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***Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.***

***Romans 12:1***

Have you ever noticed how one “yes” can change your life. My “yes” came in 1994 when I agreed to go on my first mission trip. Even though I only went to be a “glorified PE teacher” for a backyard Bible club, God used that week to challenge me on my commitment to Him. From that experience, He has taken me on a journey that has introduced me to His work on four continents and has allowed me to witness the salvation and discipleship of many people to God’s glory and credit – and none of my own.

I can’t help but wonder sometimes what my life would have been like if I hadn’t said “yes” to such a simple task. How would my direction in life be different? How would the lives I have interacted with be different? How would this world be different?

I’ve heard it said, probably in a sermon, that being a “living sacrifice,” is like saying yes to do whatever God wants, before He tells you what that is. Whether your “yes!” is a new Sunday school class, a new ministry, a new relationship or a new...whatever, I want to encourage you to tell God – “yes!” – before He clarifies the request for you. That’s the only way to truly be a “living sacrifice” that is fully yielded to Jesus.

One opportunity for you to say “yes!” to God’s calling is coming up this summer. The Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association is partnering with Baptist on Mission this summer with a mission trip to work in their current Roma people partnership in Hungary. Baptist on Mission has been blessed with an “open-door” opportunity to go into public schools and teach the Gospel in an expanded English-speaking Vacation Bible School format. This English-Speaking Bible Camp will then serve as a launching point for a church plant in this area of Hungary. Your “Yes!” could change your life as well as all the lives of those in this region of Hungary.

We are looking for volunteers who will say “Yes!” to joining our team on July 8<sup>th</sup>

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## Thoughts from our Staff

through 17<sup>th</sup> of 2023. If you are interested in attending this trip you can contact Jason or Katie in the GCCBA office at 704-482-3472 or by emailing them at [jason@gccba.org](mailto:jason@gccba.org) or [katie@gccba.org](mailto:katie@gccba.org) respectively. The cost for the trip is \$2150 and includes plane tickets and all travel, meals, and accommodations in country.

Jason Ballard

***Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.***  
***~Psalm 51:12***

What type of things tend to steal your joy? Is it traffic, tv, your job? In my life it's busyness, the rush to get to the next place on time with everything we need. Many times as I lay down at night and think about the day I feel even more behind and frustrated than I was before I started the day. The rush of having so much to do has stolen my joy! That's why I love this verse in Psalm that says that God is the one that can and will restore that joy but even more than that is He will give you a willing spirit that will sustain you. I know that's what I am in need of....a willing spirit that will sustain me through this life. Today I pray for you that God will restore your joy through his spirit so that together we can do the work he has called us to do in Cleveland County and beyond.

Katie Harris



**Robby Gallaty** SPEAKER  
Senior Pastor of Long Hollow Church, Hendersonville, Tenn.

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Monday FEB. 20, 2023

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Winston Salem NC 27104

Most ministry leaders are squeezed into a mold of measuring success by what happens at church on the weekend. What if your church was known more for multiplying disciples than adding worship attenders? At the 2023 Disciple-Making Conference, you will be inspired and equipped to become a church on mission to win, build, and send missional disciples.

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# 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, February 6, 2023

Lunch 11:30am, Program 12:00pm  
Understanding the gift of Right Now  
Media

## **KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship**

will meet at the  
Carolina Crossing  
Restaurant on Thursday,  
February 2, at 8:30am.

## **Lattimore Pastors Fellowship**

will meet at the  
Snack Shop, Thursday,  
February 16, at 8:30am.

## **Spring Church Leadership & Deacon Training**

April 13th 6:30 pm Elizabeth Baptist Church

Make plans to join us for our Spring Leadership & Deacon training with guest speaker Dr. Jeff Iorg, President of Gateway Seminary. Dr. Iorg will be sharing with us from his best selling book *The Case for Antioch: A Biblical Model for a Transformational Church*.

## **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/>.



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Focus Week for Heck-Jones is February 12th-19th, 2023

# Missions Opportunities

## Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program

If you are interested in signing up to provide food at our Friday Feed the Hungry lunch program, please contact Katie.



## Mission Race Night

Baptists on Mission has made a change to their rules so that more NC Baptist children can participate in the State Derby Race; you no longer have to win at the Associational level in order to participate at the State Level. The State Race will be on April 1st at First Baptist Church in Salisbury. Because of this change we will not be hosting an Associational Race but want to encourage our churches to host a church race or join other churches in their area to host a race. Rodney Poston with Vision Racing Ministries has graciously agreed to help churches hold a church race. Rodney is able to bring his track and equipment for the church to use. If you are interested in holding a church race and would like Rodney's help, please let Katie know.



**We are happy to announce the awaited return of Sr. Adult Music Day!**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>**

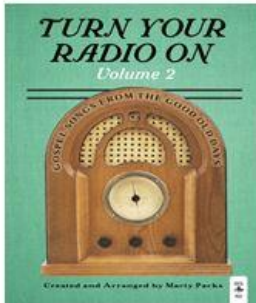
**9:00 AM until 1:00 PM**

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## SR. ADULT MUSIC DAY REGISTRATION



**\*Please fill out and return to the G.C.C.B. Associational Office by  
MARCH 9, 2023**

*\*Please circle---* I am registering for my....

