

- 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

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You are cordially invited to the retirement drop by reception of our great friend, Jose Espinal as we celebrate the beginning of a new chapter of his life. Join us at GCCBA Office Monday, August 30, 2021 from 4:00-6:00 pm

I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH

But you, O man of God, flee from these things, and follow righteousness, piety, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good battle of faith, make use of eternal life, to which you were also called, having made the good profession before many witnesses. 1 Timothy 6:11-12.

God's Word tells us that everything has its time, and everything that is wanted under Heaven has its hour (Ecclesiastes 3:1). I want to express gratitude to the Creator for the opportunity I am given to be useful in His hands of love, in His plans, and in His purposes. I am grateful for having been chosen by Him to plant, to heal, to build, to have times of joy, to spread, to gather, to embrace, to use time wisely, to speak, to be silent, to love, to live in peace, to be faithful, to obey His command, and to also work. In this way, I have built the life of my wife and children, enjoying His creation and putting eternity in my mind and heart while collaborating efficiently in His work by fulfilling His commands to go. I have used and will continue to use this gift until I am in His presence, knowing that everything God has done is perfect and eternal. As a servant, I recognize the Lord Jesus as sovereign in my life and the world. I know that He did not add or diminish anything He had in store for me. I am content with all that I have done, what I'm doing, and what I'll ever do. God, my Healer, my Restorer, to You, I give all honor and all glory for eternity.

To the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association, I give my love and respect, for this great opportunity. To the community, you will always have my love and dedication to the assigned work. With the help of Christ, I have been able to flee from all that is evil and always try to do the right thing. I have learned to follow His righteousness, to understand piety. I learned to use faith. I was taught true love. I am learning about patience. It has not been easy for me to live with meekness and wisdom. I have had many fights in life, won many wars, and lost many battles. Today, I want to have the opportunity to rest, to have some special time with my wife, my children and grandchildren. I am trusting that the crown of life awaits me. Leading a life of transparency is not very easy, and it is even more difficult if we do not have the presence of Christ. Thank you. Stay in touch. Love.

Rev Jose A. Espinal

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704-481-9119

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704-472-1437

Education and Network Opportunities

Pastors:

Ministers Conference

Monday, September 13, 2021
from
11:30 am –2:00 pm
Fellowship at Main Street Axe
Throwing in Lawndale NC
Join us for time of fellowship,
axe throwing, and lunch.

**KM/Grover Pastors
Fellowship** will meet at the
Carolina Crossing
Restaurant on Thursday,
September 2nd, at 8:30am.

**Lattimore Pastors
Fellowship** will meet at the Snack
Shop, Thursday, September 9th, at
8:30am.

Reminder of Meetings
in September & October



**Business Affairs
Team Meeting,**
September 13 at 11:45am

**Leadership and Business
Affairs Teams–** October 12 at
11:45am

Please pray for Association churches and pastors for September:

Patterson Grove Tim Hendrick
Patterson Springs Steve Waters
Peach Street Bobby Steen
Peoples John Houze
Plains View Wayne Key (int.)
Pleasant City Bryan Glisson
Pleasant Grove Toby Bird
Pleasant Hill Cal Robertson (int)



September 6
for Labor
Day

Please Pray for the Associational Missionary Search Team

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

*Thank you
for praying!*

Leland update: Leland will be moved to rehab in the next few days. They are still deciding on where he will need to go. Thank you for the continuing prayers for him.

If Leland was scheduled to preach or lead a meeting or other training at your church, please let Nicole or Katie know so we can help you make other arrangements. We want to make sure his obligations are taken care of and we appreciate those who have offered to fill in or help with these needs.

Sunday, SEPT. 12

"Fill the Tank" is a statewide baptism emphasis on Sunday, Sept. 12. Our church and many others are committing to fill our baptism tanks that day as we trust God to save souls between now and then. Will you pray for people in our community to respond to the gospel and take the next step of obedience through baptism on Sept. 12?



Pray for...

