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# THE BEACON

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*"So I prophesied as I had been commanded. While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. As I looked, tendons appeared on them, flesh grew, and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man. Say to it: This is what the Lord God says: Breath, come from the four winds and breathe into these slain so that they may live!" So I prophesied as he commanded me; the breath entered them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, a vast army."  
Ezekiel 37:7 – 10*

I think it's interesting that Ezekiel begins the description of this scene of astonishment and shock with the sound that he heard. Surely, God's question was hopeless to Ezekiel – "Could these bones live?" These bones couldn't walk, they couldn't stand, they couldn't even connect. How could God ask such an absurd question?

We often walk among the church like Ezekiel walked among the bones. We see every past battle, every past failure, even every past success, and every past mistake. What we don't see is the future. These "bones" can't pay the bills. These "bones" can't call a pastor. These "bones" can't get through a business meeting without a fight! How could they ever thrive again?

In every challenged church there is a feeling of struggle and very often a feeling of hopelessness. I've stood in the pulpit during those times as the congregation looked and listened but really couldn't hear because of the hopelessness they felt. That's when only God can speak to them. That's when only God can stir them. That's when only God can get their attention.

In Ezekiel's hopeless moment, God not only spoke – He rattled the bones! I just wonder if they all moved at once or if it started slowly? Did the large bones make the noise or was it all the tiny bones pushing their way around? Was each body of bones lying close together or were they scattered and had to be brought together? Whatever the case, they made quite a commotion and got Ezekiel's attention.

The challenge we as believers and leaders face today is hearing those "bones" rattle and seeing God work. When hopelessness sets in, we can often focus so much on our own

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## Thoughts from our Staff

despondency that we miss what God is doing. Whether it's a large donation or it's a long-time member coming forward to pray. Even in the smallest things – God is at work.

Today, in our struggling churches, we must be faithful to listen to the word of the Lord and to the work of the Lord. Start now by asking God to reveal the hearts, lives, and places He is working on in your church and community. If don't see any, ask Him to start working on you. Every revitalized church begins with a revitalized Christian, and every revitalized Christian follows the work of Lord. Let God, begin His renewal in you today.

Jason Ballard

## Education and Network Opportunities

### **Ministers Conference**

Tuesday September 6th,(New Date!!)  
(Please note we will meet on Tuesday not Monday, due to Labor Day)  
Join us at 11:30 am at  
Main St Axe Throwing  
237 E Main St, Lawndale, NC 28090  
We will have lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship.

**KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship** will meet at the Carolina Crossing Restaurant on Thursday, September 1, at 8:30am.

**Lattimore Pastors Fellowship** will meet at the Snack Shop, Thursday, September 15, at 8:30am.

### **Fall Deacon Training**

Monday September 19th, 2022 6:30 pm  
supper, 7:15 program begins  
Zoar Baptist  
Topic "Leading your church to Health and Revitalization"

Led by: Dr. John Ewart , Professor of Missions & Pastoral Leadership and Associate Vice President for Global Theological Initiatives & Ministry Centers at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Please RSVP to Katie or Nicole by September 12th

### **Pastor's Appreciation Month Celebration:**

Top Golf in Charlotte  
Tuesday October 4th 11:00 am-1:00 pm  
Please RSVP by September 15th  
By calling 704-482-3472 or emailing [katie@gccba.org](mailto:katie@gccba.org) or [nicole@gccba.org](mailto:nicole@gccba.org)

### **Safety and Security in your Ministry Environment**

Saturday, September 10th  
10:00 am-12:30 pm  
Patterson Grove Baptist Church, Kings Mountain  
This training will focus on 2 important areas concerning safety and security in churches:

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. At this conference you will learn important concerns your church should address to have safe and secure ministry environments and practical ways to protect children and youth in your ministry. During lunch there will be time for your team to meet together and consult with Cheryl.  
\*\*Led by Cheryl Markland, Children's Ministry contractor with the Baptist State Convention of NC

Understanding how to keep church attendees safe and secure your facilities.  
\*\*Led by Lieutenant Etter, Cleveland County Sheriff Office

Lunch will be provided so please RSVP to Nicole Mosley at [nicole@gccba.org](mailto:nicole@gccba.org) or 704-482-3472

Do you have specific questions that you want addressed? Send them to Cam Scism at [camscismpgbc@gmail.com](mailto:camscismpgbc@gmail.com)

# Education and Network Opportunities

## Annual Church Profile Training

GCCBA WILL HOST THE ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE TRAINING

10 A.M.-12 P.M. (LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED)

Tuesday, August 30th, 2022

The Annual Church Profile (ACP) and the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Workspace training will give you the tools you need to input data, easily access information and track changes over time.

Join us for ACP and SBC Workspace training on 30th via Zoom. The SBC workspace training includes information from the annual church profile (ACP) and focuses on things like contact updates, ministry positions, membership, baptisms, attendance and overall ministry reports about the health of a church. A digital ACP form option is now available.

If you want to watch the zoom training in your home, you can go to <https://ncbaptist.org/events/online-event-acp-training/> and register.



## National Day of Volunteer Youth Ministry Training

When: Saturday, September 24 at First Baptist Kings Mountain

Schedule:

8:30AM—Breakfast (FREE - we are providing biscuits, doughnuts, fruit, and snacks)

9:00AM - Welcome

9:15AM—Training Begins

11:45AM—Closing Announcements / Dismiss!

