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*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 pm Meeting*

*"And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these  
brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"*

*Matthew 25:40*

I was 15 when I went on my first mission trip. We spent the week as a youth choir singing in a few churches and leading Backyard Bible Clubs around Toronto, Canada. Looking back, it really wasn't much, but it amazed me at the idea that I was serving the mission of God and not just talking about it. Since that first trip, I have been blessed to serve on construction projects across our country, medical missions on the other side of the globe, and even in theological education in a third-world country in Africa. Every time I am never impressed at what I do, but I am amazed at what God does.

I've seen him take a rowdy group of teenagers and turn them into heroes in a hurricane flood zone with just a hammer and a nail. I've seen an angry, down-trodden, African pastor become an impassioned sports evangelist with a duffle bag of a few used soccer balls. And I've seen God take a grieving widow and turn her into a compassionate, caring voice of truth with prayer and yes, a cup of water; when she thought God couldn't use her at all.

There is something powerful about serving others in Jesus' name. It puts you out of the center of attention and puts someone else first before God. If you have never experienced that, I hope you will join me in the pursuit of it. If you have people in your church who long for it, I hope you will lead them to be a part of it as well.

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## Thoughts from our Staff

On June 2nd through 3rd we are excited to announce a new missions experience right here in Cleveland County. In conjunction with the Shelby Mission Camp, the GCCBA presents "Church Without Walls." An overnight missions encounter that will challenge you in your role in missions engagement. For just \$30 we invite you to join us Friday night, June 2nd, for a meal and an evening of worship as we explore what it means to be the church outside our walls. Then get up early on Saturday, June 3rd, and head out with your "team" as you engage one of our multiple mission opportunities through construction, children's VBS ministry or agricultural ministry. We will return to the camp, Saturday night for dinner and a closing worship celebration.

Come and see what God can do when you are willing to become His hands and feet as we become the church outside the walls.

Jason Ballard

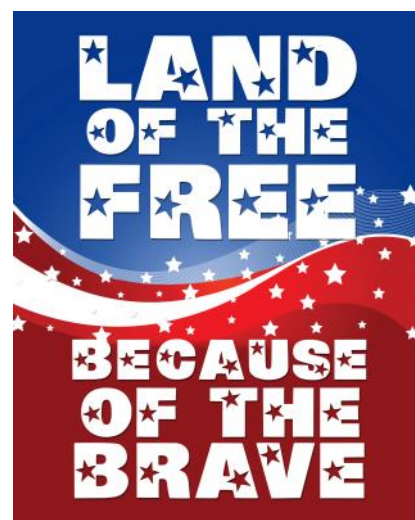
Over the past few days I have enjoyed getting to know and learn from Dr Jeff Iorg as he shared with us at our Deacon training and at the NC Missions Conference. During the Missions Conference, he spoke about living like a missionary and how God has called each of us to live daily like a missionary no matter where we are or what we are doing. Several things that he spoke about really spoke to me. The first is that we have to always remember that we have to love people over places. When we feel God calls us on mission, that mission is to a group of people and not to a certain place. We each have to discover who our "Gentile" group is and then seek opportunities to share the Gospel with those people. The second thing that stood out to me is that living like a missionary is living out God's eternal purpose for mankind. God created man to further His kingdom and the only thing He needs us for is to be a conduit. When we share Christ we don't have to worry about if what we say changes someone's life, because that is not our responsibility. It is the power of God's word that we are sharing that changes people. We only have to be willing to share and He will take care of the rest.

Katie Harris

### *Jail Ministry*

Greetings all! It is time for orientation and new volunteer enrollment for participation in the Jail Ministry Volunteer Program from October 1, 2023 to February 15, 2026. Below is the schedule of dates and locations for orientation. Please make arrangements to attend one of the sessions that works best for your schedule. Three sessions will begin at 7:00 pm and One will be at 10 am. All sessions should last approximately one (1) hour.

