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 Green Bethel  
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Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association

*Uniting congregations in effective missions and ministries*

# THE BEACON

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*Please join us at our Spring Bi-annual Meeting, as we gather to worship together.*

**Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association Bi-Annual Session**  
**Monday, April 24, 2023 Shelby Mission Camp**  
**302 Sharpton Drive, Shelby**  
**6:00-6:45 pm Fellowship Meal**

6:50	Special Music.....	Rev. Maggie Andre
7:00	Call To Order.....	Rev. Mike Shumate, Moderator
	Welcome .....	Robbie Alexander, Meeting Host
	Scripture and Prayer .....	Randy Willis, Lawndale Baptist
	Recognition of New Pastors/Staff .....	Jason Ballard, Associational Missionary
	Clerk/Treasurer Report.....	Mrs. Debby Wease, Clerk/Treasurer
	Special Music .....	Rev. Maggie Andre
	Introduction of Guest Speaker .....	Jason Ballard, Associational Missionary
	Speaker .....	Michael Woods, Cleveland County Rescue Mission
	Closing Remarks.....	Jason Ballard, Associational Missionary
	Closing Prayer .....	Rev. Will Davis, Vice-Moderator

## Bi-Annual Meeting Messengers

Each church shall elect annually, in addition to the pastor, two (2) messengers to the meetings of the Association for each fifty (50) members of the church, provided each church shall not have less than three (3) nor more than ten (10) messengers ALONG WITH ALL ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS, these shall constitute the voting body of the Association. The names of the messengers printed in the minutes shall include only those in attendance and registering at the Associational Meetings.

By-Law II Meetings, Section 3

Items of Business to be presented from the floor must be submitted in writing to the Associational Office at least 30 days prior to the first session of the Biannual Meeting.

By-Law II Meetings, Section 4

## Thoughts from our Staff

***"See, I have placed before you and open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name."***

**Revelation 4:8b**

In one of my favorite movies, *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*, there is a scene that I think well describes our churches. In this scene a king is confronted by what appears to be an unbeatable foe, and in response he shrinks in fear. One of the main characters begs the king to be brave and "ride out" against their foe, but in careful consideration the king chooses to not only retreat, but to move his people to a secluded stronghold to weather the attacks of the oncoming enemy.

Sometimes I believe our churches look at the enemy that stands in front of them and rather than "ride out" in faith following the commands of God, we retreat to where we think we will be safe only to find that our enemy will find us there as well.

In Revelation 4, God sends a message to the church at Philadelphia that He has opened a door, and whatever door He opens will remain open, they only need to choose to go through it. In our world we need churches and leaders that look at our enemy, that measure our resources and that count the cost, but are still willing to "ride out" in faith to fulfill God's call to be a church that carries the gospel to the world, to be a church that loves the people who are hurting, and to be a church that builds community within our walls to impact the community outside our walls. A church that regardless of size is *transformational*!

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, we are blessed to have Dr. Jeff Iorg, president of Gateway Seminary, present with us for two events. At 11:00 AM on April 13<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Iorg will be meeting our pastors in our monthly pastor's conference. This will be an informal time to share a meal and to have a conversation with Dr. Iorg about the challenge of change in the local church as well as the goal of leading a transformational church. We will hold a Q&A and allow pastors to talk with Dr. Iorg.

On the evening of April 13<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our semiannual deacons' and leadership training event at Elizabeth Baptist Church. We will begin the meal at 6:30 PM and follow that with an opportunity for our deacons and everyone who serves in leadership in our churches to hear from Dr. Iorg as he presents from his book, *The Case for Antioch: A Biblical Model for a Transformational Church*.

Don't miss this outstanding opportunity to hear from a very special guest who has a heart for the Lord, for the church and for what God desires to do through the church as we "ride out" in faith to transform our world.

Jason Ballard

A thought I hear asked and discussed often among Christians and in churches is how can we effectively tell people about Christ. Is there a better, easier, or more effective way than we are doing it now? We teach people how to use tools like tracts, the evangcube, or gospel bead bracelets. While these are effective ways to share the gospel we have to remember that the power in the story that we are telling is not that we have a flashy engaging way to share it but that it's the fact that the story is God's story.....the story is Jesus. I love the following lyrics from Anne Wilson's song "Let me tell you bout my Jesus"....the chorus says:

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
His love is strong and His grace is free  
And the good news is I know that He  
Can do for you what He's done for me  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
And let my Jesus change your life

As we move towards the Easter season I want to challenge you that the story that you have to tell about your Jesus is powerful and that telling that story to someone else can give them the opportunity to let Jesus change their life. So go, tell about your Jesus, and then praise him as you see the change in others.

