

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
 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
 Poplar Springs
 Ross Grove
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172 nd Fall Biannual Meeting October 24, 2022 – First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain Monday Evening Theme: "2>1" <i>Ecclesiastes 4:9-10</i>		
6:00	Meal and Fellowship	
6:50	Special Music	
7:00	Call to Order	Dr. Tim Hendrick
	Welcome By Host Pastor	
	Scripture/Prayer	Rev. Jon Jones
	Order of Business Report	Dr. Tim Hendrick
	Recognition of Agencies	Dr. Tim Hendrick
	Hungary Mission Partnership	Alicia Jones
	Baptist Children's Home Update	Jody Yopp
	Congregation Hymn	
7:20	Welcome to New Pastors/Staff	Rev. Jason Ballard
	Memorial Tribute & Dedication of Minutes	Rev. Jason Ballard
	Resolution	Dr. Tim Hendrick
	Leadership & Business Affairs Team Report	Dr. Tim Hendrick
	Clerk-Treasurer's Report	Mrs. Debby Wease
	Budget Team Report	Rev. Mike Shumate
	Enlistment Team Report	Rev. Mike Shumate
7:40	Congregational Song & Special Music	
	Shelby Mission Camp Update	Robbie Alexander
	Shelby Mission Camp Coordinator with Baptist on Mission	
	Introduction of Moderator and Vice Moderator	Rev. Jason Ballard
8:35	Benediction	Vice Moderator
Location: First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain 605 W. King Street, Kings Mountain		

*please
join us*

*You are
 invited to
 attend the
 172nd Fall
 Biannual
 Meeting;
 below is the
 agenda and
 location.
 There will
 be a meal
 served at
 6:00 pm.*

Bi-Annual Meeting Messengers

By-Law II Meetings, Section 3: Each church shall elect annually, in addition to the pastor, two (2) messengers to the meetings of the Association for each fifty (50) members of the church, provided each church shall not have fewer than three (3) nor more than ten (10) messengers. THESE ALONG WITH ALL ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS, shall constitute the voting body of the Association. The names of the messengers printed in the minutes shall include only those in attendance and registering at the Associational Meetings.

By-Law II Meetings, Section 4: Items of Business to be presented from the floor must be submitted in writing to the Associational Office at least 30 days prior to the first session of the Biannual Meeting.

Thoughts from our Staff

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Look how they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished; we are cut off.' 12 Therefore, prophesy and say to them, 'This is what the Lord God says: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them, my people, and lead you into the land of Israel. 13 You will know that I am the Lord, my people, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. 14 I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I am the Lord. I have spoken, and I will do it. This is the declaration of the Lord.'"
Ezekiel 37:11 – 14

Surely this message God delivered to Ezekiel brought Ezekiel hope. In fact, it might have given Ezekiel a little bit of pride. I can hear the thoughts in his mind – "Now Babylon is going to see what Israel can do!" "Now the glory of Israel will be restored, and we will return to Jerusalem and the temple." "Now we will be vindicated!" Do you notice who is missing in each of these? God!

Those are the same sentiments that many people in our churches feel when they consider the state of their struggling church and long for a return to the days when church was "easy." – "If we could just get more people in the pews, we would feel more full and look healthy again." "If our people could just give more faithfully, we would meet budget and not look so poor." "If we could just find the right pastor, then everyone would want to come to our church (and leave theirs) and we would be the best church around again!" Once Again, do you see who is absent?

In our churches, we take decline personally. Pastors become depressed as they watch members they thought of as friends walking away from the church and from them. Church members feel cheated when people leave our churches for whatever reason, because they aren't just leaving the church, they are leaving them. Even visitors feel this sense of loss as they interact with people at the church who can't feel the joy of seeing a visitor because they still feel the loss of another member of the church family walking away. No one likes that feeling of abandonment.

It only seems natural that we should long for a reversal of decline to lift our spirits. It only makes sense that we should hunger for health in our church to give us something to feel good about again. It's just plain normal to look upon decline and long for vindication that "we aren't a dying church!" But all those emotions focus on us, while God is focused on Him.

When God showed Ezekiel the valley of dry bones, He made it clear that there would only be one purpose in restoring the army – "Then you will know that I am the Lord." In our challenged churches, we see a focus on revitalization so that we can feel better about our church, about our choices and about ourselves. But God only revitalizes a church so that "Then you will know that I am the Lord."

If we truly want to see our churches restored to health, then we need to restore our church's focus on God and His glory instead of us and ours. Start today by asking God to focus your attention on Him and not on you or your church. Every revitalized church begins with a revitalized Christian, and every revitalized Christian is focused on the glory of God.

Jason



Education and Network Opportunities

Pastor's Appreciation Month Celebration:

Top Golf in Charlotte
Tuesday October 4th 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Fall Deacon Training

Monday September 26th, 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.

Fall Biannual Meeting

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

KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship will meet at the Carolina Crossing Restaurant on Thursday, October 6, at 8:30am.

Lattimore Pastors Fellowship will meet at the Snack Shop, Thursday, October 20, at 8:30am.

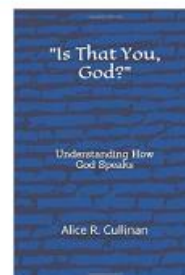
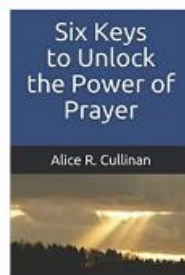
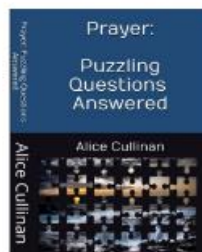
October is Pastor Appreciation Month



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!

