

Allen Memorial  
 Battleground  
 Beaver Dam  
 Bethany  
 Bethany Hispanic  
 Bethel  
 Bethlehem  
 Boiling Springs  
 Buffalo  
 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  
 Pleasant City  
 Pleasant Grove  
 Pleasant Hill  
 Pleasant Ridge  
 Polkville  
 Poplar Springs  
 Ross Grove  
 Sandy Plains  
 Shelby First  
 Sunrise  
 Temple  
 Trinity  
 Union  
 Victory  
 Waco  
 Wallace Grove  
 Washington Missionary  
 Westover  
 Westview  
 Westwood Heights  
 Zion  
 Zion Hill  
 Zoar

Office: 704-482-3472

Website: gccba.org



Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association

*Uniting congregations in effective missions and ministries*

# THE BEACON

Volume 66, Issue 4

April 2024

Assistance Office:  
704-481-9119

Counseling Center:  
704-472-1437

*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 29, 2024 at David Baptist Church  
 2300 David Baptist Church Rd., Kings Mtn.  
 6:00-6:45 pm Fellowship Meal**

6:50 Special Music.....Rev. Rob Craig  
 7:00 Call To Order .....Rev. Mike Shumate, Moderator  
 Welcome .....Rev. Rob Craig, Meeting Host  
 Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. Brad Bridges, Patterson Grove Baptist  
 Recognition of New Pastors/Staff ..... Jason Ballard, Associational Missionary  
 Clerk/Treasurer Report.....Mrs. Debby Wease, Clerk/Treasurer  
 Special Music .....Rev. Rob Craig  
 Speaker ..... Jason Ballard, Associational Missionary  
 Closing Prayer ..... Rev. Will Davis, Vice-Moderator

Bi-Annual Meeting Messengers

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 less than three (3) nor more than ten (10) messengers ALONG WITH ALL ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS, these 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 3

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 Bi-Annual Meeting.

By-Law II Meetings, Section 4



## Thoughts from our Staff

In the past few newsletters, I have shared about our revisioning process, but I have not entirely explained why we did it. What is Revisioning? Revisioning is the process of reassessing the needs and the direction of an organization as it adapts to the changing culture in which it exists. Why is revisioning an important process? Revisioning is important because it challenges us to take an honest appraisal of where we are in the current climate of our community and world. As the GCCBA leadership took the time to reassess our place in the current climate and culture, we realized that the health of our churches must become the major focus of our ministry. This is why we have adapted our mission statement as follows...

***The GCCBA exists to build (and rebuild) healthy churches  
BY  
uniting congregations in effective missions and ministry!***

In order for the GCCBA to achieve this amended mission, we have adopted 6 key focus efforts.

***Pastoral health, Congregational health, Leadership development, Ministry support,  
Community engagement, and Mission partnership.***

I have struggled to understand what these 6 items are. Are they Core Values? Are they vision focuses? Are they just stuff we do? Not until recently have I come to understand that they are actually a little bit of all those things. They are core values in that they are the things we hold with high importance, but that's not all. They are vision focuses because they are the 6 key things we pursue as we relate to each other – church to church, but that's not everything either. They are our main action directives because they do guide what we do, but what do we call them?

They are our ***Missional Values***. They are valuable to us because we believe that for churches to be healthy, the association must value these key items as we seek to honor Jesus Christ by sharing His gospel. They are missional to us because we believe that for our churches to be healthy, the association must pursue ministry in these areas to demonstrate the gospel of our Lord. Missional values that impact everything we do from budgets to bylaws and from meetings to ministry. What does this mean? I'm glad you asked because now we begin the task of applying these missional values to everything we do.

In fact, on April 29th, at 6 PM, we will be holding our Spring Bi-Annual Meeting at David Baptist Church in Kings Mountain, NC, and you won't want to miss this as I will be sharing the impact our six missional values. Come for a good meal and stay for an exciting time as we look forward to all that God is going to do in and through Cleveland County. What an exciting time to be a part of the GCCBA as we proclaim His great name in our county and around the world.

Jason Ballard



Baptist Children's Homes of NC is proud to announce the dedication / grand opening ceremony of River Hill Refuge to be held on location in Shelby on Saturday, April 27th. The program will start promptly at 11:00 a.m. followed by tours of the Starlite, Tucker, and Westmoreland Family Homes. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. All are invited, but reservations are required. Please register at: [www.riverhillrefuge.org](http://www.riverhillrefuge.org).