May 4th Elizabeth Baptist Church 7 pm  
May 11th Palmer Grove Baptist Church 7 pm  
May 18th Cleveland County Baptist Association 10 am  
May 26th Cleveland County Baptist Association 7 pm



**Thank  
you!**

## Education and Network Opportunities

### Ministers Conference

Monday, May 1, 2023  
Lunch 11:30am, Program 12:00pm.

### KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship

will not meet this month due to the National Day of Prayer.

### Lattimore Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the  
Snack Shop, Thursday,  
May 18, at 8:30 am.



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

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

### Summer Missionary

This summer we are going to have 3 ladies helping out as our Summer Interns. We welcome back Addison Wease and Maggie Deviney who were with us last year and also welcome Abby Smith who is a student at GWU. All 3 ladies will be here throughout the summer to help with things around the office but most importantly they are here to help our churches! They are available to help with VBS, day camps, or special mission events. If your church is hosting a VBS or other outreach projects and you need assistance, please contact Katie to get on their schedule.

ATRIUM WAKE FOREST BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER

## Giving Thanks

*A Mission of Health, Hope, and Healing for All*



Mika and Robin Shepherd

*"That they may see and know, and consider and understand together, that the hand of the Lord has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it."*

ISAIAH 41:20

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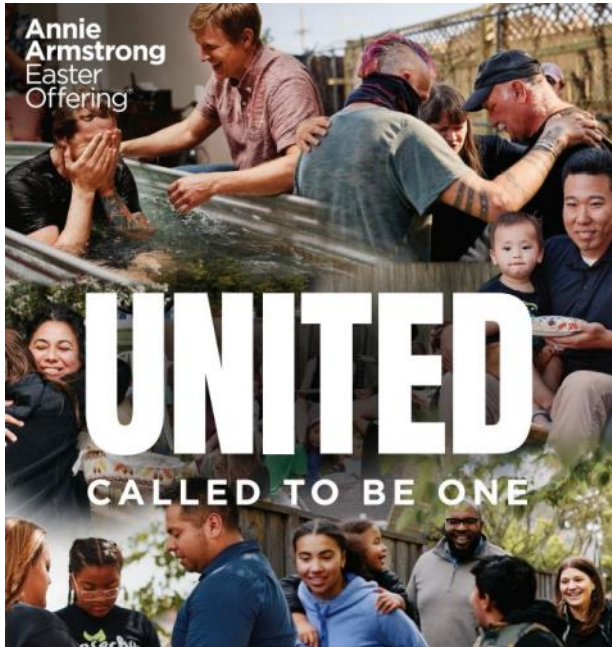


Wishing you the  
very best this  
Mother's Day!

