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 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
 Green Bethel
 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
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"[The Lord] said to me, 'Prophecy concerning these bones and say to them: Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Lord God says to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you will live. I will put tendons on you, make flesh grow on you, and cover you with skin. I will put breath in you so that you come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"

Ezekiel 37:4 – 6

Inevitably, every pastor and every church begins the process of church revitalization with the same question – "What do we do first?" In many cases, churches begin their journey by changing the music, the structure or formality of their services. Other churches begin this journey with staffing changes, program changes or facility changes.

Ezekiel begins the revitalization of this army with instruction from God and more importantly, with the proclamation of the word of the Lord. God's proclamation to Ezekiel is that He will bring life back to the army of those fallen in the valley in dramatic fashion.

In our churches today, the centrality of the proclamation of the Word of God is the starting point of any revitalization for three specific reasons. First, the Word of God establishes the importance and centrality of the Gospel. Second, the Word of God patterns the maturing process for every believer in the discipleship process. And finally, in a world of differing cultures, church concepts and congregational traditions, the Word of God establishes a standard for decision-making in a difficult environment and time in a church's life and history.

Therefore, every church must begin their revitalization with a thorough focus on the Word of God. From the preaching on Sunday, to the Sunday School classes and Bible studies every week, and even down to the children's classes and youth group meetings – the truth of Scripture must be communicated that God is in the business of renewing and reviving that which is dying or declining.

Begin your church's journey into revitalization today by putting the authority of Scripture firmly in your life. Take time to explore God's promises of redemption found in Hosea. Put yourself in the boat with Jonah as he rejects God's missionary heart and witness the price he pays for disobedience. Look to the truths of His promises to rebuild His people found in

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Thoughts from our Staff.....Network Opportunities

Haggai. And listen to Jesus proclaim His love for those who have lost their way in their journey with the Lord. Ask God to lead you in your revitalizing journey through Scripture, because every revitalized Christian begins with the renewal of God's Word in their life. Let God, begin His renewal in you today.

Jason Ballard

During our recent mission trip, I was challenged by a young lady that attends a church we ministered alongside. Her church has a food ministry where they serve 400-500 meals a week to low income neighborhoods. She explained that this ministry was started because she went on a mission trip and when she returned God said to her, "What are you doing in your hometown?" She was reminded that God does call us to go, but He also calls us to minister to our family, to our friends, and to our neighbors. Global Missions are important, but we must not forget those that live in the shadow of our steeple. I encourage you today to examine what you are doing for those living around you. Are there needs going unmet or are there people hurting that need God's love? I challenge you to spend time praying about how you can minister your neighbors.

Serving together,
Katie

Ministers Conference

Monday, August 1, 2022
Lunch 11:30am, Program 12:00pm.

KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship will meet at the Carolina Crossing Restaurant on Thursday, August 7, at 8:30am.

Lattimore Pastors Fellowship will meet at the Snack Shop, Thursday, August 21, at 8:30am.

Indiana Mission Trip

We had an amazing mission trip to Indiana. 38 people from 4 churches served alongside several churches and mission organizations. I am grateful to all the team members who worked so hard in the heat and humidity to encourage the churches and the people we met.

Building Update

We are very excited to have our basement renovations completed and have begun allowing community groups and churches to use the space. We already have 2 groups that are meeting on a monthly or weekly basis. If your church or community organization needs a space to Meet, please let us know.

EXCITING NEWS!



Saturday, September 10, 2022 at Patterson Grove 10:00 am

Safety and Security in your Ministry Environments Training. Providing safe and secure teaching environments is crucial to protecting children, teens and vulnerable adults. It is also critically important to your outreach ministry for attracting and retaining parents with children. Learn 5 important concerns your church should address to have safe and secure ministry environments and practical ways to protect children and youth in your ministry. There will also be a session for security teams and leadership, in understanding how to keep members safe and facilities secure.

Monday, September 19, 2022 at Zoar 6:30 pm
Deacon Training—look for upcoming details

Mission Opportunities

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CARING FOR THEIR SOULS**



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Our goal is to provide 1000 pairs of shoes before the new school year for BCH foster children.

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

Romans 15:13 CSE

ARE YOU FILLED WITH HIS JOY?
ARE YOU FILLED WITH HIS JOY?
ARE YOU FILLED WITH HIS JOY?
ARE YOU FILLED WITH HIS *joy?*

YOUR GIFTS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS OFFERING HELP:



- Spread the gospel.
- Relieve suffering.
- Treat the sick.
- Plant new churches.
- Mobilize people in missions.
- Minister during disasters.

Baptists on Mission	\$856,720
Church Planting	\$596,000
Mission Camps	\$313,080
Associational Projects	\$210,000
Mobilization Ministry Project	\$124,200

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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. We are excited that volunteers are now able to stay and help serve the food as we have been able to move the ministry back inside. If your church is interested in bringing 75 bag lunches and/or sending volunteers, you can sign up online or contact Katie Harris at 704-482-3472 or katie@gccba.org



North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) is a special offering received during the month of September that supports the ministries of Baptists on Mission, Church Planting, mission camps, associational projects and mobilization ministry projects. NCMO is your opportunity to be on mission together as God accomplishes many wonderful things through these various ministries. 17.5% of this offering comes back to Cleveland County, to support GCCBA and Shelby Mission Camp.



