

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
Sandy Plains
Shelby First
Sunrise
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Victory
Waco
Wallace Grove
Washington Missionary
Westover
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When the time came to completion, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born under the law,
to redeem those under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Galatians 4:4 – 5

The holiday season holds different memories and traditions for each of us. Whether its raking leaves on Thanksgiving, playing football in the backyard, or driving "our" Christmas tree farm to pick out the tree; every one of us can get caught up in the busyness of this season – especially those in the church!

I will never forget my first holiday season in full-time ministry. It was a time of celebration. It was a time of anticipation. It was a time of education. This was the first time that I experienced the hectic schedule that befalls a church with a small staff – extra services, extra practices, extra....it all was just extra! As a kid, I had grown up loving Christmas, but this was exhausting!

Then, as a young couple that had only moved in our first house two months prior, this season was also full because of the birth of our first daughter. The paint was barely dry in the nursery, the living room had two folding chairs in it with our Christmas tree (and that was it!) Everything was a new experience!

We had anticipated for so long, and yet, we had no idea what we were getting into. On top of that, we were eight and half hours from the closest grandparent. It gave me new appreciation for what Mary and Joseph went through that first Christmas.

Maybe that's why the holidays always mean something special to me. They remind me that God is always the one in control. From the beginning He has been in control. In the first Christmas, He was in total control. And, right now, in the midst of our crazy lives and schedules, He is still in control. Rejoice in that joy!

We at the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas! Thank you for letting us serve you.

Jason Ballard

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Thoughts from our Staff

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Christmas

Christmas is the LIGHT that burns eternally. It is a glow that warms the hearts of people wherever the message of "peace on earth to those of good will" is believed.

Christmas is PEACE in a world where people have been alienated from each other by hatred and jealousy.

Christmas is JOY of fellowship, of giving, of sharing of lifting, of caring and of being what Christ wants us to be.

Christmas is FORGIVENESS, the time for fresh beginnings, a time to right the wrongs of yesterday.

Christmas is GIVING to those who cannot give to us. It is visiting the neglected, lifting the fallen, giving hope to the hopeless, assuring victory to the defeated, living the spirit of good will to all humankind.

Christmas is SURRENDER of one's life to Christ in renewed dedication, which makes Christ the Lord of our Lives.

Share Christ the season!



*"I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."
Philippians 1:3-5*

Partners are important. No, they're essential! We're thankful for your partnership in many different ways. Your prayers and financial contributions are important!
Thank you for your 2022 contributions

Education and Network Opportunities

Ministers Christmas Fellowship 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!



He Restores My Soul Psalms 51:12

GCCBA Minister's & Spouse Retreat
Ridgecrest Retreat Center, February 10th-12th, 2023
Sessions led Dr. Sandy Marks, Revitalization Ministry Strategist with BSCNC & his wife Cynthia

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

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

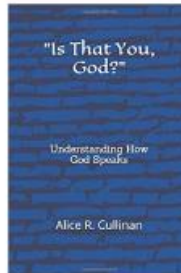
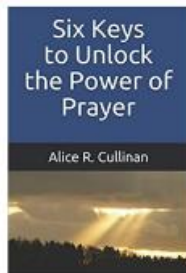
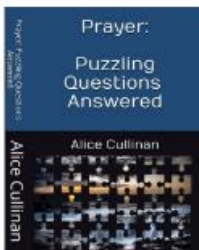
Winshape Camp

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 are now signing up groups to help with our Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program for 2023. Groups that sign up bring sandwiches, chips, and cookies for 75 people. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Katie Harris

A photograph showing four people standing in a shallow body of water. One man on the left is raising his right hand. They are surrounded by lush greenery and trees under a clear sky.



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Thank you to everyone who participated in the Greatest Treat Festival. Despite the bad weather we had over 1,000 people come out to enjoy

the event and seek for the greatest treat, Jesus. I appreciate everyone that braved the weather to help us share the message of God's love to our neighbors. Please make plans to join us next year on October 29th for this wonderful outreach opportunity.

Have a
Blessed &
Joyous
Christmas!



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.



Missions Opportunities

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.