Contact us while supplies last. Any of these books can transform a life and a church. We are thankful to be able to make this offer due to the generosity of our donors.



Go to [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) to see the table of contents for each book plus a sample of each book. Contact Dr. Cullinan if you are interested in obtaining copies for your class or church prayer group. Allow three weeks for us to order them.

Missions Opportunities

Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program

We still need volunteers to help with our feeding program on the following 2022 dates: October 28th, November 11th, November 25th, December 2nd, December 16th, December 30th. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Katie Harris.



Greatest Treat Festival

Our annual Greatest Treat Festival will be held on Sunday, October 30th from 4-6 pm at the Shelby City Park. There are many different ways your church can be involved in the festival so please contact Katie or Nicole for more information



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.



Red Box Prison Ministry

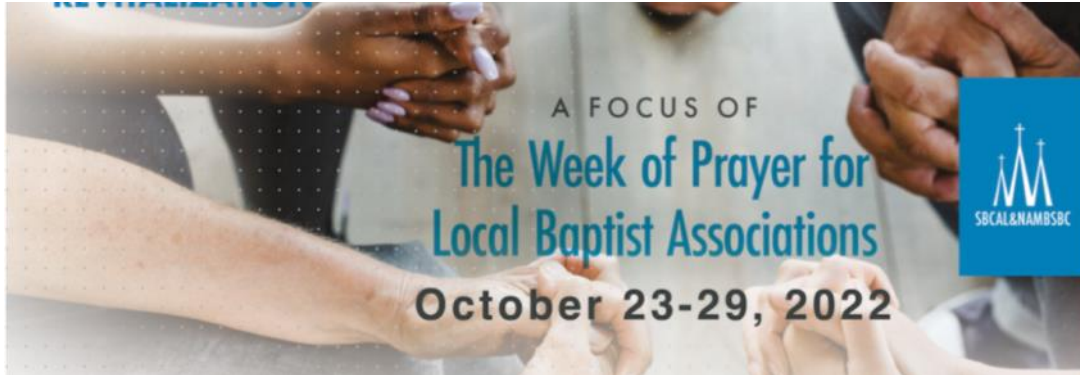
We are collecting 850 individually wrapped toothbrushes and 1200 chapstick to be placed in the Christmas Red Boxes that WMU gives to women in the NC State Women's prison. These items need to be brought to our office by October 24th.



Christmas Toy Store

Toy Store Applications will be November 9th 10 am-2 pm at the GCCBA office. The Toy Store will be open on December 13th & 14th at the Shelby Mission Camp. We are in need of volunteers to help those 2 days. Please contact Katie Harris if you would like to volunteer.

Missions Opportunities



Baptist Children's Homes Annual
Offering and Week of Prayer
November 6-13, 2022

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.

Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: **July 2022**

Food	17
Medicine	1
Power	62
Dental	1
Other	1
Clothes	2
Total Assisted Units:	84

GCCBA FOOD PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS:

**** DIAPERS ALWAYS NEEDED ****

Spaghetti sauce
spaghetti noodles
peanut butter
jelly
crackers
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

Pastors Anniversaries for October

Casar:
Doug Pruett, 11 years
Peoples:
John Houze, 32 years
Union:
Michael Shumate, 29 years
Victory:
Dennis Wells, 29 years
Westwood Heights:
David Costner, 16 years



Pray for these couples on their special day in October:

Oak Grove - Jason and Krista Allen 14th
Temple – Scott and Linda Carpenter - 14th



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



Reminder of Meetings
in October

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



Fall Biannual Meeting

Monday, October 24, 2022 at 6:00 pm
First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain

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.



Website/Social Media

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

Please visit our website, www.gccbba.org and other social media sites for information, training, and mission opportunities. Join one of our Facebook groups for your area!



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ATTENTION CHURCH CLERKS:

The 2022 Annual Church Profiles are due at the GCCBA on Tuesday, October 20, 2022. These reports from your church will be a part of the 2022 Annual and will become history for your church and the GCCBA. Let Nicole know if you have any questions.

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 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 and their families. Responsibilities include planning, directing, conducting, and developing these ministries for the spiritual growth and discipleship of the youth. 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. 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

Elizabeth:

We are currently seeking a part-time Receptionist/Financial Assistant. 32 hours per week, Monday – Thursday 9am to 5pm. In addition to general administrative duties, the successful candidate should be highly organized and able to effectively manage multi-task assignments. Responsibilities include typical office administrative duties such as answering phone calls and greeting visitors in a pleasant manner, as well as assisting with basic accounting functions. If interested, please send cover letter, and resume to ministryassistant@elizabethchurch.org

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.

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

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

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Missions & Ministry Team Leader:

Katie Harris
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Office Administrator:

Nicole Mosley
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- 4**— Pastors to Top Golf, 11 am– 1 pm
- 5**— Fair Worker's Breakfast
- 6**— Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 7**— Hungry program with Trinity Volunteers, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 11**— Leadership/Business Affairs Meeting, GCCBA, 11:45 am
- 13**— Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 14**— Hungry program with Calvary volunteers, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 20**—Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 21**—Hungry program with Tyra Silvers, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 24**—Fall Biannual Meeting, First Baptist, Kings Mountain, 6:00 pm
- 27**—Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 28**—Hungry program *Volunteers Needed*, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 30**— Greatest Treat Festival, Shelby City Park, 4-6 pm