

Allen Memorial
 Battleground
 Beaver Dam
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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
 Sandy Plains
 Shelby First
 Sunrise
 Temple
 Trinity
 Union
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 Waco
 Wallace Grove
 Washington Missionary
 Westover
 Westview
 Westwood Heights
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***I searched for a man among them who would repair the wall
and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land
so that I might not destroy it, but I found no one.
Ezekiel 22:30***

I remember when my first pastor retired. I was only 12 years-old and he had pastored our church since my parents had been my age. I was confused wondering how we would move forward. I knew every year I got a new teacher at school, but a new pastor. It was like getting a new parent...it just didn't occur to my 12-year-old brain that this was normal.

That's when I was first introduced to an "interim pastor." He stepped in and helped our church in a difficult time of transition and planning. My memory would be severely jogged when 20 years later I would step into the same role in a different church, under different circumstances. I was asked to keep the "ship afloat and don't rock the boat!" What I have learned in that time was that transitions can be more than just floating though. When led properly, an intentional interim ministry can help a church "set sail" for their future. It was during those two essential experiences that I learned the extreme importance of an interim pastor who like the man of Ezekiel's vision is willing to step into difficult moments and help a church body navigate a difficult time.

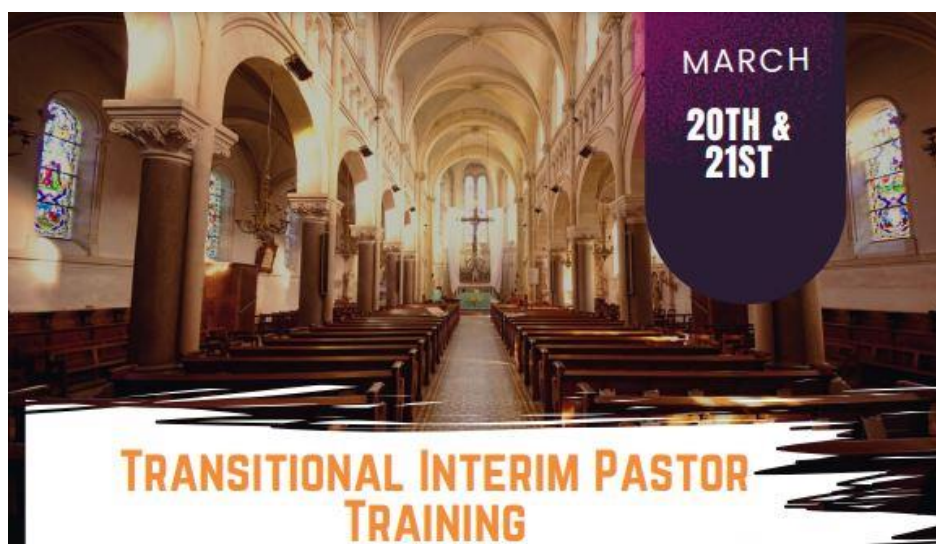
Today, in our world where fewer and fewer are answering the call to ministry and more and more pastors are stepping out of the ministry for retirement or for transition, the need for God-called individuals to "stand in the gap" for churches as they make the transition in leadership from one pastor to the next is on the rise. When done rightly this transitional time can serve to set our churches on a journey toward regained health and renewed vision. We are excited to offer a new training opportunity for those interested in standing in that gap in the month of March.

We are partnering with Rev. Allan Blume and the Baptist State Convention of NC as we offer the Transitional Interim Ministry training. You can call and reserve your spot for this important two-day training by contacting the GCCBA office at 704-482-3472 or by emailing Nicole at nicole@gccba.org. The cost is \$75 for this two-day training and includes your lunch on both days.

Thoughts from our Staff

We have all heard it said that the church is the Bride of Christ, but have you ever taken time to think about what this truly means. A groom loves, adores, protects, and lifts up their bride. And Scripture tells us in Ephesians 3:20–21 that God wants to work through His church using His power to do great things. Today I want to offer encouragement to you that even though many times we as the church get it wrong, we are still God's plan to reach the world. But not only does God want to work through us, He has provided us with the strength and power to do the work He has set out before us. I am excited and encouraged that God has placed so many wonderful church leaders here in our churches in Cleveland County! I am so grateful that God has placed me in this unique type of ministry setting where I can help churches see the benefits of working together and serving together so that we all can be what God has called us to be and do what He has called us to do.