School & Church Partnerships

Each year we encourage our churches to partner with schools in their area. This partnership usually starts in the weeks leading up to the new school year with the first event being a prayer walk the Sunday before school starts. Churches that participate in these school partnerships share how they are blessed through ministering to the staff, teachers, and students. If you are interested in partnering with a local school or already have a partnership, please let Katie know.

Greatest Treat Festival

It's time to start planning for our annual Greatest Treat Festival.

The festival will be held on October 30th from 4-6 pm at the Shelby City Park.

We will hold a planning meeting on August 30th at 6 pm at our office. If you are interested in learning how your church can participate, please make plans to join us.



Fair Ministry

We are working on plans to minister to the fair workers during the Cleveland County Fair. In the past we have held a breakfast, lunch, and provided food bags. Please watch for more information to be shared soon.



A black chalkboard with a wooden frame. The text "Pray for our Students, Teachers & Schools!" is written in white chalk. The words "Students," "Teachers," and "& Schools!" are on separate lines. There are some chalk pieces and an eraser at the bottom of the board.

Missions Opportunities



Every School Project

Who: Child Evangelism Fellowship Foothills Chapter

What: To raise support/funding to see a Good News Club in every elementary school.

Where: Cleveland and Rutherford Counties

When: Within the 2022-2023 school year

Why: To reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ; to disciple them in the Word of God; and to help establish them in a local church for Christian growth.

How: Seeking churches to adopt and teach a Good News Club 1 day a week through the school year (\$1200 yearly). Seeking non adopting churches and Sunday school classes to partner with CEF Foothills through monthly support. Seeking Christian Businesses to partner with CEF Foothills through monthly support. Seeking any and all Christians to partner with CEF Foothills through monthly support.

If we all individually (churches, Sunday schools classes, businesses and individuals) come together, we can collectively, with God's leading, make a major impact in Cleveland and Rutherford Counties. Can you imagine the children that can be reached with the Gospel as we all work together?

"... The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." Matthew 9: 37-38 Will you consider being a part of reaching the children through the ministry of CEF Foothills by either:

*Adopting a school Good News Club

*Teaching and volunteering in a Good News Club

*Giving monthly to help fund the ministry

*And, of course, praying for the children and CEF Foothills ministry

Below is my contact information, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

James Gibson, Director, 704-473-4315

CEF Foothills, PO Box 797

Boiling Springs, NC 28017

Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: **June 2022**

Food	26
Medicine	2
Power	15
Rent	1
Clothes	4
Counseling	40
Hotel	<u>1</u>
Total Assisted Units:	89

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 August

Macedonia:

Michael Horne, 14 years

Westview:

Rick Bowling, 13 years



Pray for these couples on their special day in August:

Union - Michael and Edith Shumate - 1st

Zion - Matt and Melanie Storie - 1st

Poplar Spring - Andy and Kim Oliver - 8th

Beaver Dam - Tom and Joanna Runyon - 12th

Pleasant City - Bryan and Tina Glisson - 22nd



Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.

Boiling Springs ~ Carpenter's Grove ~ Double
Springs ~ Emmanuel ~ Fallston ~ Lawndale ~
Patterson Grove ~ Pleasant Hill ~ Pleasant Ridge
~ Poplar Springs ~ Sandy Plains

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.



Reminder of Meetings in August.

Enlistment Team Meeting,
August 16 at 11:45am

**Leadership and Business
Affairs Teams-** August 23 at
11:45am

Business Affairs Team—
September 13 at 11:45am

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.

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.

Church Needs.....



Beaver Dam Baptist Church:

Permanent part-time Music Director

Plan, organize, and manage all aspects of music worship. Assume responsibilities for planning special music such as cantatas and children/youth performances. Ability to lead traditional, blended, and contemporary music. Contact Danny Hipp at 704-473-0927 or danhip@yahoo.com.

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 campsccreek@yahoo.com or 2323 Camp Creek Church Road Mooresboro, NC 28114 For additional questions (704) 434-2354

Fallston:

Fallston Baptist Church, Fallston, NC is prayerfully seeking a **pastor** with a heart for God's work, a seminary degree, a broad knowledge of the Bible, communication skills easily understood by all ages, a willingness to visit the sick and shut-ins of the church, and a desire to grow the church and spread the gospel in our community. We are a diversified community with a varied socioeconomic membership belonging to both the Southern Baptist Convention and the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association. Deadlines for Resumes: September 1, 2022 Please send Resumes to: Pastor Search Committee, Fallston Baptist Church, PO Box 116, Fallston, NC 28042, Or Email: fbcpastorsearch22@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

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

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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- 1**— Minister's Conference, GCCBA 11:30 am
- 4**— Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am,
- 5** – Hungry program with Tyra Silvers, 12:30 pm
- 12**—Hungry program with Mulls Memorial volunteers, 12:30 pm
- 16**—Enlistment Team Meeting, GCCBA 11:45 am
- 18** –Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am
- 19**—Hungry program with Trinity Volunteers 12:30 pm
- 23**—Leadership/Business Affairs Team Meeting, GCCBA, 11:45 am
- 26**– Hungry program with Mulls Memorial volunteers, 12:30 pm
- 30**—Greatest Treat Festival Meeting



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