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# THE BEACON

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*"How, then, can they call on him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about him? And how can they hear without a preacher?"*  
*Romans 10:14*

"jó reggelt kívánok!" No that wasn't a typo, that's how you say, "good morning!" in Hungarian. As you read this article, I am waking up outside of Budapest, Hungary, for the second week of a mission trip serving with members of GCCBA churches. Last week I was in Seregelyes, Hungarian. Our team conducted two English Speaking Bible Camps with members of Eastside Baptist in Shelby and Buffalo Baptist. This week I am serving with members of First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain in Velencia, Hungary conducting another English-Speaking Bible Camp and piloting our Collide Youth Camp.

It's hard to describe the opportunity to serve in this way, as I am allowed to share the gospel in a place where people are hungry (no pun intended) for something with true meaning in their life. But the truth is, that hunger exists all over the world and even if you don't carry it across an ocean, you can carry it across the street. Often the problem is that we just don't see how these opportunities exist in our everyday lives.

As we press on through the "dog days" of summer I am excited to hear the stories of all God is doing through His churches in vacation Bible schools, youth mission trips, church-wide outreach events, a church sponsored rodeo and similar opportunities to impact people with the gospel. God is working through His churches in Cleveland County, but these great moments leave me with two questions.

First, "How is God using you?" No, I don't expect all of us to go on mission trips or even to serve in Vacation Bible School, but God has made His plan clear for ALL of us – He will reach this world through us. So, it is up to us to discern where God is calling us into service in our everyday lives. Will you obey His call to your assignment whether that's in a church nursery or on the corner of a street in a third world country?

As I return home, the second question for me and for all of us who have served this summer in some "mountain top moment" is "now what?" It's easy for us to celebrate what has happened in our lives and our spiritual walks as something that comes around every summer, but God calls us to serve continuously. So regardless of what you have done this summer, let's press on seeking to fulfill God's call each and every day where He has placed us. Then we will all celebrate together, "Dicsérjétek Istent! – Praise God!"

Jason Ballard

# Education and Network Opportunities

## Ministers Conference

Monday, August 7, 2023  
Lunch 11:30am, Program 12:00pm.

## KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the  
Carolina Crossing Restaurant on Thursday,  
August 3, at 8:30 am.

## Lattimore Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the  
Snack Shop, Thursday,  
August 17, at 8:30 am.

## 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.

EXCITING  
NEWS!

save the date

## Media Madness Training

Join us for a time of learning at the Media Madness Training, The time will be packed with speakers covering different things, like proresenter, powerpoint, canva, publisher, and social media. This is a must-attend event for anyone who handles all things media at your church. The training will take place on **Tuesday, August 22, 2023 from 9am – 11 am at GCCBA**

Sign up by emailing Nicole Mosley [nicole@gccbba.org](mailto:nicole@gccbba.org)

