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Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association

*Uniting congregations in effective missions and ministries*

# THE BEACON

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*You are invited to attend the 171<sup>st</sup> Fall Biannual Meeting;  
 Monday, October 25 at Pleasant Grove Baptist  
 3932 Pleasant Grove Church Rd., Shelby 28150  
 Catered Meal served at 6:00 pm ~ Meeting will begin at 6:50 pm*

## **THOUGHTS FROM LELAND . . .**

I want to thank you, thank you, thank you for your prayers, text messages, phone calls and cards while I was hospitalized, in a Rehab facility and since I have been home. Words seem so inadequate to express my deepest appreciation. How blessed we are to have Katie and Nicole on our Associational staff. They truly kept things going while I was out. Also, we are blessed to have Dr. Tim Hendrick as our Associational Moderator and his commitment to helping lead our Association.

I want to encourage all of our churches to send your messengers to our Associational Biannual Meeting on Monday evening, October 25 at 6:00pm at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. A meal will be served at 6:00 pm followed by the Program. We appreciate Pleasant Grove for hosting us for this important meeting. We also appreciate our Leadership Team, Business Affairs Team and Enlistment Team for all their hard work to prepare for the meeting. Our theme for this Biannual meeting is, "Our Hope and Future" based on Jeremiah 29:11-13.

While I was out on medical leave, the Association had the opportunity to say goodbye to and express appreciation to Rev. Jose Espinal for his decades of ministry to our Hispanic Community here in Cleveland County. When I came to the Association the first time, in 1992, Jose was one of the first Pastors I met soon after he began ministry not only in various churches, but also in the Association. I had the privilege through the years to work with Jose in many ways - church planting, mission trips, and much more.

We also want to thank Pat Whitley for her nearly 20 years as our Associational Treasurer, as well as serving in various capacities in her church, Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. She is stepping down from that role this month. We appreciate her diligence through the years as she has made sure the Association has been good stewards of the monies we have received. We welcome Debby Wease as our new Associational Treasurer. Debby is a regular volunteer in our Assistance Ministry and a member of Boiling Springs Baptist Church.

# Thoughts from our Staff.....

Once again this year, we return to Shelby City Park for the Greatest Treat Festival on Sunday afternoon, October 31. Thank you, Katie and the Planning Committee, for organizing and planning this event.

In closing, the words of the Apostle Paul, in The Second Letter to the Thessalonians, have been in my heart and mind. *"We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each of you toward one another grows ever greater."* (1 Thess. 1:3)

I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve with you during this Interim time!

Blessings, Leland Kerr

## Education and Network Opportunities

### 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)

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

Trinity Mike Frazier  
Union Mike Shumate  
Victory Dennis Wells  
Waco Harold Fite  
Wallace Grove C.L. Phillips  
Washington Missionary Melvin Clark  
Westover Kevin Whittington  
Westview Rick Bowling



### Pastors:

#### **Ministers Conference**

Monday, November 1, 2021 from  
11:30 am – Lunch  
12:00 pm—Program

**KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship** will meet at the Carolina Crossing Restaurant on Thursday, November 4th, at 8:30am.

**Lattimore Pastors Fellowship** will meet at the Snack Shop, Thursday, November 11th, at 8:30am.

### **Ministers & Spouses Christmas Dinner Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6:30 pm**

We want to encourage you to make your reservation for this time of food, fellowship and inspiration! There is no charge for the meal. This is for our ministers who are active as well as those who are retired. Please call or email Nicole and make your reservation by November 22!

# Missions Opportunities

## Utility Assistance

We received a message from Duke Energy that the Share the Warmth Program is changing its name to Share the Light and will only be able to assist customers that have Duke Energy service. Because of this change we will have less funds available to help customers with the City of Shelby, City of Kings Mountain, REMC, and Broad River Electric yet these power companies make up the bulk of people we assist. While we appreciate the funds we receive from Duke to help Duke customers this change is going to cause a great need for donations to help those outside of the Duke Energy service area. If you would like to donate in order to help these other clients you may send your contributions to our office and mark the check for Emergency and Relief. If you have questions please call Katie at 704-482-3472.



## Greatest Treat Festival

We are excited to be able to host the Greatest Treat Festival back at Shelby City Park. The festival will be held October 31st from 4-6 pm. After speaking with the Health Department, we have

proper precautions in place to ensure the safety of those who come. It's not too late to come out and set up a ministry booth or even join us to walk around and have gospel conversations. If you would like more information, please contact Katie.

## Christmas Toy Store

Our toy store application process will take place on November 16th from 10 am- 2pm in the front circle at Eastside Baptist Church. This will be a drive through process. Anyone wanting to sign their child up (ages 2-12) will need to bring their ID and the children's birth certificate or Medicaid card. The Toy Store will be at the Shelby Mission Camp on December 14th. If you would like to volunteer to help this day, please contact Katie.