Serving together,  
Katie Harris

# 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  
SELLING BOOK:  
THE CASE FOR ANTIOCH: A  
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](mailto:nicole@gccba.org)



[www.gccba.org](http://www.gccba.org)

## **Ministers Conference**

Thursday, April 13, 2023

**(\*\*Please note date and time\*\*)**

Program 11:00 am, Lunch afterwards

Dr. Jeff Iorg will join us for a special one on one time with Pastors.

## **KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship**

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

## **Lattimore Pastors Fellowship**

will meet at the  
Snack Shop, Thursday,  
April 20, 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

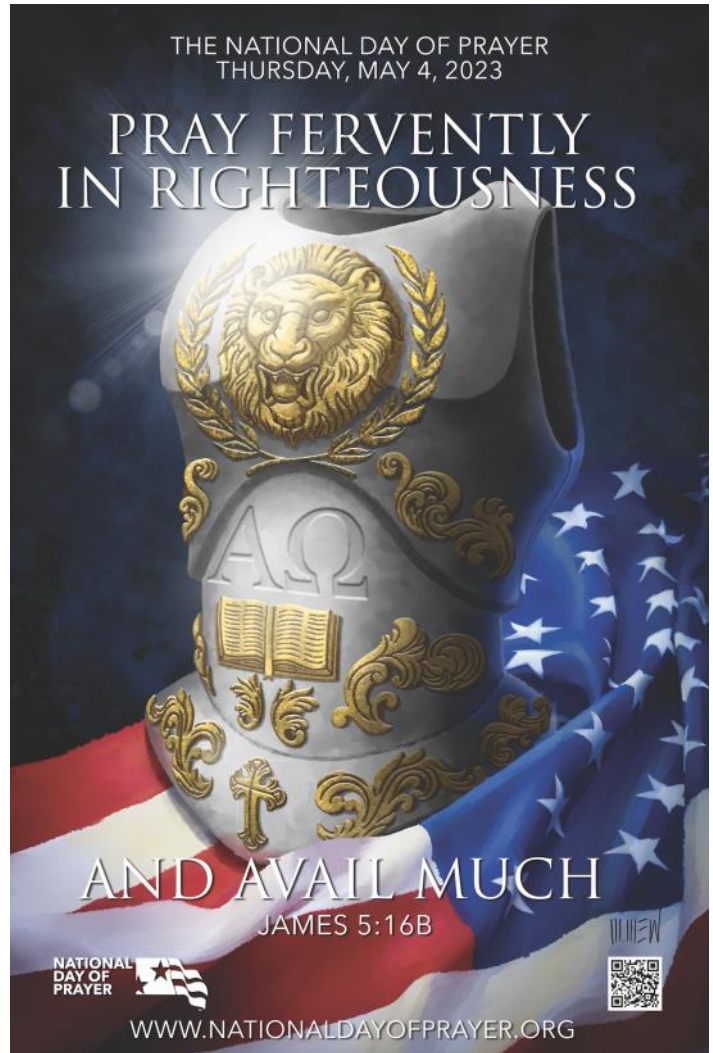
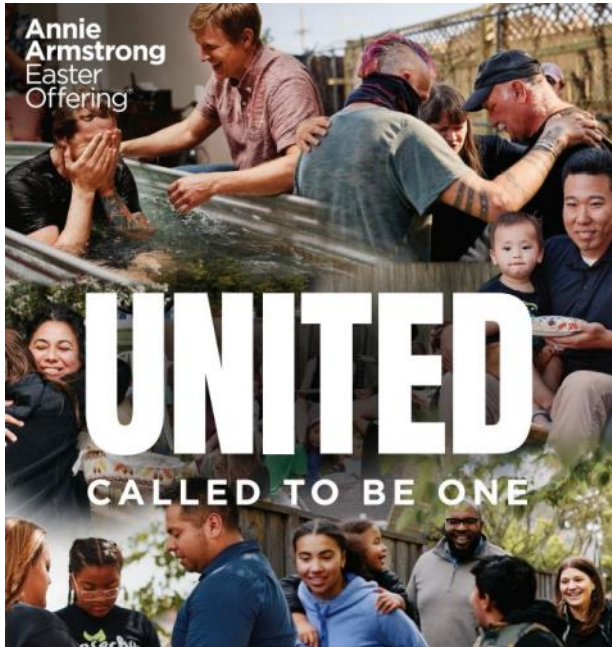


Friday June 9, 2023—10:00 am –1:00 pm  
at GCCBA

Bring your old files, it is time to shred!!



