least two sermon CD/DVD/online link to: 1740 S. Lafayette Street, Shelby, NC 28152.

## **Zion:**

Zion Baptist Church of Shelby, NC is seeking a **full time Minister of Youth and Children**. The primary responsibilities include coordinating and leading weekly discipleship programs, monthly to quarterly ministry events, and numerous mission projects. The minister is expected to encourage the children and youth in their spiritual development by building relationships and ministering to them, their families, and the church family. He/she will partner with the church staff in helping to plan and lead worship, preaching on occasion, and serve in various ministry roles. Applicants can email resumes to [searchteam@zbcshelby.org](mailto:searchteam@zbcshelby.org) A job description can be found at [zbcshelby.org](http://zbcshelby.org)

Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association, Inc.  
1175 Wyke Road  
Shelby, NC 28150

Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
SHELBY, NC 28150  
PERMIT NO. 40  
Return Service Requested



**If you are not going to read the printed version of the newsletter, please call and have your name removed from the mailing list. We can add you to the email list, if you so desire.**

# THE BEACON

## ***STAFF, PHONE EXTENSIONS & EMAIL***

Associational Missionary:

Leland Kerr  
leland@gccba.org

Missions & Ministry Team Leader:

Katie Harris  
katie@gccba.org

Hispanic Missionary:

Jose Espinal  
jose.espinal231@gmail.com

Office Administrator:

Nicole Mosley  
nicole@gccba.org

Please visit our website, [www.gccba.org](http://www.gccba.org) and other social media sites for information, training, and mission opportunities. Join one of our Facebook groups for your area!



@gccbashelby



@GCCBA



@gccba\_nc



vimeo.com/gccba