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*You are invited to attend the 172nd Fall Biannual Meeting;
 Monday, October 24 at First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain
 605 W. King Street, Kings Mountain 28086
 Catered Meal served at 6:00 pm ~ Meeting will begin at 6:50 pm*

*"...just one thing: As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ.
 Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are
 standing firm in one spirit, in one accord, contending together for the faith of the
 gospel..."*
Philippians 1:27

When I was a kid, I loved to watch the television series *The A-Team*. If you remember the show, it told the story of 4 men who had served together in the army, but who had been framed for "a crime they didn't commit." The entire show revolved around them helping people who were usually in dire circumstances because of some personal trauma or an oppressive antagonist – all why trying to evade the military authorities.

Each member of the team had his area of special expertise as well. I remember imagining what it would be like to ride around in their van, joining the cause of helping others while running from the pursuit of the army who always showed up a few minutes too late.

Every episode ended the same way. The team would come together using each member's expertise with an intricate plan to help those in need and to defeat the antagonist which usually included an exciting confrontation with a car chase, a fist fight, gun fire and most likely all of thee above.

In life, there are people in real need, but unfortunately, their problems usually can't be fixed in the span of a 60-minute show – minus the commercials. However, we are fortunate that there is an "A-team" we all can celebrate and even be a part of.

The apostle Paul, while addressing the Philippian church, regarding his desired visit, reminded them that the church is called "...to stand firm..." The church is God's "A-

Thoughts from our Staff

Team," each of us gifted specifically and equipped by our heavenly father to do His will. Paul then uses three phrases to describe our connection to one another – "...in one spirit, in one accord, contending together..." – and to emphasize our need for each other. We are no different than the Philippian church, we need each other to "contend for the faith."

On October 24th, we will meet for our fall biannual meeting at First Baptist Church Kings Mountain. It's an exciting event to gather all of God's A-Team together to hear about all that He is doing in and through each of us as we "stand firm...contending together for the gospel." I hope you can join us at 6 PM for our meal and at 7:00 PM for our time together in worship and celebration.

I am truly excited to be able to join with each of you in the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association as a part God's "A-Team." I look forward to seeing you then! I love it when a plan comes together!

Jason

I am currently in the process of leading a Small Group at my church that is going through the study All In by Mark Batterson. This has been a life changing study for me especially this last lesson where he talked about how Christians need to be hikers and not huggers. He related our Christian life to visitors at the Grand Canyon. He said when you visit there you will see rim huggers who are standing at the top looking over at the beautiful views and you will see hikers that are going down into the canyon to see, touch, feel, and experience those beautiful locations. The hikers are tired, sore, hot but they are overwhelmed and blessed with all they are able to see and experience. This is a perfect example as to how our Christian life is supposed to look. God has not called us to just sit at the rim and see him at work, we are supposed to hike down into that work with Him. We should be tired, dirty, hot, sore, but blessed because of all we are experiencing. If your current walk with Christ looks more like a rim hugger then I challenge you today to begin praying about where you can join God in the canyon to see, taste, smell, and experience the beautiful ministry opportunities waiting for you.

Katie



Education and Network Opportunities

Ministers Conference

Monday November 7th, 2022
Lunch: 11:30 am GCCBA Downstairs

Program:

Tour at the Cleveland County Rescue Mission. Come learn about this vital homeless ministry in Cleveland County and how your church can become involved.

KM/Grover Pastors

Fellowship will meet at the Carolina Crossing Restaurant on Thursday, November 3, at 8:30am.

Lattimore Pastors

Fellowship will meet at the Snack Shop, Thursday, November 17, at 8:30am.

Ministers & Spouses Christmas Dinner Monday, December 5, 2022 at 6:00 pm at Shelby Mission Camp

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 28!

Fall Biannual Meeting

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

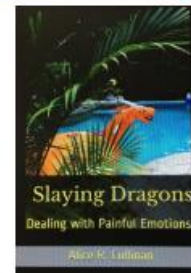
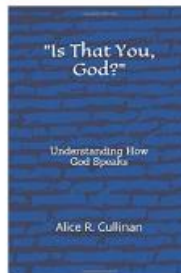
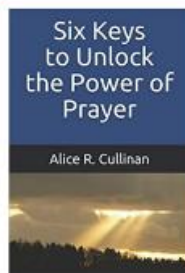
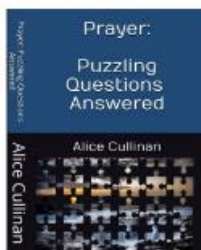
Winshape Camp

Our county has been presented with a possible unique opportunity to host a Winshape Children's Camp in the Summer of 2024. Winshape is part of the ministry arm of Chic Fil A. If we are able to host a camp in Cleveland County this would give us a wonderful opportunity to serve children who may never get to experience a Christian summer camp. In order for this to come about we are putting together a Winshape Committee that will work to bring this vision to life. If you are interested in participating or have questions please contact Katie. For more information about Winshape visit their website at <https://camps.winshape.org/day-camps/>

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 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 provide food for our feeding program on the following 2022 dates: October 28th, November 11th, November 25th, December 2nd, December 16th, December 30th. Groups that sign up bring sandwiches, chips, and cookies for 75 people. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Katie Harris.



