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# THE BEACON

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*"As [Jesus] approached and saw the city, he wept for it...  
 Luke 19:41*

I know that Jesus must have cried more than once, but I usually only equate "Jesus weeping" to one verse of scripture – John 11:35. In Luke 19, however, Jesus is weeping because he recognizes what the people of Jerusalem are missing – Him! When I read this passage, I can't help but feel the frustration and discouragement of our savior. The answer to their needs, to their brokenness, to their pain is walking along their streets but they can't see Him. They ignore the answer because all they can see is the hurt. It makes me wonder what Jesus sees when He looks at us.

Recently several pastors and I ventured north to the city of Baltimore, Maryland to explore some mission partnership opportunities. As we toured the city and met with pastors, church planters, and even church members; I was struck by both the need for the gospel and the concern for it among some very dedicated servants of gospel. Everywhere we went the streets were busy. Restaurants were swamped with people. The hustle and bustle of a major metropolis was evident...until you went to a church.

One church planter we visited is working among the urban poor so his "regular attenders" includes those for whom we often would call security. The homeless, the addict and the downtrodden often occupy the "seats in his sanctuary," but the joy is in giving them Jesus. Another church has declined significantly due to a shrinking ethnic population, but a young planter we met is planning how to bring life back to this congregation as they reach out to a community in need. This is very similar to yet another planter we met who has "replanted" in a First Baptist Church that had all but closed its doors.

Much like, Jesus, when we looked at the city we were moved by their need and their struggle, but mostly by the presence of Jesus among them. These planters and churches are laboring in a city where Satan wants the spiritual testimony to look much like one church we encountered where the front doors were locked with a simple sign – "No Trespassing!"



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# Thoughts from our Staff

As we explore future opportunities to connect our churches in this mission field only a few hours away, pray how God may be calling your church to join. Pray for how your men's ministry can go and assist churches that are trying to renovate spaces that are in desperate need of repair.

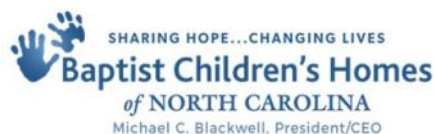
Pray that your youth and young adult ministries can go and be a part of bringing relief to the urban poor and those distant from God. Pray how adults in your community can join in the work of these planters and replanters as they seek to become the hands of Christ that embrace those who just don't see Him. And pray for how you may step onto a mission field, not too far from home and experience the heart of Jesus that weeps for a city and we point them to the savior.

Jason Ballard



### *School & Church Partnerships*

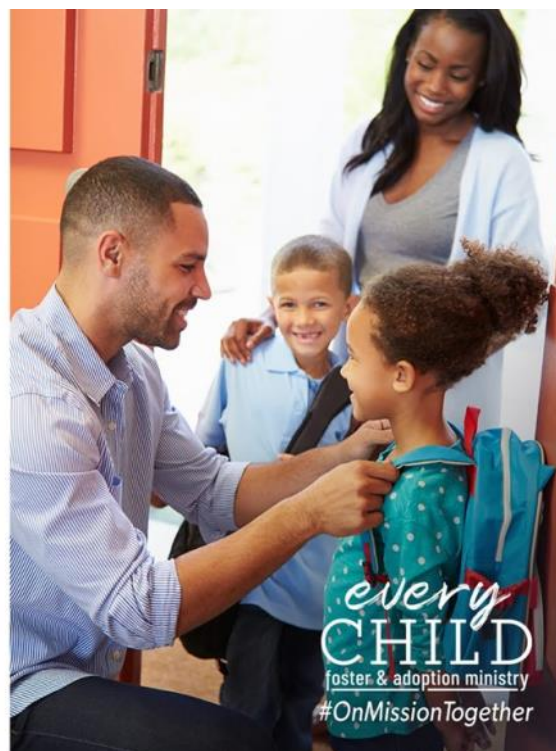
As school starts back in August we plan to host prayer walks at each school in the county. We will be partnering churches with local schools to send people to pray and collect school supplies. Next month we plan to make sure each school in the county will have a partner church that will sponsor the prayer walk and collect school supplies. If you already have a partnership with a local school remember to start talking with the principal now about how you can serve them this summer and as school starts back in the Fall.



We believe that EVERY CHILD deserves a safe, stable, and loving home. Whether it is a temporary placement or a long-term living situation, we know that the local church can bridge the gap for the thousands of children in the North Carolina foster care system.

