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 Boiling Springs
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 Christ Covenant
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 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
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 Lattimore
 Lawndale
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 Mt. Sinai
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"I give thanks to my God...because of your partnership in the gospel..."

Philippians 1:3 & 5

"How's it going?" After just a few weeks in my new role as Associational Missionary, that's the most common question I get asked. Why shouldn't it be? It's a truthful question, as everyone knows I'm having to adjust to new hours, a new routine, new coworkers, and new responsibilities. It's an honest question, with the adjustments that lie in front of me with a possible move, all the changes for my family, and the normal feelings of trying to find my fit in this new role. Still, for me, this is a challenging question because I must balance the excitement I feel with the overwhelming responsibilities and the humbling nature of what I'm asked to do.

That question, "How's it going?" is the same question that we as pastors and church leaders are facing every day. It is a truthful question as we are all connected to the call of Christ and concerned about the health of the churches and the people to which we are connected. It is an honest question because we see the impact that the past two years has had on churches all around the world and we feel that impact right here on our doorsteps. It is also a challenging question as the mark and measure of our health has changed drastically recently.

As I am learning the responsibilities and role to which I have been called, I am seeing a parallel with the health of our churches. Just as each member of my family has faced changes differently as we have made this transition, so too your church family will adjust to the changing culture of your church and the world around it. This requires we all work together to understand what God is doing in calling His church forward into a new day.

I have also had to reevaluate some of my normal practices. Since my office isn't five minutes from my home anymore, I've learned to evaluate all my needed things before I leave each morning because I can't just run back home to grab something I forgot. Our churches must evaluate those things which they need and those things they must leave behind as they move forward into a new day of ministry.

So, my answer to the question, "How's it going?" changes daily as new challenges and new opportunities develop, and in the same way, the challenges and opportunities change daily

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Thoughts from our Staff.....

for our churches. That's why Paul's words in Philippians 1 are so crucial to our churches as we lean into the partnership that we share as recipients of the Gospel. The beauty of our partnership is that God positions each of us to be a strength where others are weak. Some of us, like me, need a little help, a little patience and a little encouragement. Some of us need to be the encourager, the helper and the mentor. What a blessing it is to serve alongside one another.

Over the next few months, I plan to bring you a series of articles on church revitalization that I hope will shed light on the needs and opportunities we all share in our partnership in the Gospel. As we share the burden and challenge of carrying the Gospel to Cleveland County and beyond, we will also share in the renewed strength of our congregations. That way we can all celebrate in our answer to the question – "How's it going?"- with words of praise to our God.

Jason Ballard

It's an exciting time to be a part of the GCCBA. We have a new associational missionary and our building renovations are almost complete. I can't wait till you can see the work that has been done on the downstairs area to make the space more usable for you. We hope that this area will be a great place for churches to hold Bible studies, meetings, training, or celebrations. We also welcome community groups who are needing a meeting space to use the building.

Serving together,
Katie

Please have the church administrator or staff complete the survey before Jun 30th. Following is the link to the survey [2022 Lifeway Compensation Survey](#)

- If you know of a church that does not have access to the internet, or rather not input the information online - there is a paper survey that I can send.

THIS IS SURVEY HELPS ME SHARE WITH CHURCHES ABOUT COMPENSATION.



Mission and Network Opportunities

Pastors:

Ministers Conference
Monday, June 6, 2022
Lunch 11:30am, Program 12:00pm.

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

Lattimore Pastors Fellowship will meet at the Snack Shop, Thursday, May 16th, at 8:30am.



Friday June 10, 2022
10:00 am –2:00 pm
at GCCBA
Bring your old files, it is time to shred!!



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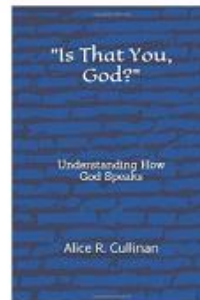
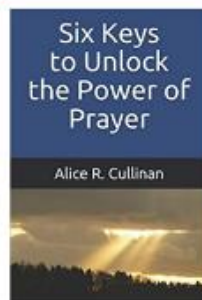
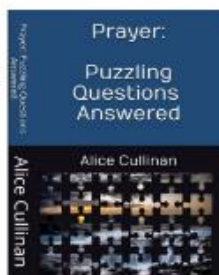
Website/Social Media

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

ATTENTION all PASTORS and TEACHERS!

Lamplighters Ministries will give a **free** copy of one of these books to your class or prayer group if you will have a class session to study it for at least four weeks! Every member in the class or group gets a free copy!

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Missions Opportunities



School & Church Partnerships

As school starts back in August, we plan to host prayerwalks at each school in the county. We will be partnering churches with local schools to send people to pray and collect school supplies. If you already have a partnership with a local school remember to start talking with the principal now about how you can serve them this summer and as school starts back in the Fall.

Shelby Mission Camp

We want to welcome Robbie Alexander to Shelby as he takes over as the Director over the Shelby Mission Camp. Their biggest need right now is for cook teams. They need 3-4 on a team that can come help cook and serve meals this summer and at other times when mission groups are at the camp. Volunteers do not have to be trained for the NC Baptist Mass Feeding in order to be on a cook team for the camp. If someone from a church doesn't have enough to make a team he can pair you with other churches. If you are interested in serving at the camp please let Katie know and she can have Robbie contact you.