**TOYS DUE DECEMBER 9th**



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Samantha's life:

**"I don't feel  
like I would've  
gotten  
SAVED  
if not for  
Odum Home."**

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Baptist Children's Homes  
of NORTH CAROLINA  
[bchoffering.org](http://bchoffering.org)

WEEK OF PRAYER: NOVEMBER 14 - 21, 2021



## 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



# Missions Opportunities

## Community Thanksgiving Meal at the Shelby Mission Camp

*Help us feed senior adults, handicapped individuals & first responders*

You, your church, or organization is invited to be part of our Community Thanksgiving meal on Thanksgiving Day, November 25th, 2021. **Due to Covid-19, changes will be made for safety. All delivery teams will sign in upon arriving and line up outside. Orders will be brought out and loaded for you.** We will load delivery orders between 10:40 – 12:00. Drive through pickup will begin at 12:00 and continue until 1:30 or until the food runs out. No inside dining again this year. We need help in a variety of ways. You can be involved by:

- Praying
- Cleanup
- Cooking
- Working on the serving line
- Counseling
- Baking Desserts
- Delivering Meals, Masks and Gloves Required. We can provide if needed.
- Help identify those that need meals
- Financial Support - Last year we served 1100 meals at approximately \$3.75 per meal. Could you or your church help with the cost?

Many have shared how blessed they and their family were through participating in the Thanksgiving meal. Won't you pray about being a part of this important community outreach to seniors, handicapped, needy and first responders? Call Janet or David Brown to sign up to help.



Janet Brown 919-337-2342  
[jbrown@ncbaptist.org](mailto:jbrown@ncbaptist.org)

David Brown 919-422-9990  
[dbrown@ncbaptist.org](mailto:dbrown@ncbaptist.org)

Office 704-487-5599

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

I am now working to sign up groups for 2022. If your group is interested in helping provide food, please contact Katie.



# Missions Opportunities



## Community Thanksgiving Meal at Shelby Mission Camp

Thursday, November 25, 2021  
12:00pm - 1:30pm

**DRIVE BY PICKUP ONLY**

302 Sharpton Drive, Shelby  
(Sharpton Drive turns off S. Lafayette St beside  
Southside Flea Market)

No charge—Delivery available for  
Seniors/Handicapped

**Last Day for Delivery Orders: November 19, 2021**

Questions or for Delivery of Meal or to Volunteer

Go to our website to see all job listings:

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



### **WMU World Day of Prayer**

While we will not be hosting an in person World Day of Prayer gathering, I plan to send out resources to WMU leaders to share with their church about this special day. If you would like to be sure to receive this information, please contact Katie.

### **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!

### **Website/Social Media**

In order to see the most up to date information about happenings with the GCCBA, please check our website [www.gccba.org](http://www.gccba.org) or Facebook page. Soon, we hope to post more training videos.

### **Compassion Ministry Report**

Assistance Type: **September 2021**

Food	10
Medicine	1
Power	16
Other	<u>1</u>
Total Assisted Units:	28

### **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 November**

David:

Brian Taule, 7 years

Double Shoals:

Brian Johnson, 14 years

Eastside Shelby:

Dale Byrd, 4 years

Joy Christian:

DeNorris Byers, 12 years

Kings Mountain Second:

Dennis Pruitt, 6 years

Patterson Springs:

Steve Waters - 30 years

Peach Street:

Bobby Steen - 9 years

Shelby First:

Doug Hankins—1 year

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

Hope Community - Skip and Jena Allen - 6th  
Crestview - Artie & Ginger Hubbard - 27th



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

Boiling Springs ~ Carpenter's Grove ~  
Double Springs ~ Emmanuel ~ Lat-  
timore ~ Lawndale ~ Pleasant Hill ~  
Sandy Plains ~ Temple ~ Zoar



Thursday,  
November  
25 for  
Thanksgiving

## **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, Acteens, & Mission Friends material; No Mission Mosaics, Mature Living, Guide Posts, & Angels on Earth magazines; No cassette or VHS tapes.**

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!

## **Church Needs.....**

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:doug@fbcshelby.org)

# Church Needs.....

## ***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)

## ***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](mailto:lawndalechurch@gmail.com), Sermon samples are welcome.

## ***Lattimore:***

Lattimore Baptist Church of Lattimore, NC is seeking a **part time Family Minister** to lead our youth and children and to develop spiritual opportunities for families. The primary responsibilities includes; visiting families in the community who have youth and children, coordinating and leading weekly discipleship programs, monthly ministry events, and mission projects, and planning activities for families. The LBCFM 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 and serve in various ministry roles. A degree in Religious Studies and 5 years of experience is preferred but not required. The position will require 18-20 hours per week with a annual salary of \$15,600. Applicants can email resumes to [pastorbuddy47@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorbuddy47@yahoo.com) or mail to: Lattimore Baptist Church, Attn: LBCFM 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.

## ***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).

## **Music Director**

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Shelby, NC, is seeking an energetic music director responsible for leading the music ministry of the church. This is a part-time, salaried position. Responsibilities include the ability to blend traditional and contemporary music styles into the Sunday morning worship service. This position will involve collaboration with other church wide ministries and staff persons. The music director must have the ability to prepare and teach music to the choir in preparation for worship services and other special events, such as community services, funerals, and other programs. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Candidates should submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and contact information for three references. Application materials should be submitted via email to Tracy Arnold at [tracygwu@yahoo.com](mailto:tracygwu@yahoo.com) with PRBC Music Director – Your Name in the byline.

## ***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 resumé and at least two sermon CD/DVD/online link to: 1740 S. Lafayette Street, Shelby, NC 28152.

**If any of these positions have been filled, please let me know at [nicole@gccba.org](mailto:nicole@gccba.org)**

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