GCCBA Churches,

For several years now, the Shelby Mission Camp has hosted a Thanksgiving meal as a way love and serve those in our community that may not otherwise have access to food and fellowship on that day. This is a beautiful tradition that has become an important event both for our volunteers and the ones that we serve. The annual Thanksgiving Day meal is an event that we plan to continue in 2022! For our 2022 Thanksgiving Day Meal, our goal is to prepare and deliver 250 meals to our neighbors in Cleveland County.

It may not seem like it, but November is right around the corner, and planning for this year's meal is already underway. As we work to reach out to those in need, we would love the opportunity to get volunteers from the local churches in on the game. Please consider the following ways that your congregations can be involved:

Pray

We ask that all of the churches in the GCCBA would join us in prayer for the event as it approaches. Pray that God would receive all the glory for the work that is done. Pray that the families we serve will be encouraged, and that the ones who do not know Christ will be receptive to the good news of the Gospel. Pray that God would move in the hearts of our churches and that we would receive the donations and volunteers that make this event possible. Pray for the safety of our cook teams and delivery drivers. We may not all be able to get involved by giving and going, but we are all able to PRAY!

Give

We would love for you to sponsor a meal! (or 5, 10, 20...) This year, we are preparing 250 to-go meals, with an estimated cost of \$5 each. These will be delivered to residents in Cleveland County who are in need of a warm meal on Thanksgiving Day. For a donation of \$5 you can provide a meal for a homebound senior. For a donation of \$20 you could provide for a family of four. God does big things through his Church, so if donations exceed the amount needed for the 250 meals we have planned, we will just keep on cooking! **Please drop donations off at either the GCCBA office, or at the Mission Camp by Monday, November 14th.**

Go

This meal doesn't happen without our volunteers! Every year your churches have been faithful to volunteer on Thanksgiving Day to make this thing a success. This year we will be utilizing volunteers in one of two ways. We need kitchen volunteers that can come help with preparing, cooking, serving, and cleaning. We will have two shifts available. The 1st shift (prep and cook) will be from 5am to 9am, and 2nd shift (serve and clean) will be from 8am to Noon. The second way to volunteer is to serve as a delivery driver. We will load you up with meals and give you a delivery route for those meals. Meal pickup at the Mission Camp will start at 10am and routes should take less than 2 hours to complete. If individuals or teams from your church would like to be involved, please contact Robbie Alexander at (704) 467 3706 or ralexander@ncbaptist.org.

We look forward to serving with you!

In Christ,

Robbie Alexander

Camp Coordinator - Shelby Mission Camp



Missions Opportunities

Greatest Treat Festival

Our annual Greatest Treat Festival will be held on Sunday, October 30th from 4-6 pm at the Shelby City Park. 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

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.

TOYS DUE DECEMBER 1st

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



Baptist Children's Homes Annual

Offering and Week of Prayer

November 6-13, 2022



Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: **September 2022**

Food	18
Power	31
Other	3
Clothes	<u>6</u>
Total Assisted Units:	58

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 November

David:

Brian Taule, 8 years

Double Shoals:

Brian Johnson, 15 years

Eastside Shelby:

Dale Byrd, 8 years

Joy Christian:

DeNorris Byers, 13 years

Kings Mountain Second:

Dennis Pruitt, 7 years

Patterson Springs:

Steve Waters - 31 years

Peach Street:

Bobby Steen - 10 years



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 ~ Fallston ~ Lawndale ~
Patterson Grove ~ Pleasant Hill ~ Pleasant
Ridge ~ Poplar Springs ~ Shelby First



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.



Thursday,
November
24 for
Thanksgiving

Please visit our website, www.gccba.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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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

Church Needs.....



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. 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

Lafayette Street Church:

Lafayette Street Church, a non-denominational church, is currently seeking a **part-time Administrative Assistant**. The job offered is approximately 16 hrs a week. Responsibilities include, but not limited to-- typical office administrative duties, answering incoming calls, greeting visitors, both church members and outside visitors, producing a weekly bulletin and a monthly newsletter and financial report, recording of all church finances, ordering supplies, and assisting the staff when needed. This job requires the knowledge of various computer programs. The Admin. will work closely with the Pastor. A complete job description can be found on our Facebook page. Competitive Compensation will be discussed further in the process. If you are called to apply for this position, submit your resume' to layleader@lafayettestreetchurch.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.

Lattimore:

Lattimore Baptist Church in Lattimore, NC, is currently seeking a **part time Family Minister** to lead our youth and children and to develop spiritual opportunities for families. The primary responsibilities include: 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. (A complete job description can be obtained from the church office by calling 704-434-2450.) 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. The position will require 18-20 hours per week with an annual salary of \$15,600.00. Applicants can email resumes to: lbsecretary2016@gmail.com or mail to Lattimore Baptist Church, atten: 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.

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

Polkville:

Polkville Baptist Church is seeking a **part-time pianist**. Responsibilities include worship service, rehearsals, and additional special services as needed. Interested applicants need to submit a cover letter, resume, and references to Polkville Baptist Church at: P.O. Box 245, Polkville, NC 28136 Or email to: employment@polkvillebaptist.com
Please include pianist in subject line.

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.

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- 3**— Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 4** – Hungry program with Tyra Silvers, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 7**—Minister's Conference, GCCBA, 11:30 am
- 9** – Toy Store Applications, GCCBA, 10:00 am—200 pm
- 10**— Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 11**— Veterans Day—GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 11** – Hungry program *Volunteers Needed*, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 17**—Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 18**—Hungry program with Trinity Volunteers, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 24**—Happy Thanksgiving—GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 25**—Hungry program *Volunteers Needed*, Shelby First, 12:30 pm

