

- 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
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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



**Thank
you!**



Office Closed:

Monday May 27 for
Memorial Day

Thoughts from our Staff

If you have read the past few newsletters, you know that I have been sharing about our revisioning here at the GCCBA. Our mission remains as it has been with an amended focus:

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 missional values.

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

On April 29th, we will hold our Spring Biannual Meeting at David Baptist Church in Kings Mountain, NC, and I will be sharing the impact our six missional values will have on our association. Since it is not possible for each and every one of our churches and members to be present, I wanted to take the next few newsletters to expand and explain these Missional Values and explore how they will be impacting our association. We will begin with Pastoral Health.

In our world today, many experts have described the "job" of the pastor (or any minister) as one of the most stressful and challenging "jobs" that exist. As you can imagine, they carry the burden of care for each of their church members, often on confidential issues or health crises. They also bear the responsibility of leading the organization of the church, from the committees and administration to the facility and grounds. Then, as if that wasn't enough, we call on them to open the Word of God each Sunday and bring us a fresh word from the Lord. With these responsibilities comes physical, emotional and spiritual stress and since the COVID pandemic, the tole has become more evident as pastors who were considered successful and strong in their ministries have begun stepping aside and retiring.

This has presented the GCCBA with a responsibility of caring for and nurturing the pastors of our churches who frequently are the least cared for members of any church. We do this monthly with our Pastors' Conference that meets on the first Monday of each month. We invite guest speakers from our state convention partners, local mission partners, and resource partners who offer helpful support for pastors in their leadership. In addition, this time creates a small group support among our pastors with prayer and encouragement. Then once a year we offer the Restore retreat for pastors and spouses at Ridgecrest where past speakers have been Dr. Danny Akin and Dr. Sandy Marks. Lastly, the GCCBA offers several connections to confidential counseling for pastors in times of crisis or need.

The GCCBA recognizes the stress placed on our pastors and our responsibility to care for their needs. Take time today to encourage and pray for your pastor. Ask them if they are aware of the monthly Pastors' Conference and encourage them to connect to other pastors through the GCCBA who want to encourage them. Since we believe that we can't build healthy churches without building healthy pastors, the GCCBA is committed to the health of our pastors. Join us in making sure we support our shepherds as they lead us in faith and life.

Jason Ballard

I am currently reading the book *Disciple* by Dr. Chuck Lawless, a professor at Southeastern Seminary. I have been especially challenged by the idea that he presents that a church needs to know who makes up their community so that there can be a strategically planned outreach strategy. He goes on to say that we expect missionaries to learn, study, and know the area they are going to be serving in yet as churches we don't know about who lives down the street from us. So we plan outreach events that are often not targeted to those who are in our communities. He also writes, "Our hearts are more likely to break over lostness when we know the faces and names of those lost people." So today I challenge you to consider if you really know the makeup of the community your church is trying to reach. And then think and pray about how your church's outreach strategy needs to look in order to reach your community. I would love to come and talk to your church or group about how you can better serve and reach out to those God has placed in your community.

Katie Harris

Education and Network Opportunities



We are very excited that GCCBA is partnering with Connect Camps and our churches to bring a Connect Camp 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 can participate in many different ways, some of

which may be providing volunteers, feeding the Camp Staff, making Welcome bags for the camp staff, 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. If you would like to discuss how your church can be involved please contact Katie. To learn more about camp or to register your camper please visit: connectcamps.com/shelby

Summer Missionary

This summer Addison Wease and Maggie Deviney will be back helping us as our Summer Missionaries. These 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.



Wishing you the very best this Mother's Day!

Sunday May 12

Ministers Conference

Monday, May 6, 2024

Leading through Preaching Conference with Dr. Danny Akin, Dr. Scott Pace, and Dr. Chuck Lawless at Fruitland Baptist Bible College

KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the Carolina Crossing Restaurant on Thursday, May 2, at 8:30 am.

Youth Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the Ken and Mary's on Thursday, May 9, at 8:30 am.

Lattimore Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the Bulldog Quik Snak, Thursday, May 16, at 8:30 am.

Upper Cleveland Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the Christie's Kitchen, Tuesday, May 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



Mission Opportunities

You provide NC children food while pointing them to Jesus.