Every Child Progress to date  
**Foster Homes Licensed to date : 338**  
**Foster Children served to date: 692**

For more information call  
Dr. Mark Smith 828-450-9136



# Education and Network Opportunities

## Ministers Conference

Monday, June 5, 2023  
Lunch 11:30am, Program 12:00pm.

## KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the  
Carolina Crossing Restaurant on Thursday,  
June 1, at 8:30 am.

## Lattimore Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the  
Snack Shop, Thursday,  
June 15, 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 Abbey 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.



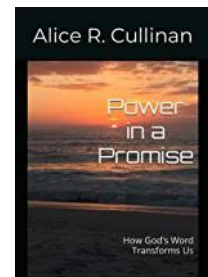
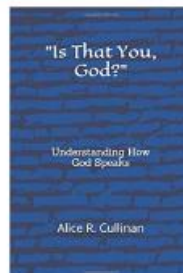
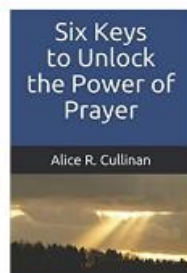
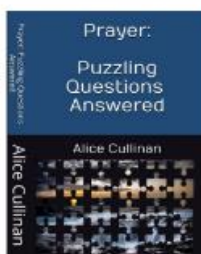
## 2024 Minister's & Spouses Pastors Retreat

Save the Date: February 16th-18th, 2024  
Ridgecrest Retreat Center  
Guest Speaker: Dr. Dany Aiken, President  
Southeastern Seminary  
More details about registering will be made available later this summer.

## ATTENTION all PASTORS and TEACHERS!

Lamplighters Ministries will give a **free** copy of one of these books to your class or prayer group if you will have a class session to study it for at least four weeks! Every member in the class or group gets a free copy!

Contact us while supplies last. Any of these books can transform a life and a church. We are thankful to be able to make this offer due to the generosity of our donors.



Go to amazon.com to see the table of contents for each book plus a sample of each book. Contact Dr. Cullinan if you are interested in obtaining copies for your class or church prayer group. Allow three weeks for us to order them.

# Missions Opportunities

Summer is HERE!!!! I'm excited to hear about the churches who are joining together to do VBS for their community this summer! VBS is a GREAT ministry and outreach to the community. Report your numbers! Help us keep track of VBS effectiveness, community outreach, etc. We're praying for VBS in your church and community. Pray for each other! Share resources! Work together!

## June 4-8

Zoar - Monumental

## June 4-9

Camps Creek - Keepers of the Kingdom, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Supper will be provided each night. Ages birth- adult classes.



## June 7-16

Northside Baptist Church - Twists & Turns—Kick Off June 7th 6:00pm-7:30pm. June 11th - June 15th 6pm to 9pm each night Family Night: June 16th @6pm

## June 11-14

Bethlehem - Twists and Turns (Lifeway), 5:15 -8:15 pm.

## June 11-15

Zion Baptist Church, Double Springs Baptist, Pleasant Ridge, Lattimore Baptist and Sandy Plains Baptist. It will be held at Double Springs Baptist 5:30 – 8:30 pm.

## June 19th-23rd

Allen Memorial - Twists & Turns Meal: 5:45-6:15 pm, VBS: 6:20-8:30 pm  
Fri., June 23rd, last night of VBS & family night.



## June 24

Washington Church is partnering with Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association and having EMBA VBS Sports Camps. 10:00 am -4:00 pm at Washington Elementary School. Boys and Girls ages 8 and up. Soccer, Volleyball, and Basketball.

## June 24

Ross Grove Baptist Church—1225 Fallston Road, Shelby, NC 28150 - 9AM-2PM

Register online at: [myvbs.org/rossgrovebaptistchurch](http://myvbs.org/rossgrovebaptistchurch) At our one-day, circus themed VBS, kids will go on a 'High Wire' adventure as they learn how trust God! We will have rotations in lessons, crafts, music, games, and a mission project! There will be carnival games and a waterslide! Lunch will be provided. A few of the games will include water, so please bring something your child can get wet. Also bring a towel and sunscreen. Bathing suits for girls must be modest (no bikinis) and bathing suits for boys must include shorts and a t-shirt.

## June 25-30

Patterson Grove

## June 25-28

Boiling Springs Baptist Church - Twists and Turns

## June 26-28

Poplar Springs - 6:00 - 8:30.

Into the Unknown - It is going to be a campfire/wilderness themed VBS!