# Education and Network Opportunities



We are very excited that GCCBA is partnering with Connect Camps and our churches to bring Connect Camps to Shelby June 3rd -7th. We are so excited about having this camp in Shelby to help churches connect with children and youth in their community. Your church will be able to participate in many different ways,

some of which may be providing volunteers, feeding the Camp Staff, serving on the leadership team, and helping provide scholarships for children in your church community. This is also a great opportunity for our churches that want to take their children to a full camp experience but don't have the resources to travel out of town. To register your camper please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/45jb89tz>

## Announcing . . .

### *The 2024 GCCBA Senior Adult Music Day*

Thursday, April 18  
9:00 AM-1:00 PM

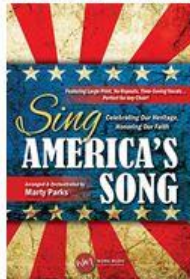
Westwood Heights Baptist Church  
650 Dellinger Rd  
Shelby, NC 28152

**Cost: \$8 per person for the meal. Please register by April 8 by submitting your money and registration sheet to the GCCBA office.**

**Make checks payable to the GCCBA.**

### *Senior Adult Public Presentation*

Sunday, April 21 – 6:00 pm  
Boiling Springs Baptist Church



*Sing America's Song* by Marty Parks

### **Ministers Conference**

Monday, April 8, 2024  
Lunch 11:30am, Program 12:00pm.  
Dr Jeff Iorg will join us for a special one on one time with Pastors.

### **KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship**

will meet at the  
Carolina Crossing Restaurant on Thursday,  
April 4, at 8:30 am.

### **Youth Pastors Fellowship**

will meet at the  
Ken and Mary's on Thursday,  
April 11, at 8:30 am.

### **Lattimore Pastors Fellowship**

will meet at the  
Quik Snak, Thursday,  
April 18, at 8:30 am.

### **Upper Cleveland Pastors Fellowship**

will meet at the  
Christie's Kitchen, Tuesday,  
April 23, at 8:30 am.



**LIFT UP THE WORD  
LIGHT UP THE WORLD**

2 SAMUEL 22:29-31

**THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024**



# Network Opportunities

We all know that international missions are an important duty God has called us to fulfill when he said to go to the nations. Many of our churches are doing a great job at this by going on international mission trips, collecting items to send to missionaries, and giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering or to an individual missionary. But many times we forget about the international mission opportunities God has given us in our own hometowns, sometimes in the backyard of our church. In America today we have a wonderful opportunity to share with the nations right here where we live. It is estimated that over 45 million immigrants live in the US, that is over 14% of our total population. Though we may not realize it in Cleveland County there are people around us that have moved from other countries and are in need of hearing about Jesus and having the hope that He gives. In the book "The Baptist Association" the writers share these words, "We need to continue to challenge people to go to the airport, get on a plane, and go to the nations-but we also need to challenge them to go to airport to welcome the planes and the nations-because God is sending them to us." I want to challenge you to do some research to find out what people groups are living near your church. Then begin having intentional conversations about how you can reach out to them, love them, and share Jesus with them. In this newsletter you will see many opportunities we are hosting for your church to be involved in missions! Please read and share this important information.

Katie Harris



**SPRING DEACON & CHURCH LEADERSHIP**  
*Training*

Topic:  
Leading your Church Through Change

Guest speaker:  
**DR. JEFF IORG**  
PRESIDENT GATEWAY SEMINARY

Patterson Grove Baptist 301 Oak Grove Rd  
Kings Mountain NC 28086

**APRIL | 8<sup>th</sup> | 2024**  
6:30 pm

Please RSVP to Katie or Nicole by April 1st.  
704-482-3472 or nicole@gccbba.org



**GCCBA SENIOR ADULT RALLY**

Please join us for a day of fun, food, and fellowship!

**April 25th, 2024 9 am- 1 pm**  
Zoar Baptist Church  
1740 S Lafayette St Shelby

RSVP BY  
APRIL 18TH

704-482-3472  
nicole@gccbba.org  
katie@gccbba.org

# Missions Opportunities

## **Church Without Walls Mission Encounter May 17th-19th**

We are very excited about our second annual Church Without Walls missions weekend. Last year we experienced a wonderful time of all ages working together to share the love of Christ in Cleveland County. Details are still being finalized about the weekend but we want you to go ahead and reserve these days on your calendar so that you can bring your family and minister together.



## **The Food Roundup for the Baptist Children's Homes!**

All Food collected in CLEVELAND COUNTY WILL STAY IN CLEVELAND COUNTY!! We now have 5 homes in our county. Let's support them BIG this year. Please bring food and gift cards to the GCCBA Office by April 25, 2024!  
A list of needs can be found at [bchfoodroundup.org](http://bchfoodroundup.org)



## **Baltimore Mission Trip June 15th-22nd**

We will be traveling to Baltimore to work with the Baltimore Baptist Association June 15th-22nd. On this trip we will be helping churches with block parties, light construction projects, food packing ministry, etc. If you are interested in going, a \$100 deposit is due by April 8th. For more information please contact, Katie.