April 2024

Slides, ads and other resources are at bchfoodroundup.org. For more info call 336-474-1277

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

You are invited to join us for a

Ministry Assistant Appreciation Luncheon

Thursday May 16th 11:30 am
GCCBA Office

RSVP Nicole 704-482-3472
nicole@gccba.org



Giving Thanks

A CENTURY OF CARING

2024
MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING
WEEK of PRAYER
MAY 5-11, 2024



Missions Opportunities

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.



VBS is one of the biggest outreach events of the year! Let me know at nicole@gccba.org the details of your church VBS, so we can pray with you.

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 ASAP. For more information please contact Katie.

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.



Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: March 2024

Food	12
Medicine	1
Counseling	33
Power	27
Total Assisted Units:	71

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 May:

Washington Missionary:
Melvin Clark, 14 years



Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.

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



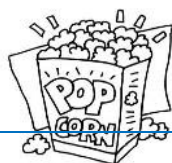
Pray for these couples on their special day in May:

Victory - Dennis and Carol Wells 13th
Eastside, KM - Ron and Kristy Caulder -18th
Norman's Grove - Chris and Angela Decker - 19th
Poplar Springs—Aaron and Downey Hinton—19th
Boiling Springs – Keith and Mary Ruth Dixon - 21st
Double Springs—Dale and Linda Byrd—25th
Bethel - Tim and Angela Sims - 27th
Lawndale - Randy and Michelle Willis - 27th



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.



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Baptist Children's Homes
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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 : 433
Foster Children served to date: 848

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

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 for a full job description.

Camps Creek :

Camps Creek Baptist Church located at 2318 Camps Creek Church Road in Mooresboro NC is accepting applications for the position of **part-time administrative assistant**. This position is a 16-hour work week with days and times flexible. For additional information and a detailed job description, please contact Camps Creek Baptist Church at 704 434 2354 or via email at: campscreek@yahoo.com

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 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

Worship Pastor- 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.

Church Needs.....

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

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 or 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 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.

Oak Grove:

Oak Grove Baptist Church is prayerfully looking to add to its existing staff. We are in need of 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.

Oak Grove Baptist Church is also looking to fill (part time) **Lead Tech & Assistant Tech Positions**. These positions need to be filled by August of this year. The person(s) will work with all our pro presenter software, tracks, music, ppt lyric and announcement slides, streaming services, website, sound system, etc... and assist the pastor and other staff with

tech help during Sunday worship and throughout the week where possible and as needed. Experience levels can vary. If interested, please contact us via email at: ogbc1022@gmail.com; snail mail at: 1022 Oak Grove Rd. Kings Mtn., NC 28086; or contact us at the church office during church hours at: 704-739-4833. Mark your information to the attention of Pastor Jason and the Worship Ministry Team. (WMT)

Oak Grove Baptist Church is in need of a **part-time administrative assistant**. (church secretary) The work week will consist of regular office hours on specific days of the week and range between 18 to 20hrs a week. The position will consist of working in all aspects and operations of the church office which includes but is not limited to: assisting the pastor and other church staff where needed, proficient in order entry of data, willing to work with different computer software and programs where needed, able to answer phone calls, emails & other church formats of communication, maintain the church calendar, work with existing ministry teams, assist church members, be a positive outlet to the community, and such, as well as any other job requirements that might be deemed necessary.

If interested, please contact the church via email at: ogbc1022@gmail.com and mark your resume to the attention of: The Deacons/Personnel at Oak Grove. You can also send your info via snail mail at: Oak Grove Baptist Church (attn: Deacons/Personnel) 1022 Oak Grove Rd. Kings Mtn., NC 28086

Pleasant City:

Pleasant City Church is hiring an **Associate Children's Director**. PCC is located in Shelby, NC. We have an average Sunday attendance of 1100 with a Children's Ministry involving a weekly average of 210 children from Birth-5th grade. Our church exists to love God, connect with others, and reach the world. We encourage each applicant to visit our website to view our beliefs, culture and layout of our church: www.pleasantcitychurch.com For more information contact Corby Haneline at chaneline@pccshelby.com or call him at 704-473-8832.

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 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 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. Resumes will be accepted by email, 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.

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