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 David  
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 Double Springs  
 Dover  
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 Eastside (Shelby)  
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 Emmanuel  
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 Fallston  
 Flint Hill  
 Gethsemane  
 Green Bethel  
 Grover First  
 Hope Community  
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 Joy Christian  
 Kings Mountain  
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# THE BEACON

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*"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.."*

*Matthew 28:19*

Missions has always been close to my heart. It was through going on mission trips that I felt the call to ministry. It has been through missions that I have seen God move the hardest hearts and transform the lives of the most apathetic Christians. If I am honest, however, I will admit that my strongest desire for missions is to GO – even though my calling is to lead others to go. Recently I have been convicted of the fact that I personally focus too much on my "GOing" and fail to celebrate the obedience of our people to go. So let us not simply celebrate our obedience but let us cheer on all those who obey the call of Christ to GO!

This summer I am excited to be a part of the GCCBA's efforts to "Go!" as 13 members of 3 different churches in our association step out in obedience to God's great commission call to go serve the children of Hungary! But what now excites me more, is the opportunity many of our churches are getting to go by sending teams all over the globe as they are called to take the gospel to many places.

I applaud and pray for each of them like the team from Union Baptist and Zion Baptist that are headed to South Africa to work with the Door of Hope ministry for abandoned children. I celebrate and pray for the teams headed to Southeast Indiana from Flint Hill Baptist and Eastside Baptist. And many more I've not heard who are going this summer to serve on foreign soil and around our country for the cause of Christ.

**If you or your church are Going this summer to serve on a mission trip around the world, please let us know at the GCCBA so we can be in prayer for you, for your team and for your work.** Then we will celebrate with you upon your return all that God is doing through your obedience and what He is doing in your life through your obedience as well.

May our great God lead us all as we follow His call to the nations!

Jason Ballard

## Thoughts from our Staff

What an amazing time we had at our Church Without Walls Missions weekend. It was a wonderful time learning, worshipping, and serving alongside people from 10 of our association's churches. The groups served in nursing homes, painted, made food for the Cleveland County Rescue Mission, built a wheelchair ramp, worked on the 410 Farm project, did street evangelism with the snow cone trailer, and other various mission projects. Thank you to everyone that participated in this special weekend event. We are excited about next year! One of my favorite parts of this weekend was getting to serve alongside my family. Oftentimes when we are at church or are serving we are separated so I enjoyed getting to see my daughter love on the residents at Brookdale. As we plan for next year we are hoping to incorporate more ways for families to serve together!

~Katie



July is a big vacation month! Share Jesus while on vacation!



### *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.



Congratulations to Annabelle Hamrick of Mt Sinai Baptist for placing 2nd in the High School National Bible Drill! Annabelle we are so proud of the way you represented NC and Cleveland County.



# Education and Network Opportunities

## Ministers Conference

No July Meeting

## KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the Carolina Crossing Restaurant on Thursday, July 6, at 8:30 am.

## Lattimore Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the Snack Shop, Thursday, July 20, at 8:30 am.

## Summer Missionary

This summer we 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.

## Building Update

We are very excited that we will soon start our upstairs building renovations. During this time all of our offices will be moved downstairs. We will send out more information about where to enter the building as we get everything moved.



save the date

## 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.

## Hands on Missions Fundraiser

The Collingsworth Family  
Saturday, September 23, 2023  
Malcolm Brown Auditorium  
Shelby High School  
Doors open @ 6PM  
Concert @ 7 PM

EVERY CHILD

Initiative update:


Foster Homes  
Licensed to Date

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Foster Children  
Served to Date

703

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828-450-9136 cell

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# 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!

## July 8-13

Calvary Baptist - TWIST AND TURNS, July 8th 4:00p Registration and kickoff party, July 9-13th 6:00-8:30p (Dinner included @5:30)

## July 9-13

Pleasant City - Ready, Set, Move!, Sunday, July 9 will be 6-8pm. It will be a kickoff event for the whole family. Monday, July 10 – Thursday, July 13 will be in the Morning – 9:00am-12:30pm

## July 10 – 13

Elizabeth - Twists and Turns - 5:30pm-7:50pm

## July 16 – 20

New Hope Baptist Church - 5:30-8:30pm

## July 17 – 21

New Bethel Baptist is joining with Fallston Baptist this year. VBS theme is : Stellar ! Let God's light shine! 5:30 to 8:30

## July 23-25

Eastside, Shelby

## July 23 - 27

VBS Crestview Baptist - Shelby, Pastor Chad Martin leading "Keepers of the Kingdom"

Ephesians 6:13-17: "Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." They will learn about the Armor of God!