*Sunday May 14*

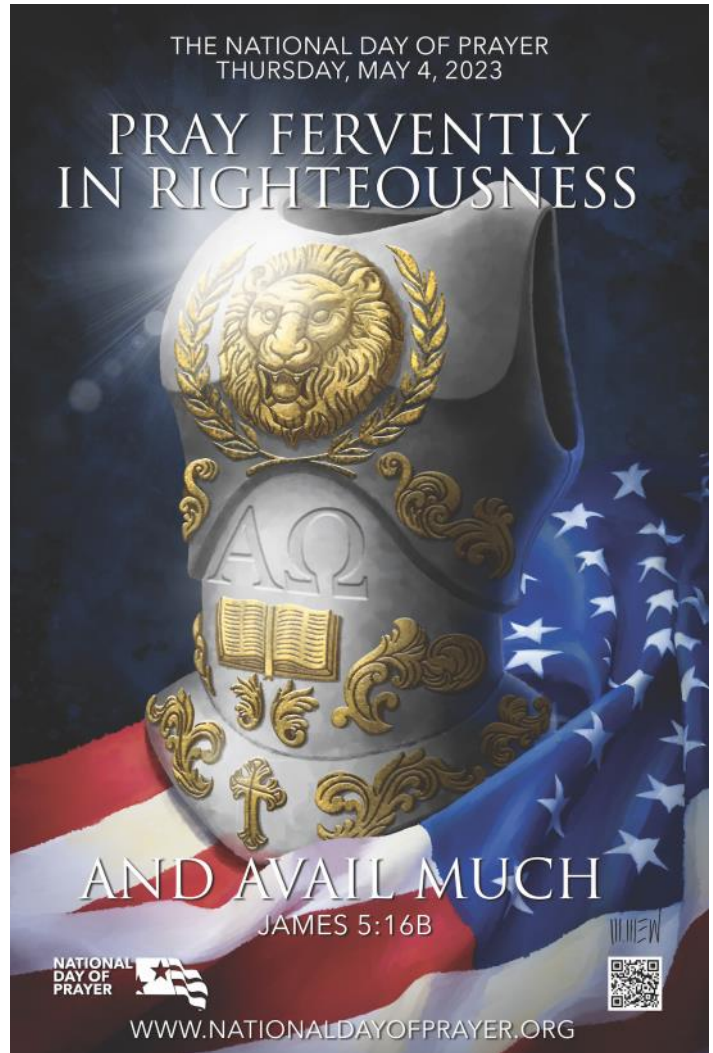


# Missions Opportunities



I ♥ VBS

VBS is one of the biggest outreach events of the year! Let me know at [nicole@gccba.org](mailto:nicole@gccba.org) the details of your church VBS, so we can pray with you.



**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](http://BCHFOODROUNDUP.ORG)

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

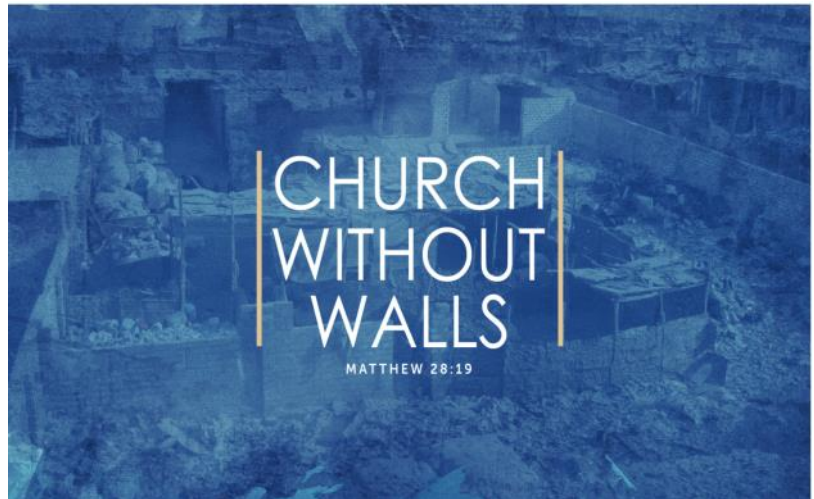
- Gift Cards are appreciated for buying perishables and items not received. (i.e. Wal-Mart, Sams Clubs, Food Lion, Lowes, Ingles, Piggly Wiggly).
- We can use all size cans. Some locations prefer #10 cans (family size).
- IMPORTANT:** Please check for expired dates on food we cannot accept expired items.
- 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 & 3rd, 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. Cost is minimal but the impact on your church and community is great. To sign up please contact Jason or Katie.



**Church Without Walls** - An exciting new at-home weekend missions encounter designed to equip and challenge participants **OF ANY AGE** to not just "go to church," but to "be the church" outside the walls.

- ⇒ **Friday [Shelby Mission Camp]**
  - Supper, worship, & mission challenge! Housing is offered on site.
- ⇒ **Saturday [Shelby Mission Camp]**
  - Breakfast and mission project equipping.
  - Dismiss teams to their projects ranging from a community garden, small construction projects, Back Yard Bible Club, etc.
  - After the projects we will return for supper and a time of celebration.
- ⇒ **Sunday [Individual Home Church]**
  - Participants wear their Church without Walls t-shirts to church and share about their missions encounter in the worship service.