## **Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program**

If you are interested in signing up to provide food at our Friday Feed the Hungry lunch program, please contact Katie.



## **Compassion Ministry Report**

Assistance Type: February **2024**

Food	15
Medicine	1
Clothes	1
Counseling	39
Power	<u>45</u>
Total Assisted Units:	101

## **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 April:

Community:

Scott Caldwell, 9 years

Flint Hill:

Shane Kirby, 14 years

Zion Hill:

Roger Fuller, 32 years



## Block Party Trailer

The rental calendar for our Block Party Trailer fills up fast, especially for the Spring and Summer. If you are interested in using the trailer for outreach events please call us to reserve it. The trailer includes a popcorn machine, snow cone machine, cotton candy machine, games, sound system, and more. The trailer cost \$100 to rent and includes all supplies needed to run the machines.



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

Immanuel—Tim and Tracy Wilson—16<sup>th</sup>  
Oak View—Wayne and Lesley Brazzell—20<sup>th</sup>  
Christopher Road – Mike and Jan Tucker—30<sup>th</sup>



## Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.

Carpenter's Grove ~ Eastside ~ New  
Camp Creek ~ Northside ~ Pleasant Hill  
~ Waco ~ Zion



Office Closed:

Easter Monday, April 1

Afternoon of  
Monday, April 15  
All Day April 16-17  
for the Associational  
Missions Conference



## Church Needs:

### Calvary:

Calvary Baptist Church of Shelby is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant that will perform general office work under the supervision of the Pastor, Deacons, and the Personnel Committee. The position is 20 hours per week at \$15 an hour. Those interested can email Pastor Rob at [robert@visitcalvaryonline.com](mailto:robert@visitcalvaryonline.com) for a full job description.

### Crestview:

Crestview Baptist Church of Shelby is searching for a **musical accompanist (piano)** to serve in a permanent part-time position. This will include Wednesday night choir practice and Sunday morning service, plus planning and practice time and special services as requested. Send resume to: Personnel Committee, Attn: Amy Wright/ Chairman, Crestview Baptist Church, 1090 Old Boiling Springs Road, Shelby, North Carolina 28152

### Elizabeth:

Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby NC is hiring. We are near the Cleveland County Fairgrounds. EBC has traditionally had a

## GCCBA Spring Biannual Meeting

April 29th, 2024  
Supper 6:00-6:45  
Meeting 6:50

David Baptist Church  
2300 David Baptist Church Road  
Kings Mountain, NC 28086



# Church Needs.....

long tenured staff and is a strong church. Our pastor has been here over 18 years. Due to two retirements and a vacancy, we are hiring for multiple positions. Please check out our church website for detailed information about our church, the job descriptions, and to apply. Our website is [www.elizabethchurch.org](http://www.elizabethchurch.org)

**Minister of Music-** We are currently looking for a Minister of Music to help EBC grow our music ministry. This is a full-time position with benefits. You can find detailed information about this position on our website.

**Childrens Minister-** This is a full-time position with benefits. We currently have two great part time Co-Childrens Ministers. Due to retirement, we are hiring for this position and a part time Children's Ministry Assistant. Currently we have a strong children's ministry that we would like to maintain and grow even more. You can find detailed information about this position on our website.

## **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](mailto:personnel@flinthillbaptist.org)

## **First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain:**

**Church Secretary** - posted March 2024 (position to be filled ASAP)  
First Baptist Church is seeking an Office Assistant. The Personnel Policies require that this person not be a member of First Baptist, but must be active in a local church and above all else display Godly Christian character. The duties for this position will include those normally associated with a receptionist and secretary. The Church Secretary will operate under the regular supervision of the Pastor, Church Staff, and Office Manager. Anyone interested should send a resume to the church by email to [brochip@fbckm.com](mailto:brochip@fbckm.com) or [contact@fbckm.com](mailto:contact@fbckm.com) or drop it off in person to the main Church office located at 605 West King Street. The official job description and details for this position are available on request - [contact@fbckm.com](mailto:contact@fbckm.com) or by calling 704-739-3651.