Serving together,
Katie



Led by Allan Blume

When a pastor resigns from a church, significant changes are set in motion that introduce unforeseen transition and potential transformation. A church needs an interim pastor with the skills and tools to assist them as they cope with feelings of loss and navigate uncharted waters. Come and join to receive the training to become the leader these churches need.

Cost: \$75 (covers lunch & training materials)

To register contact Nicole Mosley at the GCCBA office
nicole@gccba.org or 704-482-3472

Training will be held at the GCCBA office
1175 Wyke rd Shelby NC



Transitional Interim Ministers Training:

March 20th & 21st GCCBA Office

Led by: Allan Blume

Cost: \$75

To register please email Nicole



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 me know.

Education and Network Opportunities

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.



LEADERSHIP & DEACON TRAINING

Thursday April 13th,
2023
6:30 pm

ELIZABETH BAPTIST
CHURCH



GUEST SPEAKER:

DR. JEFF IORG,
PRESIDENT
GOLDEN GATE
SEMINARY

DR. IORG WILL BE SHARING
WITH US FROM HIS BEST
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BIBLICAL MODEL FOR A
TRANSFORMATIONAL
CHURCH.

SUPPER WILL BE SERVED SO
PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 5TH.

RSVP to Katie or Nicole



704-482-3472



nicole@gccba.org



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Ministers Conference

Monday, March 6, 2023

Lunch 11:30 am, Program 12:00 pm
Michael Lukaszewski with Church Fuel

KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship

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

Lattimore Pastors Fellowship

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



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



Senior Adult Rally- Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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

Join us for a fun morning of fellowship, learning,
and lunch as we celebrate God's faithfulness in our
lives. 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.



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

Missions Opportunities

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH

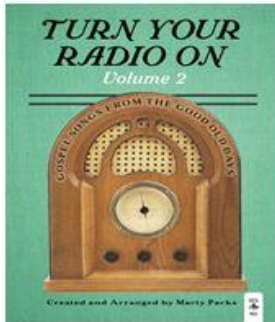
9:00 AM until 1:00 PM

FLINT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

THE MUSICAL WILL BE PRESENTED ON

SUN. NIGHT, MARCH 19TH

BOILING SPRINGS BAPTIST



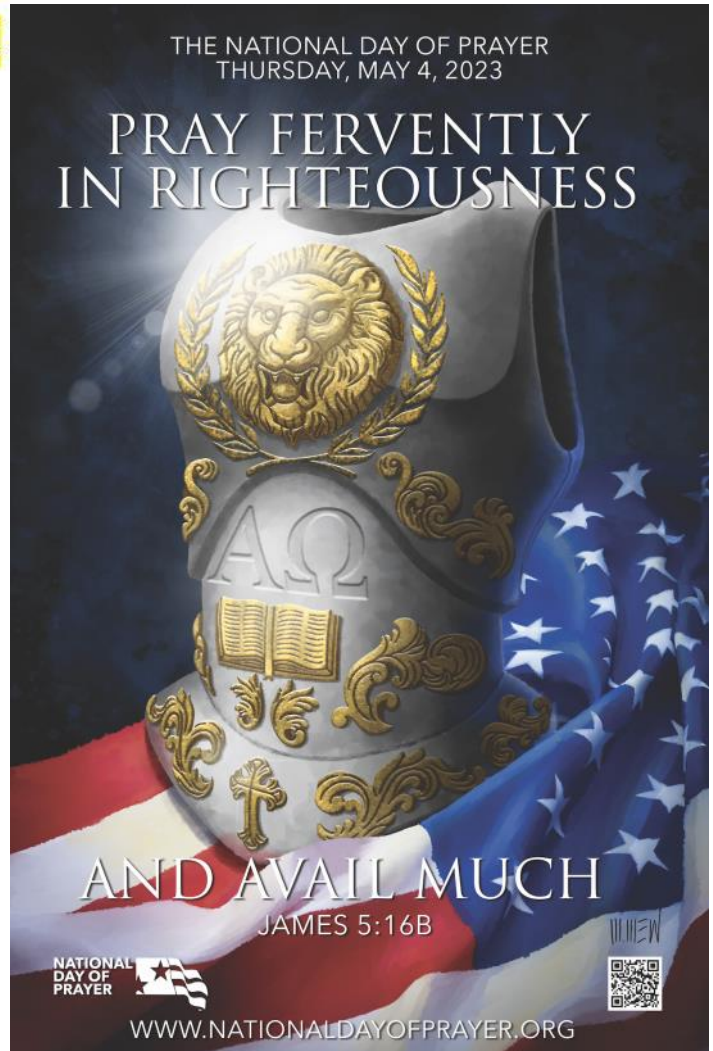
**Created and Arranged by Marty Parks
& he is coming to direct it!**