## July 26-29

Hope Community - CampUnique

## July 28-30

Carpenters Grove VBS schedule is as follows  
July 28th. 6pm-9pm - Supper is 6-6:30  
July 29th. 9 am-2pm  
July 30th 9am-11 am—Cookout will follow

## July 30-August 3

Polkville - Food Truck Party.

## July 30-August 3

Trinity Baptist Church - Twists and Turns - 6:00-8:30 pm



# Missions Opportunities

## Greatest Treat Festival

It's time to start planning for our annual Greatest Treat Festival. The festival will be held on October 29th from 4-6 pm at the Shelby City Park. We will hold a planning meeting on August 29h at 6 pm at our office. If you are interested in learning how your church can participate please make plans to join us.



## Cleveland County Fair Ministry

We are working on plans to minister to the fair workers during the Cleveland County Fair. In the past we have held a breakfast, lunch, and provided food bags. Please watch for more information to be shared soon.

### Website/Social Media

In order to see the most up to date information about happenings with the GCCBA, please check our website [www.gccba.org](http://www.gccba.org) or Facebook page. Soon, we hope to post more training videos.



## 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	17
Power	26
Counseling	41
Other	1
Total Assisted Units:	85

## 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 July

Bethel:

Tim Sims, 19 years

Immanuel:

Ted Easter, 22 years

Kings Mountain:

Tim Whitesides, 9 years

Mount Sinai:

Tim Trexler, 23 years

Ross Grove:

Marcus McGill, 7 years



## 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 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

### 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 of-[file@lafayettestreetchurch.org](mailto:file@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.

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

Flint Hill – Shane & Emily Kirby—1<sup>st</sup>

KM - Tim & Andrea Whitesides - 18<sup>th</sup>

Calvary—Robert & Rebekah Rash—27<sup>th</sup>

Green Bethel—Wade & Linda—29<sup>th</sup>

KM 1st - Bro Chip and Martha Sloan — 31<sup>st</sup>



## Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.

Boiling Springs ~ Carpenter's Grove ~  
Double Springs ~ Fallston ~ Patterson  
Grove ~ Pleasant Hill ~ Pleasant Ridge ~  
Shelby First ~ Zion



Office will be  
closed Tuesday,  
July 4, 2023

# Church Needs.....

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 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. (704) 434-6431 pleasant.ridge@att.net

## **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, seeks a highly motivated individual to fill the role of **full-time Office Manager**. This position will manage the daily operations of the church, manage church communication, prepare financial records including weekly tithes, accounts payable and payroll functions, maintain the schedule of events, and keep accurate records. We are looking for a candidate who can manage multiple tasks and look for opportunities to evaluate processes for improvement. The Office Manager builds relationships with the local community and church members and supports other church staff in carrying out the vision and mission of Poplar Springs Baptist Church. Church membership is not required to hold this position. If you are interested in this position, please send a cover letter and resume to psbcpersonnelcommittee@gmail.com.

## **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.

## **Zion Baptist Church**

Zion Baptist Church is seeking a **part-time Minister of Youth**. The primary responsibilities are planning, coordinating, and implementing Bible Study and fellowship activities for Grades 6 - 12. The position is allotted 20 hours per week with attendance required on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Cover letter and resume may be emailed to secretary@zbcshelby.org (subject: Youth Minister Position) or hard copies may be mailed to: Minister of Youth Committee 525 West Zion Church Road Shelby, NC 28150.

Go to our website to see all job listings:

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

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- 4**— Happy Fourth of July
- 6**— Grover Minister's Fellowship at Carolina Crossing, 8:30 am  
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 7**— Hungry program with Trinity, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 8**— **17**— Hungary Mission Trip
- 13**— Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 14**— Hungry program Boiling Springs, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 20**— Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am  
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 21**— Hungry program with Washington Missionary, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 27**— Youth Ministers Fellowship, Shelby Café, 8:00 am
- 28**— Hungry program Dover YMCA, Shelby First, 12:30 pm