### Friday June 2nd, 2023

6:00 pm – Check-in at the Shelby Mission Camp  
6:30 pm – Supper  
7:00 pm – Worship & Mission Training

### Saturday June 3rd, 2023

7:00 am – Breakfast at Shelby Mission Camp  
7:45 am – Devotion  
8:00 am – Mission training  
4 – 6 pm – Teams will return at various times.  
6 pm – Supper  
6:45 – Mission Debrief!  
8:00 – Worship & Dismissal!

**Cost: \$30 per person FOR ALL AGES!!!**

#### Participants receive:

- ⇒ 1 Night lodging at the Shelby Mission Camp.
- ⇒ Church Without Walls T-shirt.
- ⇒ All meals and materials on the project.
- ⇒ Training and Worship experience.
- ⇒ A life-changing weekend as the hands and feet of Christ!

## Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: March **2023**

Food	6
Power	28
Other	1
Total Assisted Units:	35

## 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 May*

Washington Missionary:

Melvin Clark, 14 years

New Camp Creek:

Tim Smith, 2 year



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

Victory - Dennis and Carol Wells 13<sup>th</sup>

Eastside, Kings Mountain - Ron and Kristy Caulder - 18<sup>th</sup>

Norman's Grove - Chris and Angela Decker - 19<sup>th</sup>

Northside - Neal and Carolyn Efird - 23<sup>rd</sup>

Eastside, Shelby - Dale and Linda Byrd - 25<sup>th</sup>

Bethel - Tim and Angela Sims - 27<sup>th</sup>

Lawndale - Randy and Michelle Willis - 27<sup>th</sup>



## *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 schedule for the trailer fills up fast for the Spring and Summer so please remember to call soon to reserve your date. The cost of the trailer is \$100 and includes all supplies

needed to use the popcorn, snow cone, and cotton candy machine.

After your event we would love to know the impact on the community you served so please share your stories with us.



**Office Closed:**

Monday May 29 for  
Memorial Day



## *Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program*

We still have a few summer dates open for this wonderful outreach mission. The summer is a great time for youth and children's groups to be involved. Groups that are interested in serving will be in charge of providing sandwiches, chips, and cookies for 75 people.

## *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 campsccreek@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 Wyke Rd. Shelby NC 28150. Resumes are being accepted through April 24th.

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

# Church Needs.....

## **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@flinthillbaptist.org

## **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

## **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: Jason Allen. You may email to ogbc1022@gmail.com.

Oak Grove Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking a **permanent part-time Music Minister**. The candidate should be comfortable leading contemporary and traditional music, working with other musicians and singers, while also assisting fellow staff members and lay leaders in ministry where needed. Experience is preferred. Also having the ability to play multiple instruments and being somewhat savvy with technology and online formats is helpful. If interested, and want more information, please email your resume to: ogbc1022@gmail.com (attn: Pastor Jason and the Worship Ministry Team) or send a hard copy resume to: 1022 Oak Grove Road Kings Mtn., NC 28086.

## **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 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](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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- 1-** Minister's Conference, GCCBA, 11:30 am
- 4—**National Day of Prayer  
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am  
Jail Ministry Training, Elizabeth, 7:00 pm
- 5—** Hungry program with Washington Missionary, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 8—** Hungary Mission Trip Meeting, GCCBA, 6:00 pm
- 11—** Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am  
Ministry Assistants Luncheon, GCCBA, 11:30 am  
Jail Ministry Training, Palmer Grove, 7:00 pm
- 12—** Hungry program Tyra Silvers, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 14—**Happy Mother's Day
- 18—**Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am  
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am  
Jail Ministry Training, GCCBA, 10:00 am
- 19—**Hungry program with Camps Creek, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 25—**Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 26—**Hungry program *Volunteers Needed*, Shelby First, 12:30 pm  
Jail Ministry Training, GCCBA, 7:00 pm
- 29—GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED**