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 Battleground
 Beaver Dam
 Bethany
 Bethany Hispanic
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 Bethlehem
 Boiling Springs
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 Calvary
 Camps Creek
 Carpenter's Grove
 Casar
 Christ Covenant
 Christian Freedom
 Christopher Road
 City of God
 Community
 Crestview
 David
 Double Shoals
 Double Springs
 Dover
 Eastside (KM)
 Eastside (Shelby)
 Elizabeth
 Emmanuel
 Faith
 Fallston
 Flint Hill
 Gethsemane
 Green Bethel
 Grover First
 Hope Community
 Immanuel
 Joy Christian
 Kings Mountain
 Kings Mtn. First
 Kings Mtn. Second
 Lattimore
 Lawndale
 Lily Memorial
 Living Hope
 Macedonia
 Mt. Sinai
 Mulls Memorial
 New Bethel
 New Camp Creek
 New Covenant
 New Hope
 New Jerusalem
 New Prospect
 Norman's Grove
 Northside
 Oak Grove
 Oak View
 Pathway
 Patterson Grove
 Patterson Springs
 Peach Street
 Peoples
 Plains View
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 Pleasant Grove
 Pleasant Hill
 Pleasant Ridge
 Polkville
 Poplar Springs
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<p>173rd Fall Biannual Meeting October 23, 2022 – Pleasant City Church, Shelby Monday Evening Theme: Church Without Walls <i>Matthew 28:19</i></p>		
6:00	Meal and Fellowship	
6:50	Special Music	
7:00	Call to Order	Rev. Mike Shumate
	Welcome By Host Pastor	Rev. Bryan Glisson
	Scripture/Prayer	Rev. Aaron Hinton
	Order of Business Report	Rev. Mike Shumate
	Recognition of Agencies	Rev. Mike Shumate
	Congregation Hymn	
7:20	Welcome to New Pastors/Staff	Rev. Jason Ballard
	Memorial Tribute & Dedication of Minutes	Rev. Jason Ballard
	Resolution	Rev. Mike Shumate
	Leadership & Business Affairs Team Report	Rev. Mike Shumate
	Clerk-Treasurer's Report	Debby Wease
	Budget Team Report	Rev. Will Davis
	Enlistment Team Report	Rev. Will Davis
7:40	Congregational Song & Special Music	
	Introduction of Speaker	Rev. Jason Ballard
	Pastor Jeremy Dickson, Executive Director, Baltimore Baptist Association	
8:35	Benediction	Rev. Toby LeRoy
<p>Location: Pleasant City Church 1146 County Home Road, Shelby 28152</p>		

*please
join us*

*You are
invited to
attend the
173rd Fall
Biannual
Meeting;
here is the
agenda and
location.
There will
be a meal
served at
6:00 pm.*

Bi-Annual Meeting Messengers

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

By-Law II Meetings, Section 4: Items of Business to be presented from the floor must be submitted in writing to the Associational Office at least 30 days prior to the first session of the Biannual Meeting.

Thoughts from our Staff

On Tuesday, September 12th, we held our semiannual deacon and leadership training event with our special guest Dr. Terry Long from the Baptist State Convention of NC. Terry is the Senior Consultant for church revitalization, and he was addressing the challenge of taking the first step forward in getting our churches healthy.

The point that stood out to me most was his description of the struggle that most churches actually face – developing an inward focus. Terry told us that “Churches are generally started with a passion to lead people to Jesus by building relationships, but somewhere along the line, the desire to maintain the church’s internal structure and needs takes over that passion.” Consequently, it makes sense that one first step for any church to move toward spiritual health is to move their focus outside of their walls.

In the course of the next two months our association will come together at three different times and highlight the call to move our focus beyond ourselves. At the end of September, the GCCBA will endeavor to minister to the workers of the Cleveland County Fair. If you would like to be involved in the work to share Jesus through word and deed in this unique opportunity, please contact Katie Harris in our offices at Katie@GCCBA.org by calling 704-482-3472.

In addition, we will gather on October 23rd, 2023 for our Fall Biannual Meeting at Pleasant City Church. Among the many things we will celebrate that night we will be joined by representatives from the Baltimore Baptist Association (BBA) in Baltimore, Maryland. Our speaker for the night will be the Associational Mission Strategist for the BBA, Rev. Jeremy Dickson. On that night we will be sharing with you the opportunity for your church to get involved with our developing partnership in the city of Baltimore, MD.

Lastly, the GCCBA will host the Greatest Treat Festival on Sunday evening, October 29th, beginning at 4 PM at the Shelby City Park. This is fantastic event where our churches come together to minister to our community and work alongside one another. If your church is interested in becoming a part of this event, please contact Katie Harris in our offices at Katie@GCCBA.org by calling 704-482-3472.

Don’t miss these excellent opportunities to turn your church’s focus outward and take the first step toward a healthier church life.

Jason Ballard

Week of Prayer for the Local Baptist Association October 22-29

**Praying Together for the Strength, Wellness
and Wisdom of Pastors**



Education and Network Opportunities

Ministers Conference

October 2nd
Celebrating Pastors Appreciation Month
at Topgolf.

KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the
Carolina Crossing Restaurant on Thursday,
October 5, at 8:30 am.

Lattimore Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the
Snack Shop, Thursday,
October 19, at 8:30 am.

EXCITING NEWS!

Building Update

We have moved all offices
downstairs in preparation
for the renovations
to the upstairs. If you are
coming to the office please
drive around back to
park and enter the
building.

Restore

RESTORE WHO HE THE JOY OF THY SALVATION
PSALM 51:12

GCCBA Minister's & Spouses Retreat

February 16th-18th, 2024

Ridgecrest Conference Center
Black Mountain, North Carolina

Sessions Led by:
Dr. Danny Akin

For More information please contact the GCCBA Office

Please join us for our
Fall Biannual Meeting

Monday October 23, 2023

Pleasant City Church
1146 County Home Rd
Shelby, NC 28152

Meal: 6:00 pm
Meeting: 6:50 pm

Missions Opportunities

Thanksgiving is back at the Shelby Mission Camp! On November 23rd, families all across our county will gather for a thanksgiving meal. This meal gives us an opportunity to enjoy home cooked food, spend time with friends and family, and thank God for the many blessings that he has given to us. Unfortunately, not everyone in our community will have the opportunity to enjoy a meal like this, and for many seniors and families, a traditional Thanksgiving meal is both physically and financially out of reach.

On Thanksgiving Day, the Shelby Mission Camp will be partnering with Local Churches in order to deliver Thanksgiving meals to our neighbors in need. We will need faithful volunteers on the morning of November 23rd to assist in the preparation and delivery of these meals. Two different volunteer opportunities will be available that morning. First, starting at 6:30, Kitchen volunteers will be needed to help cook and package the meals. Then, Starting at 11:30, Delivery Volunteers will be needed to carry the meals out into the community. All activities will be complete by 1:00 pm.

If you or your church would like to volunteer to help on Thanksgiving Day, please contact Robbie or Christie at the Shelby Mission Camp by calling (704) 472-0104.

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Greatest Treat Festival

Our annual Greatest Treat Festival will be held on Sunday October 29th from 4-6 pm at the Shelby City Park. This is our 20th year of this wonderful ministry opportunity. There are many different ways your church can be involved in the festival through volunteering in different areas, setting up ministry booths, etc Please contact Katie or Nicole for more information.

Missions Opportunities

Christmas Toy Store

Toy Store Applications will be November 27th 2 pm- 4 pm at the GCCBA office. The Toy Store will be open on December 12th at the Shelby Mission Camp. We are in need of volunteers to help those 2 days. Please contact Katie Harris if you would like to volunteer. Toy Donations can be brought to the Shelby Mission Camp on December 11th or to our office by December 4th

Mission Opportunity

GCCBA is collecting 1200 laundry detergent pods for the Cleveland County Rescue Mission. Items are due into our office by October 30th.



Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program

We still need volunteers to help with our feeding program on the following 2023 dates: November 24th, December 8th, December 22nd, December 29th. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Katie Harris.