## **Second Baptist Church, Kings Mountain:**

### **Director of Student Ministries**

We are looking to hire an exemplary individual with outstanding leadership abilities to guide our Church's various ministries to students. This individual will strive to encourage all students in their spiritual growth, teaching them to expand their knowledge of God, and support them to develop their love for Him and others. The Director of Student Ministries will attend student functions at schools, grow relationships with the education community, and provide students and their families with Biblical counselling. To be successful in this position means providing students with a place to belong that gives them the courage to stand for Christ among unhealthy peer pressure. Ideal candidates should have insight and understanding of the challenges facing students and a compassionate response to their situations. Second Baptist Church, 120 Linwood Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086, 704-739-4216

## **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 [nbbclawndale@gmail.com](mailto:nbbclawndale@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](mailto: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.

Oak Grove Baptist Church **Tech & Assistant Tech Positions** Available  
There are two prospective "tech" and "assistant tech" paid positions available to be filled at Oak Grove Baptist Church in KM. Positions will need to be filled by this August of this year. The person(s) will work with all our pro presenter software, tracks, ppt music and announcement slides, streaming services, website, sound system, etc... and assist the pastor and other staff with tech help where possible and as needed. Experience levels can vary. If interested, please contact the church office at 704-739-4833 and email at: [ogbc1022@gmail.com](mailto:ogbc1022@gmail.com). Resumes can be sent to the attention of Pastor Jason Allen and/or Mike Ledford (WMTL).

## **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](mailto:alowery52@gmail.com)

## **Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church:**

PRBC of Shelby is seeking a **part-time Administrative Assistant** that will demonstrate a strong commitment to Jesus Christ while working with the Ministerial staff in assisting them with the daily operations of the church. The Administrative Assistant, while answerable to the Personnel Committee, is accountable to the Senior Pastor on a day-to-day basis as a member of the church staff. perform general office work under the supervision of the Pastor and the Personnel Committee. The position is 24 hours a week at \$ 18.00 an hour. Those interested can e-mail Bobby Jones at [bejones715@yahoo.com](mailto:bejones715@yahoo.com) for a full job description.

## **Polkville:**

Polkville Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking a **Minster to Students**. Those interested must have a call by God to vocational church ministry and a degree, or working towards, from an accredited college/university in religious studies. Those considered will show a desire to work with students of all ages from birth through college age; work with the pastor by providing a vision for students in the church and community; work with parents and families to establish discipleship programs for all student ages; and work with children and youth planning teams to organize and implement ministry to students of the church. For full job description please send an email request to [employment@polkvillebaptist.com](mailto:employment@polkvillebaptist.com). Resumes will be accepted by email, [employment@polkvillebaptist.com](mailto:employment@polkvillebaptist.com).

## **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.

## **Zoar:**

Zoar Baptist Church is seeking a **part time(15-16hr/wk) administrative assistant**. The Administrative Assistant is directly responsible to the pastor for organizing the tasks and functions of the church office. In addition to general office duties, the administrative assistant will be responsible for assisting all staff and church leadership in the tasks of ministry. A general knowledge of Microsoft Office, Microsoft Publisher, Google Suites, and general bookkeeping skills are desired. Please submit resumes by Email to: [Personnel@ZoarChurch.com](mailto:Personnel@ZoarChurch.com) OR mail to: Attention: Personnel Committee-Zoar Baptist Church 1740 S. Lafayette St. Shelby, NC 28152

Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association, Inc.  
1175 Wyke Road  
Shelby, NC 28150

Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
SHELBY, NC 28150  
PERMIT NO. 40  
Return Service Requested



**If you are not going to read the printed version of the newsletter, please call and have your name removed from the mailing list. We can add you to the email list, if you so desire.**

# THE BEACON

## ***STAFF & EMAIL***

Associational Missionary Strategist:  
Jason Ballard  
jason@gccbba.org

Missions & Ministry Team Leader:  
Katie Harris  
katie@gccbba.org

Office Administrator:  
Nicole Mosley  
nicole@gccbba.org



- 1**– GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 4**– Grover/KM Minister's Fellowship at Carolina Crossing, 8:30 am
- 8**– Minister's Conference, GCCBA, 11:30 am  
Spring Leadership and Deacon Training, Patterson Grove, 6:30 pm
- 11**– Youth Minister's Breakfast, Ken and Mary, 8:00 am  
Leadership/Business Affairs Team Meeting, GCCBA, 11:45 am
- 15**–GCCBA CLOSED AT NOON
- 16-17**– GCCBA CLOSED
- 18**–Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am  
Senior Music Day, Westwood Heights, 9 am-1 pm
- 21**– Senior Music Day Presentation, Boiling Springs, 6:00 pm
- 25**–Upper Cleveland Minister's Fellowship at Christie's Kitchen, 8:30 am  
Senior Rally, Zoar, 9 am –1 pm
- 29**–Spring Biannual Meeting, David, 6:00 pm