*\* church group / or individually*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number I am registering for \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (in case of question) \_\_\_\_\_

My Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

The fee of **\$10.00** is for all of your snacks for breaks & a catered lunch. Please pay when registering. \*(if the fee is a hardship issue, please let us know -we want you to participate)

GCCBA Office-(704)482-3472

Wyke Road, Shelby

\*There will be FUN, FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, DOOR PRIZES, ETC!

# Missions Opportunities



**SENIOR ADULT RALLY**

**April 27th, 2023**  
**9:00 am-12:00 pm**  
**Poplar Springs Baptist Church**

JOIN US FOR A FUN MORNING OF FELLOWSHIP, LEARNING, AND LUNCH. SPEAKER & COMEDIAN RENEA HENDERSON WILL BE JOINING US SO IT'S SURE TO BE A GREAT TIME

Please RSVP to Katie or Nicole by April 17th at 704-482-3472




**JOIN US FOR OUR FREE SHRED DAY**

Friday June 9, 2023—10:00 am –1:00 pm  
 at GCCBA  
 Bring your old files, it is time to shred!!



**The Every Child Initiative**

Here's how your church can get involved

**Start praying**

Pray that God would reveal to you how your church can be part of ministering to children.

Pray for the 15,000+ children in North Carolina who are in need of a home. Pray that they would know the love of Christ and feel it through the local body of believers.

**Invite BCH to share at your church**

Find a convenient time for a Baptist Children's Homes staff member to come to your church and share about foster care and adoption. It may be on a Sunday morning, Sunday night or a weeknight -- whatever best fits your church.

Here's why having a representative come is important:

It gives your members an opportunity to interact. They not only learn details about how the foster care and adoption process works, but it allows them to ask questions and hear the need firsthand.

God may move in people's hearts. There are people in our pews that God is already calling to this ministry, but they may not recognize it until the need is shared with them. It gives them, as well as your church as a whole, the opportunity to see how God may be leading.

Contact Dr. Mark Smith @ 828-450-9136 to take your next step.

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## **Church Without Walls—Mission Encounter**

June 2nd-4th, Shelby Mission Camp  
 This June we are offering a new and exciting Mission Encounter for our churches to join. We will spend the weekend learning how to do missions, worshiping and fellowshiping with one another, and participating in missions around Cleveland County. This is more than just a local mission trip, it's an opportunity to learn and experience being a church without walls. There will be options to spend the night at the mission camp or just join us for the day. Cost is minimal but the impact on your church and community is great. For more information please contact Katie or Jason.

### **Compassion Ministry Report**

Assistance Type: December **2022**

Food	10
Clothing	4
Power	25
Medicine	<u>1</u>
Total Assisted Units:	40

### **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

## Pastors Anniversaries for February



Elizabeth:

Rit Varriale, 18 years

KM First:

Chip Sloan, 35 years

Northside:

Neal Efird, 24 years

Pleasant City:

Bryan Glisson, 24 years

## Pray for these couples on their special day in February:

Bethany – Richard and Elizabeth Smith—18th



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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@flinthillbaptist.org](mailto:personnel@flinthillbaptist.org)

Flint Hill Baptist church is officially searching for an **interim, part-time Youth Minister** to begin January 2023. Main responsibilities will be Wednesday evening youth fellowship and Bible Study. We anticipate that this person will serve until the permanent position is filled later. Anyone interested should contact Joe Ledbetter or Tammy Hoyle for official job description and additional information or send a resume' to [admin@flinthillbaptist.org](mailto:admin@flinthillbaptist.org).

## 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



## Block Party Trailer

The rental calendar for our Block Party Trailer fills up fast, especially for the Spring and Summer. If you are interested in using the trailer for outreach events, please call us to reserve it. The trailer includes a popcorn machine, snow cone machine, cotton candy machine, games, sound system, and more. The trailer cost \$100 to rent and includes all supplies needed to run the machines.



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

# Church Needs.....

## **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.

## **Youth/Children's Minister**

Lafayette Street Church in Shelby, N.C. is seeking a Part-time Minister to Youth/Children. We are seeking a person who senses a call from God to be a part of a growing church in building a comprehensive ministry for the spiritual development and discipleship of Youth and Children. You would start out with 6-10 hrs. per week at \$15 per hour. This would include Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights and preparation time. You must pass a background check and obtain a Child-safety Certification, which would be provided by the church. To receive more information about the church and a more detailed job description, contact the church office at 704-487-8333 or send your resume' to office@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.

## **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](mailto:nicole@gccba.org)**

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- 2**—Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am  
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 3**— Hungry program with Washington Missionary, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 6**—Minister's Conference, GCCBA, 11:30 am
- 9**— Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 10**— Hungry program Tyra Silvers, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 10-12**—Pastor Retreat at Ridgecrest
- 14**— Happy Valentine's Day
- 16**—Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am  
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 17**—Hungry program with Washington Missionary, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 23**—Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 27**—Hungry program with Washington Missionary, Shelby First, 12:30 pm