***you may order the book by contacting
Lillenas Music – 1-800-363-2122**

www.lillenas.com

The Choral Book #9780834186187

\$7.99 in stock







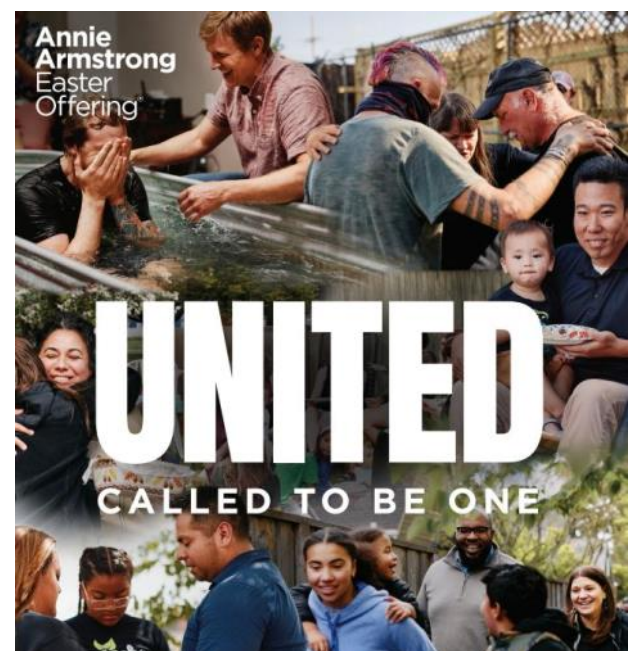
How does the Food Roundup help children?

Your donations of food, supplies and gift cards not only provides NC children daily meals, but your efforts point them towards Jesus.

April 2023

BCHFOODROUNDUP.ORG

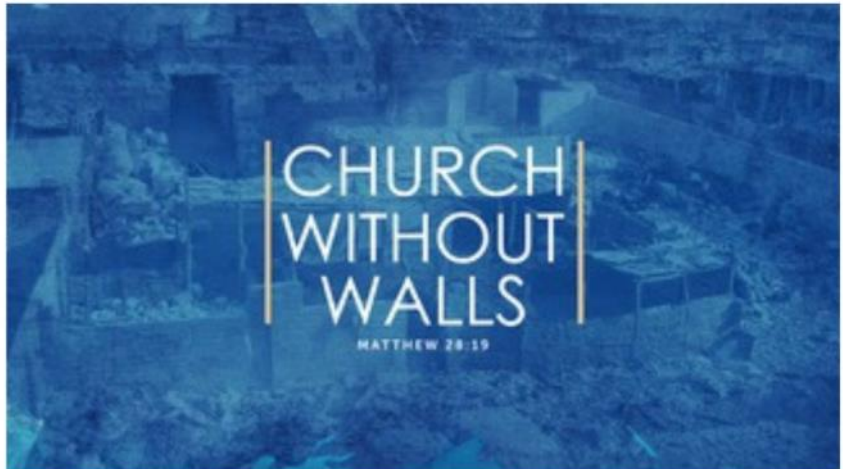
Food and Gift card donations for the Baptist Children's Home are due into our office by April 27th.



**The Week of Prayer for North American missions
March 5-12, 2023.**

The offering goal for this year is \$70 million.