- Spiritual eyes and ears to be opened. (Matt. 13:15, 2 Cor. 4:3-4)
- Receptive hearts to the gospel. (Luke 8:5-15)
- Witnesses to be sent to share Christ. (Matt. 9:35-38)
- Unbelievers to experience a transformation through Christ. (Rom. 12:1-2)

FILLTHETANKNC.ORG

Missions Opportunities

School & Church Partnerships

I am grateful for the churches that agreed to help sponsor schools for the Back to School prayer walks. We still have several schools that need partner churches. These schools include: Kings Mountain Intermediate, East Elementary, and West Elementary. These prayer walks will take place on Sunday August 22nd at a time determined by the church and school. There are so many ways that we as the church can support our community and ministering to the schools is a great way. We hope that as churches sponsor these prayer walks it will turn into an ongoing ministry opportunity.



Cleveland County Fair Ministry

If your church is interested in participating in our Fair Ministry, please let Katie know.

Greatest Treat Festival

This year the Greatest Treat Festival will be on Sunday October 31st. The biggest festivals we have had are the years it falls on Halloween, so we need lots of churches to participate. If you have never been to the Greatest Treat Festival, you are in for a "Treat". We need volunteers to help with registration, manning the blow ups, and churches to set up ministry tables. If you would like to learn more about how you can participate, please come to our meeting on August 26th at 6 pm at the GCCBA office. We look forward to all God will do through this festival and to having your church involved.



Friday Feed The Hungry Lunch Program

If your church is interested in providing 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 open September: 3rd, 17th, 24th; October: 1st, 15th, 29th; November: 5th, 12th, 26th; and December: 3th, 10th, 24th, 31st.

Block Party Trailer



The schedule for the trailer fills up fast for the fall, 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.

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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TOMORROW.**

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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



Fall Biannual Meeting

Monday, October 25, 2021
More Information about our Fall Bi-Annual Meeting will be out soon. We will post on our website and Social Media pages.

FOR HIS GLORY

When a child of God
Looks into the Word of God
And sees the Son of God,
He is changed by the Spirit of God
In the image of God
For the glory of God.
— Author Unknown

Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: **July 2021**

Food	16
Medicine	1
Power	15
Dental	1
Counseling	35
Total Assisted Units:	70

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

Pray for these couples on their special day in September:

Goode's Grove – Robert and Suzanne Hensley - 5th
Bethlehem - Steve and Tois Taylor—12th

Happy Anniversary

Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.



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

GCCBA Website

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

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](mailto:Pat.Hamrick@Mt.SinaiBaptistChurch.org) or for Churches in Upper Cleveland County, [New Bethel Baptist Church in Lawndale is now a collection site for "Harvest Seeds."](mailto:NewBethelBaptistChurch@Lawndale.org) Please contact [Tony Fogleman at 704-538-0223](mailto:Tony.Fogleman@GCCBA.org) 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.

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!

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

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

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. Send resumes to BuffaloBCsearchcommittee@gmail.com

First Baptist Church, Shelby:

Position: **Interim Minister for Kids**

Status: Part-time interim, 20 hours per week or more as needed
Reports To: Lead Pastor

Summary: The Interim Minister for Kids is primarily responsible for engaging our families and their kids-aged children through kids-specific groups, classes, special events and other programs. The purpose of kids ministry at FBC is to help develop disciple-making children who love Jesus and who engage their friends, neighbors, and classmates with the good news of Jesus. Send inquiries to doug@fbcshelby.org

Position: **Interim Minister for Youth**

Status: Part-time interim, 20 hours per week or more as needed
Reports To: Lead Pastor

Summary: The Interim Minister for Youth is primarily responsible for engaging our families and their youth-aged children through youth-specific groups, classes, special events and other programs. The purpose of youth ministry at FBC is to help develop disciple-making students who love Jesus and who engage their friends, neighbors, and classmates with the good news of Jesus. Send inquiries to doug@fbcshelby.org

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

Church Needs.....

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

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.

Lily Memorial Baptist Church is in need of a **part-time Secretarial position**. If you are interested send a resume to Lily Memorial Baptist Church, 406 Whitener St. Shelby, NC 28152. Questions may be directed to 704-692-8538.

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.

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 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:

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 .

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 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. 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 resumé 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 A job description can be found at zbcshelby.org

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

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