At National Day of Volunteer Youth Ministry Training, you'll learn about:

**2022 TEACHING TOPICS**

- How Volunteers Can Leave a Legacy  
**albert TATE**
- How a Volunteer's Small actions Bring BIG Results  
**doug FIELDS**
- How to Prevent Teens from Graduating from their Faith  
**mark OESTREICHER**
- How to Shepherd and Disciple Students  
**heather FLIES**
- How to Build Consistent, Safe, and Authentic Relationships  
**jessica SANCHEZ**

North Carolina MISSIONS Offering

2022 goal \$2.1 MILLION

Relief for Today  
**HOPE FOR TOMORROW.**

NCMISSIONSOFFERING.ORG

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* CSB

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:**

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

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

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# Missions Opportunities

## **Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program**

If your church is interested in providing food and volunteers 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: 23rd, 30th  
October: 28th  
November: 11th, 25th  
December: 2nd, 16th, 30th



Since the Every Child Initiative began, over 500 children have a safe, caring home as a result of families saying "yes" to becoming licensed foster parents. To discover how you can join the movement go to [www.every-child.org](http://www.every-child.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.



## **Greatest Treat Festival**

This year the Greatest Treat Festival will be on Sunday October 30th. This year we are planning even more exciting and new events during the festival. We need volunteers to help with many different areas including manning the blow ups, setting up ministry tables, hay rides, etc. If you would like to learn more about how you can participate please come to our meeting on August 30th at 6 pm at the GCCBA office. We look forward to all God will do through this festival and to having your church involved.



## **Love Where You Live Mission Emphasis October 15th-22nd, 2022**

Cleveland County Churches are partnering with the Shelby Mission Camp to show Cleveland County God's love by completing projects like building wheelchair ramps, small construction projects, and yard work. These projects can be done anytime during October 15th-22nd. Work teams should consist of 4-6 members and should include at least 1 skilled worker. If the church has funds to contribute to the project it will allow more work to be done. Groups interested should contact Robbie Alexander, director of the Shelby Mission Camp, Katie Harris, or Nicole Mosley at the GCCBA office. We will need to know the number of team members available by September 14th.



**Fall Biannual Meeting**  
Monday, October 24, 2022  
6:00-6:45 pm Meal  
6:50 pm—Meeting  
First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain

# Missions Opportunities



## **Red Box Prison Ministry**

This year we are collecting 850 individually wrapped toothbrushes and 1200 individual tubes of chapstick to be placed in the WMU Red Boxes that are given to prisoners at the State Women's Prison. These Red Boxes provide a way to share about God's redeeming love to these women. These donations need to be turned in to our office by October 25th.

## **Cleveland County Fair Ministry**

We are so excited that we will be able to do our Cleveland County Fair ministry this year. As you may remember in the past our ministry has focused on the workers that travel with the Reithoffer Fair company. This year we will have 2 opportunities for your church to participate.

1. On Wednesday September 28th we will host a lunch for the workers during set up. Last time we handed out boxed lunches from Chick-fil-A and food bags to each family.

Here are ways your church can help.

- Donate drinks for the lunch
- Make food bags (we have a specific list of what to include) bring to GCCBA by September 22nd.
- Come that day to help serve but more importantly to get to know the people and spend time in prayer with them

2. On Wednesday October 5th we will host our annual breakfast for the fair workers

Here are ways your church can help:

- donate food
- Make toiletry bags or donate items for them (we have a specific list of what to include) bring to GCCBA by September 22nd.
- Attend the breakfast to help serve and hand out the bags.



Let Katie Harris at GCCBA know how you would like serve in the Fair Ministry



## **Compassion Ministry Report**

Assistance Type: **July 2022**

Food	20
Medicine	2
Power	18
Clothes	3
Total Assisted Units:	43

## **GCCBA FOOD PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS:**

**\*\* DIAPERS ALWAYS NEEDED \*\***

Spaghetti sauce  
 spaghetti noodles  
 peanut butter  
 jelly  
 crackers  
 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

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

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



September 5  
for Labor  
Day

## ***Block Party Trailer***

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 Upcoming Team Meetings

## **Business Affairs Team—**

September 13 at 11:45am

## **Leadership and Business**

**Affairs Teams—** October 11 at 11:45am

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

Bethlehem - Steve and Tois Taylor—12th

*Happy Anniversary*

## ***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](http://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 camps creek@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 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](mailto:nicole@gccba.org)**

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

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- 1**— Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am
- 2** — Hungry program with Tyra Silvers, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 5**—Labor Day, GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 9** — Hungry program with Beaver Dam volunteers, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 10** — Safety and Security Training, Patterson Grove 10:00 am
- 12**— Minister's Conference, GCCBA 11:30 am
- 13**—Business Affairs Team Meeting, GCCBA, 11:45 am
- 15** —Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am
- 16**—Hungry program with Calvary volunteers, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 19**—Deacon Training, Zoar, 6:30 pm
- 23**—Hungry program *Volunteers Needed*, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 28**—Fair Worker Lunch, Fairgrounds
- 30**— Hungry program *Volunteers Needed*, Shelby First, 12:30 pm