Missions Opportunities



Website/Social Media

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



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.

GCCBA Church Without Walls Mission Encounter

JUNE 2ND-4TH,
SHELBY MISSION CAMP

We will spend the weekend learning how to do missions, worshipping 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 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: January **2023**

Food	10
Dental	1
Power	17
Other	1
Clothes	1
Medicine	<u>1</u>
Total Assisted Units:	31

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 March

Dover:

Ervin Price, 16 years

New Hope:

Russ Bradley, 17 years

Pathway:

James Hamrick, 45 years

Westover:

Kevin Whittington, 10 years



Pray for these couples on their special day in March:

Plainsview—Wayne and Catherine Key—1st

Camps Creek – Steve and Debbie Durham—14th



Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.

Boiling Springs ~ Carpenter's Grove ~

Double Springs ~ Fallston ~ 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.



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 camps creek@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

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

Kings Mountain First:

First Baptist Church is seeking a **Church Secretary**. The Personnel Policies require that this person NOT be a member of First Baptist Church Kings Mountain, but must be active in a local church and above all else display Godly Christian character. The duties for this position will include those normally associated with a receptionist and secretary. The Church Secretary will operate under the regular supervision of the Pastor, Church Staff, and Office Manager. Anyone interested should send a resume to the church by email (contact@fbckm.com) or drop it off in person to the main church office located at 605 West King Street, Kings Mountain.

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

Go to our website to see all job listings:

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

Church Needs.....

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, Attn: 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

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.

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 Service 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.

Patterson Grove:

Patterson Grove Baptist Church, in Kings Mountain, NC is seeking a **full-time senior pastor** to guide the multi-generational church in discerning God's will and vision for the future while building on the church's spiritual markers of the past. This visionary shepherd will stand

grounded in prayer and God's Word to equip the church for a lifestyle of vibrant worship, gospel communication of Jesus Christ and mission minded thinking. This Spirit-led pastor will be able to teach and lead others with awareness, perseverance, and a servant heart encouraging the fellowship of believers to proclaim Jesus, make disciples, and bless the community. Please submit your resume by Friday, March 31 pastorsearch@pgbckm.org

Pleasant City Church:

Full-time Student Pastor- Pleasant City Church is located in Shelby, NC. We have an average Sunday attendance of 900 with a student ministry involving a weekly average of 130 students and leaders. Our church exists to love God, connect with others, and reach the world. We encourage each applicant to visit our website to view our beliefs, culture, and layout of our current student ministry: <https://www.pleasantcitychurch.com/warehouse247>. Resumes may be emailed to eryan@pccshelby.com. Submission deadline is February 19th . Please include in your resume a brief bio detailing information on your family, testimony, call to ministry, and your church history. Contact the church office (704-487-6415) if you desire to ensure receipt of resume submission.

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.

Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Shelby, NC, is seeking a **full-time pastor** to connect with a vibrant and growing church. We are a moderate congregation, with an average worship attendance of 225, dually aligned with the Southern Baptist Convention and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. We recognize and affirm the ordination of women and men called by God to serve in ministry. We support the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message. We seek a candidate with experience who is also a graduate of an accredited seminary or divinity school. The church desires a servant leader to join our present ministerial and support staff team, one who is passionate about the proclamation of scripture and connecting with families in a personable and genuine way. A church profile is available for review at www.poplarsprings.net. Send resume and cover letter to poplarspringssearchcommittee@gmail.com or mail to Pastor Search Committee, Poplar Springs Baptist Church, 1106 Poplar Springs Church Road, Shelby, NC, 28152. Closing date: March 31, 2023

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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- 2**—Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 3**— Hungry program with Beaver Dam, 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
- 13**—Pastor's Compensation Workshop, GCCBA, 10 am
- 16**—Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
Senior Music Day, Flint Hill, 9 am—1 pm
- 17**—Hungry program with Washington Missionary, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 19**— Senior Music Day Performance, Boiling Springs, 6 pm
- 20-21**— Transitional Interim Ministers Training, GCCBA, 9 am
- 23**—Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 24**—Hungry program with Oak Grove, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 30**—Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 31**—Hungry program with KM Second, Shelby First, 12:30 pm