Cleveland County Fair Ministry

We will once again be hosting a lunch for the Fair workers during the set up day and breakfast for the workers on the Wednesday of the Fair. We will provide food bags during lunch and toiletry bags during breakfast. We hope to make 100 of each bags, if you would like to sign up to provide bags please contact Katie.



GCCBA
FAIR MINISTRY



We will be once again be hosting a lunch and breakfast for the Fair workers that work at the Cleveland County Fair. We want to provide food bags during the lunch and toiletry bags during the breakfast. Please scan the QR Code below to sign up to provide bags or email katie@gccba.org

Bags are due to the GCCBA office by September 26th.



Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: August 2023

Food	25
Other	2
Counseling	43
Power	<u>23</u>
Total Assisted Units:	93

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 October

Bethany:

Richard Smith, 6 years

Casar:

Doug Pruett, 12 years

Peoples:

John Houze, 33 years

Plains View:

Wayne Key, 2 years

Union:

Michael Shumate, 30 years

Victory:

Dennis Wells, 30 years

Westwood Heights:

David Costner, 17 years



It is that time of year!! Time for the Annual Church Profile. I have your packets ready to be picked up here at the GCCBA Office or you can simply log on to the website and the forms are ready to be filled out!

Pray for these couples on their special day in October:

Polkville—Will and Michelle—9th

Elizabeth—Rit and Shannon—10th

Oak Grove - Jason and Krista Allen 14th

Temple – Scott and Linda Carpenter - 14th



Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.

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



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November 5 - 12, 2023

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www.gccba.org and other social media
sites for information, training, and mis-
sion opportunities. Join one of our
Facebook groups for your area!

Church Needs.....

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

New Bethel Baptist Church:

Minister of Music Position

New Bethel Baptist Church (Lawndale, NC) is in search of a Minister of Music who will serve the congregation in a part-time capacity by encouraging spiritual growth of the community through leadership in the gift of music. It will be this minister's responsibility to create and provide leadership for a ministry that contributes to a worshipful environment that both utilizes and develops the musical gifts of volunteers. In order to best serve the needs of the congregation, this minister will seek to blend traditional styles of music with new and emerging styles of worship. Further, the minister will use her/his musical gifts in vocal and instrumental performance to lead the congregation in worship. In the pursuit of these goals, the minister will work alongside, and under the supervision of, the senior pastor in order to fulfill the mission of the congregation - "Knowing Christ and making Him known". Interested candidates should send a resume or CV, statement of faith, and cover letter as an attached document to nbclawndale@gmail.com.

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 Youth

Talents Desired: Excellent leadership/shepherding skills; Effective organizational skills; Ability to motivate Middle School/High School aged youth and parents through effective communication, planning, and implementation of ministry ideas; Experience in ministering to and with Middle School/High School Youth with a heart for understanding their special needs and a desire to include these special groups in the overall ministry of the church. Job Overview: The Minister to Youth will demonstrate a strong commitment to Jesus Christ while developing and implementing a ministry for Middle/High School Youth which enhances their spiritual lives and encourages them to participate in the whole ministry of the church family to worship, work, and enjoy recreation together. Send Resume 198 Pleasant Ridge Church Road Shelby, NC 28152-9022 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.

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.

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.

If any of these positions have been filled, please let me know at nicole@gccba.org

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

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- 2**— Topgolf with Pastors
Greatest Treat Festival Meeting, GCCBA, 6:00 pm
- 5**— Grover Minister's Fellowship at Carolina Crossing, 8:30 am
- 6**— Hungry program New Prospect, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 10**— Leadership and Business Affairs Team Meeting, GCCBA, 11:45 am
- 12**— Youth ministers breakfast, Ken & Mary's, 8:00 am
- 14**— Jail Ministry Training, Elizabeth, 7:00 pm
- 13**— Hungry program with Buffalo, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 19**— Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am
- 20**— Hungry program with Mulls Memorial, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 23**— Biannual Meeting, Pleasant City, 6:00 pm
- 27**— Hungry program with Bethlehem, Shelby First, 12:30 pm
- 29**— Greatest Treat Festival, Shelby City Park, 4-6 pm