The Magic of
Christmas
 is not in the presents
 but in *His* 
 presence

Christmas Toy Store

Christmas Toy Store

Volunteers are needed to help during the Toy Store on December 13th & 14th at the Shelby Mission Camp.

We will need volunteers to help pray with and encourage the parents that attend and help pick out and pack up the toys. In order to volunteer please contact Katie

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 boys and girls (5-7):** trucks & cars, model car kits, throw games, bats & gloves, storybooks, remote cars, baseballs, board games, dolls, tea set, storybooks, board games, puzzles, purses, writing/drawing pads, riding toys, dress up clothes, barbie dolls
- 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, fishing gear, diaries/journals, clips/barrettes, hats, skateboards, photo albums, mp3 players
- **Cost of gifts should be around \$15-20 (up to \$25 for older children). Please no toys that promote violence**



Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: **September 2022**

Food	10
Medicine	2
Rent	2
Power	80
Other	3
Counseling	29
Total Assisted Units:	129

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

December

Eastside KM:

Ron Caulder, 13 years

New Prospect:

Chris Devine, 6 years

Pleasant Grove:

Toby Bird –2 year

Oak View:

Wayne Brazzell, 4 years



Pray for these couples on their special day in December :

Mt. Sinai – Tim and Lisa Trexler - 19th



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 ~ Zion



Office will be closed
Thursday, December 22nd-
Monday, January 2nd

Please visit our website, www.gccb.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.....

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 campscreek@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. Please send Resumes to: Pastor Search Committee, Fallston Baptist Church, PO Box 116, Fallston, NC 28042, Or Email: fbcpastorsearch22@gmail.com

Fallston Baptist Church is seeking a **part-time secretary** to begin January 2023. Please send resumes through December to Personnel Committee, Fallston Baptist Church, PO Box 116, Fallston, NC 28042.

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@flintheillbaptist.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

Go to our website to see all job listings:

<http://gccb.org/available-positions/>

Church Needs.....



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 laylead-er@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

New Camp Creek:

New Camp Creek is seeking a **part-time music minister**. If interested please contact Pastor Tim Smith - 704-207-7058

New Hope:

New Hope Baptist is seeking a **Part-time Church Secretary** GENERAL DUTIES: Prepare and edit church bulletins and other correspondence with congregation, church staff and appropriate committees. Coordinate day-to-day on site activities. Ordering literature and supplies. Maintain members' records (date joined, baptized, addresses, phone numbers, etc.) FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: Pick-up, sort, and route incoming mail

and take outgoing mail to post office. Properly inform, acknowledge, and maintain records of memorial gifts. Follow basic accounting and other procedures established by the church.

CONTACT US NOW—704.487.6726, email your resume to: spence29743@gmail.com, Mail: 2621 Blacksburg Road, Earl NC SEND YOUR RESUME IN NOW!

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.

First Baptist Church, Shelby:

FBC Shelby is seeking a **Full-time Children/Youth Pastor** All questions and/or resumes can be emailed to Eli Wortman at newortman@gmail.com

Summary: The Children/Youth Pastor is primarily responsible for engaging our families and their children/youth through small groups, classes, special events and other programs. The purpose of family ministry at FBC is to help develop disciple-making students who love Jesus and who engage their friends, neighbors, and classmates with the good news of Jesus.

Westview:

Westview Baptist Church is seeking a **part-time Administrative Assistant**. This person must be dependable and above reproach in all areas. Primary duties will include producing a newsletter weekly, recording all church finances, and assisting staff when needed. Reliable computer skills are necessary. Competitive compensation and hours will be discussed during the interview. Please submit resumes to westviewbap-

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

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- 1**– Grover & KM Minister’s Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
Toy Store Donations are due
- 2**– Hungry program with Northside Colunteers, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 5**– Minister’s Christmas Dinner, Shelby Mission Camp, 6:00 pm
- 8**– Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 9** – Hungry program Tyra Silvers, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 13-14**– Toy Store, Shelby Mission Camp
- 15**–Lattimore Minister’s Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 16**–Hungry program with Jimmy Black, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 22-29**– Merry Christmas—GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 23**–Hungry program with Calvary Volunteers, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 30**–Hungry program Union Volunteers, Shelby First, 12:30 pm