

Allen Memorial
 Battleground
 Beaver Dam
 Bethany
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 Bethel
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 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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Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year

You are a gift from God to your community, and we are thankful for you!

Jan Bell

Katie Harris

Nicole Masley



December 22-January 2
January 16

***Here is a trustworthy saying:
Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task.
1 Timothy 3:1***

I still remember that feeling. It was a combination of excitement, apprehension, and curiosity. I had been serving on staff at a church for 5 years and only 5 days prior to that moment, our pastor left abruptly. This left the deacons in a sudden and confused state to attempt to fill the pulpit. As a young minister, I just did what I thought I should do and volunteered. What began that day turned into 11 years in the pulpit at two different churches.

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Thoughts from our Staff

In those years I experienced the ups and the downs of what it meant to be a pastor. I've witnessed God move in momentous ways drawing people to himself. I watched Him save people I never thought would turn to Him. I've celebrated with young couples at their weddings and the birth of their children.

I've also preached with all my heart to those I knew to be lost only to watch them turn Jesus down and walk away. I've consoled a grieving widow as she wept over her husband of 40+ years who passed away while she was working at VBS. I also walked my congregation and several others through the throes of a global pandemic when no one knew what was required to lead a church.

Since I've moved into the new calling as your Associational Mission Strategist for the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association, I have met many dedicated pastors who share the same experiences and many more. Though our "shepherds" care for their flock, they are often left to ask the question, "Who cares for the shepherd?"

We here at the GCCBA recognize the enormous toll that pastoring takes on these servants and the responsibility that our pastors carry. For this reason, we want to invite all of our pastors and their wives to the **RESTORE Retreat** at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC on February 10 – 12, 2023. Due to the faithfulness of our churches and some donations from kind partners, we are offering this retreat free of charge to all pastors and their wives – we just need you to call our office to make a reservation.

If you are a church member, we want to ask you to encourage your pastor to attend this important time of spiritual renewal to "restore" what has been emptied out of them as they faithfully serve us all. As we begin this new year, pray for your pastor, because you never know how far the movement of the Spirit may go from today into the future.

Jason Ballard

I always like the beginnings of things: a new school year, a new season, a new opportunity, a new neighborhood, new friends.....whatever it may be, beginnings are full of excitement, freshness, and endless possibilities. The new year gives us as Christians the unique opportunity to stop and reflect on where we are headed, remember whose we are, repent for things we have done wrong or for things we haven't done, and a chance for a time of rest as we head into a new year of worshipping our Lord and ministering to those He puts in our lives.

Katie Harris



Education and Network Opportunities



He Restores My Soul Psalms 51:12

GCCBA Minister's & Spouse Retreat

Ridgecrest Retreat Center, February 10-12, 2023

Sessions led Dr. Sandy Marks,

Revitalization Ministry

Strategist with BSCNC & his wife Cynthia

Ministers Conference

Monday, January 9, 2023

Lunch 11:30am, Program 12:00pm.

KM/Grover Pastors

Fellowship will meet at the

Carolina Crossing

Restaurant on Thursday,

January 5, at 8:30am.

Lattimore Pastors

Fellowship will meet at the

Snack Shop, Thursday,

January 19, at 8:30am.

Winshape Camp

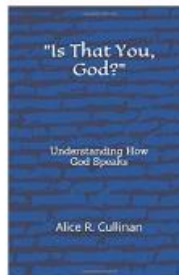
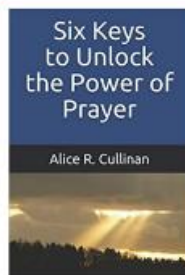
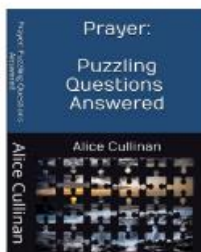
Our county has been presented with a possible unique opportunity to host a Winshape Children's Camp in the Summer of 2024. Winshape is part of the ministry arm of Chic Fil A. If we are able to host a camp in Cleveland County this would give us a wonderful opportunity to serve children who may never get 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](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 are in need of groups to help provide sandwiches, chips, and cookies for our Friday Feed the Hungry lunch program during 2023. You are welcome to make the food and drop it off or stay and help serve. To sign up contact Katie or visit our website or Facebook page.