## 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

For More Information  
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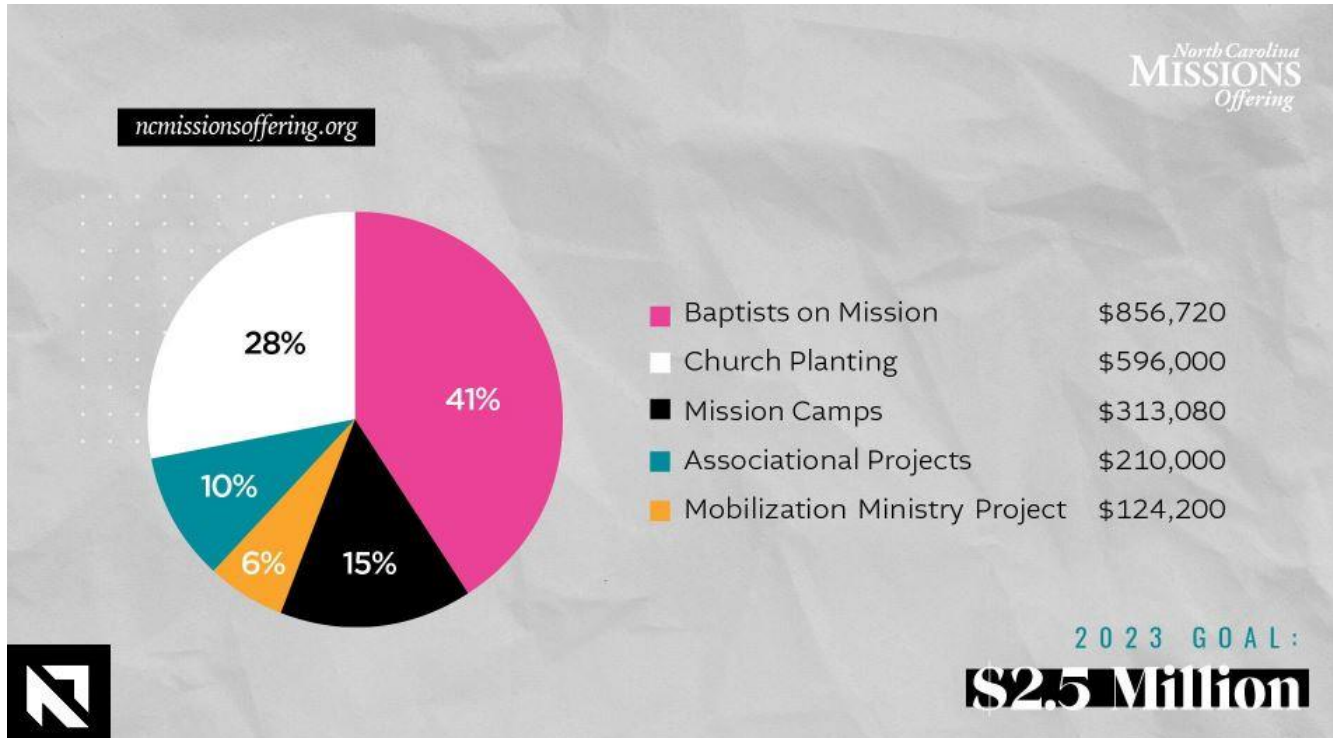
IN PARTNERSHIP

# Missions Opportunities



## *School & Church Partnerships*

Each year we encourage our churches to partner with schools in their area. This partnership usually starts in the weeks leading up to the new school year with the first event being a prayer walk the Sunday before school starts. Churches that participate in these school partnerships share how they are blessed through ministering to the staff, teachers, and students. If you are interested in partnering with a local school or already have a partnership, please let Katie know.



“Relief for today. Hope for tomorrow.”

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 (HCSB)

Pray for our  
Students,  
Teachers  
& Schools!

North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) is a special offering received during the month of September that supports the ministries of Baptists on Mission, Church Planting, mission camps, associational projects and mobilization ministry projects. NCMO is your opportunity to be on mission together as God accomplishes many wonderful things through these various ministries. 17.5% of this offering comes back to Cleveland County, to support GCCBA and Shelby Mission Camp.





# 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 30-August 3

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

## August 6-10

Polkville - Food Truck Party.



Please visit our website, [www.gccb.org](http://www.gccb.org) and other social media sites for information, training, and mission opportunities. Join one of our Facebook groups for your area!



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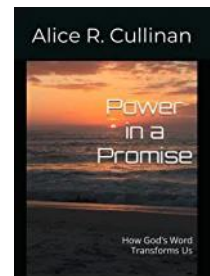
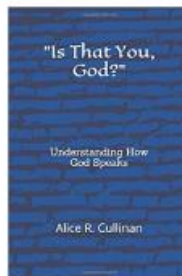
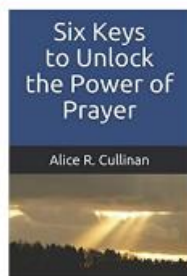
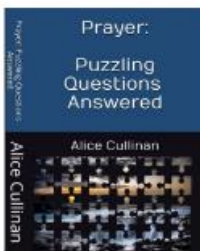


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## ATTENTION all PASTORS and TEACHERS!

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](http://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

## 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 29th 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.

## Would your church like to know more about the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association?

We would love to share our story! Some churches have invited us to come and be a part of their worship time and share what God is doing in our association. Our staff would come and share a time allowed in Sunday Morning or Sunday Evening worship service. Contact us today to set up a time!



**Love. Grow. Serve.**



## 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: June **2023**

Food 26

Power 24

Total Assisted Units: 50

## GCCBA FOOD PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS:

**\*\* DIAPERS ALWAYS NEEDED \*\***

Spaghetti sauce  
spaghetti noodles  
peanut butter  
jelly  
crackers  
cereal  
macaroni and cheese  
Canned Meat



Toiletries: toilet paper, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, clothes detergent

The pantry always needs everything, but the items listed are what we go through the fastest!