## June 26-29th

Beaver Dam Baptist Church - Stellar VBS - 5:30-8:30pm

## June 26 - 30

First Baptist Kings Mountain -Twist & Turns - 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM each day. Open to all Pre-K - 6th graders! Join us for VBS at FBCKM! Online registration will close on Thursday, June 22. If you have any questions, please contact the FBCKM Church Office @ 704-739-3651.

# Missions Opportunities



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JUNE  
25

**Mission:Dignity Sunday**  
**Give Help. Give Honor.**  
**Give Dignity. Give Today.**

Mission:Dignity® serves retirement-aged ministers, workers and widows as they face advancing age, illness, infirmity, death of a spouse and even natural disasters. Through it all, we provide constant care, prayer and financial assistance directly at the point of need.

*"They will still bear fruit in old age, healthy and green, to declare, 'The Lord is just.'"*  
Psalm 92:14-15a (CSB)



**Patsy Rogers**  
Pastor's Widow  
More than 40 Years of Ministry

**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](http://ww.gccba.org) or Facebook page. Soon, we hope to post more training videos.

**pray on it**  
**pray over it**  
**pray through it**



## 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.

## 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.



## Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: April **2023**  
 Food 2  
 Power 17  
 Medicine 2  
 Total Assisted Units: 28

## 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 June

Bethlehem:

Steve Taylor, 14 years

Calvary:

Robert Rash, 2 years

Faith:

JR Robbins, 27 years

Green Bethel:

Wade Wallace, 27 years

Waco:

Harold Fite, 21 years



# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 18**

## 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

### 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.

### 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)

### 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](mailto:personnel@flintheillbaptist.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

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

Double Shoals—Brian and Susan Johnson—5th  
New Hope – Russ and Melody Bradley - 6th  
Ross Grove - Marcus and Brittany McGill - 9th  
Lattimore – Buddy and Meredith Morehead- 13th  
Trinity - Michael and Charlene Frazier - 14th  
Westview - Rick and Susan Bowling - 14th  
Westwood Heights - David and Angie Costner - 14th  
KM 2nd – Dennis and Patricia Pruitt -20th  
Allen Memorial—Reese and Wendy English—27th  
Pleasant Grove—Toby and Kristen Bird—30th

Happy Anniversary

## 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



Called to *Serve*

# Church Needs.....

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: ogbc1022@gmail.com 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 pastorsearch@pgbckm.org

Patterson Grove Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, NC is seeking a **Part-time Director of Music**. The Director of Music shall be responsible for the planning, conducting, and setting the mood for a worshipful experience through the choice of music for the church. Must be a baptized Christian, but does not have to be a member of the church. Duties will include but not be limited to, planning music for worship, blending traditional hymns with praise and worship, conducting adult choir, planning cantatas and other seasonal music as needed, planning children's music, leading a children's choir, weekly rehearsals prior to performance, and assisting with vacation bible school music. The Director of Music will coordinate the work of all leaders involved in the music ministry

including the pianist, organist, children's choir, youth choir, as well as any further music groups or instrumentalist that may develop at a later date. If interested, please email questions or resumes to personnel@pgbckm.org, or mail to Patterson Grove Baptist Church, 301 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC, 28086.

## **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:**

Position: **Minister to Children and Families**.  
Accountable To: The Senior Pastor and the Deacon Ministry Team  
Talents Desired: Good leadership/shepherding skills; Organizational skills; Ability to motivate children and parents through effective communication, planning, and implementation of ministry ideas. Experience in ministering to Children with a heart for understanding their special needs and a desire to include these special groups in the overall ministry of the church is preferred. This person shall also work to strengthen relationships with parents by offering opportunities for families to engage in ministry and missions together.

## **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.

**Experienced person to prepare nutritionally wholesome** food for children and staff in the Child Care Center at First Baptist Church of Shelby, Monday-Friday. Part time or full time. Email childcare3460@fbcshelby.org or call 704-482-3460.

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- 1**— Grover Minister's Fellowship at Carolina Crossing, 8:30 am  
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 2**— Hungry program with Trinity, Shelby First, 12:30 pm  
Church without Walls, Shelby Mission Camp
- 3**— Church without Walls, Shelby Mission Camp
- 5**— Minister's Conference, GCCBA, 11:30 am
- 8**— Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 9**— Hungry program Mulls Memorial, Shelby First, 12:30 pm  
Shred Event, GCCBA, 10:00 am-100 pm
- 15**—Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am  
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am  
Hungary Mission Trip Meeting, GCCBA, 6-7 pm
- 16**—Hungry program with Buffalo, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 22**—Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 23**—Hungry program Union, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 29**—Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am