Mission Race Night

We will be hosting our mission celebration car derby race night in March, details will be coming soon.



Christmas Toy Store

Thank you to everyone who helped during our annual Christmas Toy Store. We were able to minister to over 150 children in Cleveland County. I appreciate those who donated their time and gave towards the toy store.



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



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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.

Would your church like to know more about the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association?

We would love to share our story! Some churches have invited us to come and be a part of their worship time and share what God is doing in our association. Our staff would come and share a time allowed in Sunday Morning or Sunday Evening worship service. Contact us today to set up a time!

Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: **November 2022**

Food	8
Clothing	1
Power	31
Dental	1
Other	<u>1</u>
Total Assisted Units:	42

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 January



Buffalo:

Dustin Mace, 3 years

Christopher Road:

Mike Tucker, 6 years

Oak Grove:

Jason Allen, 3 years

Sunrise:

Dennis Harmon, 21 years

Trinity:

Mike Frazier, 10 years

Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.

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



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.

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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Pray for these couples on their special day in January :

Peach Street – Bobby and Nancy Callahan-Steen—9th



We have several books from Lamplighters Ministries for sale at GCCBA:
Nuts and Bolts of Deacon Ministry (English and Spanish)
"Is That You, God?"
Six Keys to Unlock the Power of Prayer
Slaying Dragons
Prayer: Puzzling Questions Answered
Joy in God's Presence
Come by and purchase a great resource!

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.

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

Church Needs.....



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 is seeking a **Permanent Part-time Pastor**. Could our brand new old church be your next call? We were a 208 year old United Methodist Church until September 26, 2022, when we disaffiliated from the denomination and became an independent congregation of faith. We have asked our Lord, Jesus-The Christ, for a new flock-leader. Is He leading you to give us a closer look as Your Call to ministry? We are located in Shelby, NC, about half-way between Asheville and Charlotte, NC and about 60 miles north of Greenville, Spartanburg, SC. Before leaving the denomination, our attendance had declined to about 35 per Sunday, but since then, our Lord has blessed us with returning members as well as new folks-increasing our attendance to close to 60 and we continue to grow each week! Our ministry team had declined to a single pastor, but in the past 2 months the Lord has added three new paid staff to the ministry team; a Minister of Music/Worship Leader, a church musician/accompanist, and a new church Office Administrator! Also, a new volunteer Youth Leader will start this month! Are you the one He has willed to lead us to our next place in His Kingdom? We have a large physical plant with a large, beautiful sanctuary, fellowship hall, kitchen, remodeled restrooms, offices, classrooms, parking, recreation area, and playground. Our county is preparing for a housing expansion including one 400 Town-home Subdivision across the street from the church. If our Lord is providing you some vision for how you would lead us in these coming times, we want to talk to you. Please contact us and let's begin to pray and share how our Lord may lead us together. Please send resumes to: office@lafayettestreetchurch.org or mail to Lafayette Street Church, 1420 S. Lafayette Street, Shelby, NC. 28152, Atten: Church Administrator.

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.

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

Pleasant Ridge:

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church has an opening for an **Administrative Assistant**. The hours are 8:30 AM—2:30 PM (Can be flexible). The pay is \$18 per hour. This is considered a part time position. Resumes can be sent to bgkale1@gmail.com or faxed to 704.434.6438

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.

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.

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

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- 1**— Happy New Year's Day! GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 2**—GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 5**—Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 6**— Hungry program *Volunteers Needed*, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 9**—Minister's Conference, GCCBA, 11:30 am
- 12**— Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 13**— Hungry program Tyra Silvers, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 16**— Martin Luther King Day, GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 19**—Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 20**—Hungry program *Volunteers Needed*, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 26**—Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 27**—Hungry program *Volunteers Needed*, Shelby First, 12:30 pm