Called to *Serve*

Summer Missionary

Our Summer Missionary is available to help with your Vacation Bible School, mission project, block party, etc. Please call the office to get on the schedule.

Summer is HERE!!!! I'm excited to hear about the churches who are joining together to do VBS for their community this summer! VBS is a GREAT ministry and outreach to the community. Here are some Lifeway Statistics on VBS Nationally.

- 25% of baptisms reported by the SBC comes from VBS
- 10% of people enrolled in VBS are unchurched
- 72,925 people accept Jesus as Lord and Savior
- 2,666 people commit their lives to church-related vocations through VBS
- 56,386 people enroll in Sunday School/Small Group Bible Study as a result of attending VBS
- Report your numbers! Help us keep track of VBS effectiveness, community outreach, etc.

We're praying for VBS in your church and community. Pray for each other! Share resources! Work together!

I ♥ VBS

June 5th-10th

Allen Memorial - LifeWay's Spark Studios
Ages for vbs are pre-k thru 6th grade
Meal, 5:45-6:25 pm
VBS, 6:30-8:30 pm
Family night & meal, June 10th, 6 pm.



June 27-30th

Beaver Dam will be on June 27-30th.
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Ages 3 years old - 6th grade
Supper Provided
We are doing Jerusalem Marketplace!



Missions Opportunities



Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program

We still have several dates available for groups to sign up to provide food for the Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program. If your church is interested in bringing 75 bag lunches you can sign up by contacting Katie Harris at 704-482-3472 or katie@gccb.org



Fair Ministry

A decision has not been made as to whether the Cleveland County Fair will be open this year but if it does we will be ready to minister. The food boxes and lunch provided were well received so we plan to do them again and hopefully provide other things. Please watch for more information on how you can be involved



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*"I have been young, and now am old;
Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken."*

PSALM 37:25A [NJKV]

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Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: **April 2022**

| | |
|-----------------------|----|
| Food | 9 |
| Power | 46 |
| Other | 2 |
| Total Assisted Units: | 58 |

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 June

Bethlehem:

Steve Taylor, 13 years

Calvary:

Robert Rash, 1 years

Faith:

JR Robbins, 26 years

Waco:

Harold Fite, 20 years

Zion:

Matt Storie, 8 years



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Pray for these couples on their special day in June:

New Hope – Russ and Melody Bradley - 6th
Ross Grove - Marcus and Brittany McGill - 9th
Lattimore – Buddy and Meredith Morehead- 13th
Trinity - Michael and Charlene Frazier - 14th
Westview - Rick and Susan Bowling - 14th
Westwood Heights - David and Angie Costner - 14th
KM 2nd – Dennis and Patricia Pruitt -20th

*Happy
Anniversary*

Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.

Boiling Springs ~ Carpenter's Grove ~
Double Springs ~ Emmanuel ~
Fallston ~ Lattimore ~ Lawndale ~
Patterson Grove ~ Pleasant Hill ~

**pray on it
pray over it
pray through it**

Block Party Trailer

The schedule for the trailer fills up fast for the Spring and 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.



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 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.

Church Needs.....



Camps Creek Baptist

Part-time Youth and Children's minister We are a loving community based church who is founded in God's Word, Christ centered, and desires to share the gospel with others. We are looking for someone who is solid in their faith and grounded in the Bible. This person will minister to and direct the ministries of youth, children, and their families. Responsibilities include planning, directing, conducting, and developing these ministries for the spiritual growth and discipleship of the youth and children. You need to have good communication skills, the ability to work well with staff and volunteers, and display a love for students with a desire to disciple them in God's Word. If God has lead you more toward youth or children ministry, please know that we are open to splitting this into 2 part time positions. Please send resumes c/o Personnel Committee to camps creek@yahoo.com or 2323 Camp Creek Church Road Mooresboro, NC 28114 For additional questions (704) 434-2354

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

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.

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.

Mount Sinai:

Mount Sinai Baptist Church of the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association is prayerfully seeking a **part-time Media Team Leader**. The media team leader will be responsible for the overall media programs of the church, working with the staff and the media team for an effective ministry. Successful candidate should be self-motivated with strong typing, proofreading, organization, leadership and communication skills. Please send resume to: Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Attn. Search Committee, 1227 Mt. Sinai Church Rd. Shelby, NC 28152 or email: msbcsoundbooth1@gmail.com

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 **Full Time Associate Pastor/Youth** to serve as the primary support person for the Youth. Responsibilities include serving as the direct support person for the senior pastor, plan and promote Bible study and activities to prompt spiritual growth for the youth, develop programs to enlist and retain the youth, etc. If interested, please email questions or resumes by mail to Patterson Grove Baptist Church, 301 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or email personnel@pgbckm.org

Patterson Grove Baptist Church, in Kings Mountain, NC is seeking an **interim pastor** to guide the multi-generational church in discerning God's will and vision for the future while building on the church's spiritual markers of the past. This visionary shepherd will stand grounded in prayer and God's Word to equip the church for vibrant worship, sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, and missional mindedness. This pastor will be able to navigate the interim period with awareness, perseverance, and a servant heart to bring change and to prepare the fellowship of believers to advertise God, make disciples, and bless the community with their next senior pastor. Please prayerfully submit resumes or any questions by email to InterimSearch@pgbckm.org by June 1, 2022.

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

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.

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

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

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