# GCCBA Bulletin Board

## Pastors Anniversaries for August

Camps Creek:

Steve Durham, 2 years

Macedonia:

Michael Horne, 15 years

Normans Grove

Chris Decker, 2 years

Westview:

Rick Bowling, 14 years



Reminder of Meetings in August.

**Enlistment Team Meeting,**  
August 17 at 11:45am

**Leadership and Business  
Affairs Teams-** August 24 at  
11:45am

**Business Affairs Team—**  
September 12 at 11:45am

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

Union - Michael and Edith Shumate - 1<sup>st</sup>

New Bethel— Carson and Laney Putnam—10<sup>th</sup>

Beaver Dam – Tom and Joanna Runyon - 12<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant City - Bryan and Tina Glisson- 22<sup>nd</sup>



## Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.

Boiling Springs ~ Carpenter's Grove ~

Double Springs ~ Pleasant Hill ~ Shelby First

~ Zion



It is that time of year!! Time for the Annual Church Profile. I will have your packets ready if you want to pick up starting August 1st, here at the GCCBA Office or you can simply log on to the website and the forms are ready to be filled out! I would love to have lunch with anyone that would like to go through the Annual Profile Questions on Thursday, August 10th at 11:30 am. Just call or email me so I can have your lunch ready!

704-482-3472 or nicole@gccba.org

**This is for the new and the seasoned!**

## Wanted

-Bibles (all kinds in any condition); Christian Literature (Sunday School, church training, tracts, devotionals, magazines from Christian publishers, etc.);  
-Christian Books of all kinds (hymns, Bible Study, concordances, Bible dictionaries and regular dictionaries, commentaries, children and adult Christian books and paperbacks, etc.);  
- Christian CDs, DVDs, & Blu-Ray, etc.  
- Spanish: Bibles, Sunday School literature, and Devotional books.

Literature can be new or used. All material is sorted, boxed and sent to another Ministry, where it is sent to our brothers and sisters in poor Third World Countries. If you or your church would like to join "Harvest Seeds Ministry", please contact Pat Hamrick from Mt. Sinai Baptist Church 704-487-7518 or for Churches in Upper Cleveland County, New Bethel Baptist Church in Lawndale is now a collection site for "Harvest Seeds." Please contact Tony Fogleman at 704-538-0223 or you can bring them by the GCCBA Office.

**Please do not send: RA, GA, Acteens, & Mission Friends material; No Mission Mosaics, Mature Living, Guide Posts, & Angels on Earth magazines; No cassette or VHS tapes.**



# 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 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.

## **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@lafayettestreetchurch.org Applicants can email resumes to: lbsecretary2016@gmail.com or mail to Lattimore Baptist Church, atten: LBCFM Search Committee, PO Box 188, Lattimore, NC 28089

## **Oak Grove:**

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.

## **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.

## **Sandy Plains:**

Sandy Plains Baptist Church is seeking a Interim or Part-Time Music Minister. The Music Minister will be commissioned to prayerfully select music and to create an atmosphere of worship. The Minister will also be tasked with coordinating and overseeing all involved in the Music Ministry of the church including the pianist, instrumentalists, and singers. The Music Minister will need to be available for one practice a week (the day and time can be flexible) and the sound check and Worship service on Sunday mornings. The Music Minister will work closely with the Pastor and other staff to implement the vision of the church which is "Loving God and Loving People." Those interested in learning more about the church and this position contact Elisabeth Cothran at elisabethcothran25@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://gccba.org/available-positions/>

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Youth Ministers Fellowship, Ken& Mary's, 8:00 am
- 4—** Hungry program with Crestview, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 7—** Minister's Conference, GCCBA, 11:30 am
- 10—** Youth Ministers Fellowship, Ken& Mary's, 8:00 am  
Annual Church Profile Lunch, GCCBA, 11:30am
- 11—** Hungry program Buffalo, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 13—** School Prayer Walks
- 17—** Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am  
Youth Ministers Fellowship, Ken& Mary's, 8:00 am  
Enlistment Team Meeting, GCCBA, 11:45 am
- 18—** Hungry program with Washington Missionary, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 22—** Media Madness Training, GCCBA, 9:00 a,
- 24—** Youth Ministers Fellowship, Ken& Mary's, 8:00 am  
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- 25—** Hungry program Dover YMCA, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
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