# Missions Opportunities



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

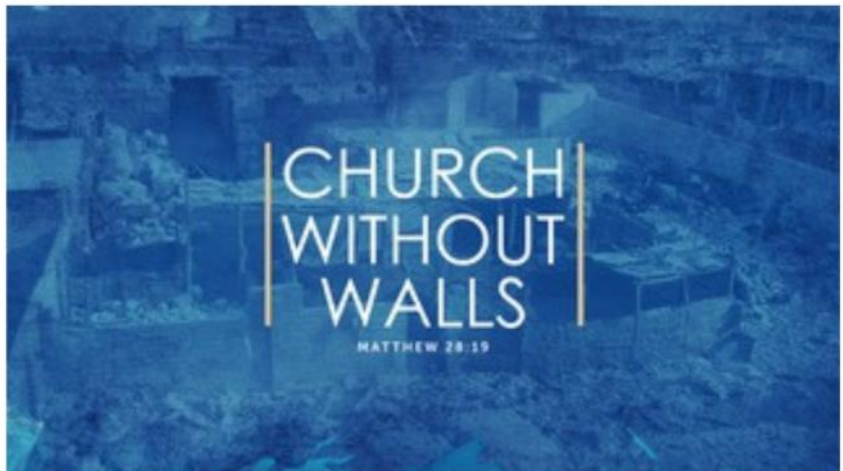
- Gift Cards are appreciated for buying perishables and items not received. (i.e. Wal-Mart, Sams Clubs, Food Lion, Lowes, Ingles, Piggly Wiggly).
- We can use all size cans. Some locations prefer #10 cans (family size).
- IMPORTANT: Please check for expired dates on food we cannot accept expired items.
- Please help our volunteer truck drivers by packing your church's donations in small, sturdy boxes. Pack like items together. Please do not pack chemicals with food.

Food & Supplies Needs List Questions?  
Contact Alan Williams at 1-800-476-3669 ext. 1277 or [awilliams@bchfamily.org](mailto:awilliams@bchfamily.org) [www.bchfoodroundup.org](http://www.bchfoodroundup.org)

# Missions Opportunities

## **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. The cost is \$30 a person which includes lodging at the Mission Camp, meals, t-shirt, and all ministry supplies. Cost is minimal but the impact on your church and community is great. For the complete schedule or to register your church please contact Jason or Katie



## ***GCCBA Church Without Walls Mission Encounter***

**JUNE 2ND-4TH,  
SHELBY MISSION CAMP**

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 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.



## **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.

## **Compassion Ministry Report**

Assistance Type: January **2023**

Food	4
Power	21
Counseling	<u>38</u>
Total Assisted Units:	63

## **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 April**

Community:

Scott Caldwell, 8 years

Flint Hill:

Shane Kirby, 13 years

Zion Hill:

Roger Fuller, 31 years



Office Closed:

Easter Monday, April 10

Afternoon of  
Monday, April 17  
All Day April 18-19  
for the Associational  
Missions Conference

## **Pray for these couples on their special day in April:**

Immanuel – Ted and Tracy Easter—16th

Oak View—Wayne and Lesley Brazzell—20th

Christopher Road—Mike and Jan Tucker—30th



Sunday,  
April  
9th!



## **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

### **Eastside, Shelby:**

Eastside Baptist Church of Shelby, NC, is seeking a full-time Associate Pastor/Youth Minister. Preferred qualifications are experience in student ministry, seminary education and ordination. Please send a cover letter and resume to office @eastsidebaptistshelby.org or to Attn Personnel Committee, Eastside Baptist Church 1165 Wye Rd. Shelby NC 28150. Resumes are being accepted through April 24th.

### **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

## **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.



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](mailto:personnel@flinthillbaptist.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](mailto: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:*

### **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@lafayettetstreetchurch.org](mailto:office@lafayettetstreetchurch.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](mailto:lbsecretary2016@gmail.com) or mail to Lattimore Baptist Church, attn: 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.poplarsprings.net). Send resume and cover letter to [poplarspringssearchcommittee@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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- 6**—Grover & KM Minister's Fellowship, Carolina Crossing 8:30 am  
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 7**— Hungry program with Union, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 9**— Easter
- 10**— **GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED**
- 11**—Leadership and Business Affairs Team Meeting, GCCBA, 11:45 am
- 13**— Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am  
Minister's Conference, GCCBA, 11:00 am  
Deacon & Leadership Training with Dr Jeff Iorg, Elizabeth, 6:30 pm
- 14**— Hungry program Tyra Silvers, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 18-19**—**GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED**
- 20**—Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am  
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 21**—Hungry program with Mt. Sinai, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 24**— Spring Biannual Meeting, Shelby Mission Camp, 6 pm
- 27**—Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am  
Senior Adult Rally, Poplar Springs, 9:00 am
- 28**—Hungry program with Poplar Springs, Shelby First, 12:30 pm