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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.

As we continue to explore the 6 missional values, I wanted to share with you about what our missional value of Community Engagement means. Through this missional value the GCCBA develops partnerships locally to engage our churches in ministry to their local community.

The GCCBA regularly engages the community as we aid individuals in our community in areas of need. Through this process, the GCCBA partners with several funding sources to provide a portion of the need with utility bills. Through many church donations, we offer emergency food supplies for families and individuals struggling with a food crisis, and some medicines.

This summer the GCCBA is attempting two new endeavors to bring our churches together for community engagement. First, the GCCBA is sponsoring Connect Camp Shelby at Eastside Baptist Church on June 3 through the 7. This is a Christian Day Camp program running from 7:45 AM to 5 PM. This is a great opportunity for kids to get all the experience of a Christian overnight camp in a day camp format. For more information and rates check out this link:

<https://connectcamps.com/shelby/>

Second, we are working alongside the Shelby Mission Camp to support Serve NC, a statewide emphasis from the NC Baptist Convention. ServeNC will take place August 3–10 and is a single week focused on getting our churches out serving their community. We are currently working to plan a kick-off and celebration event, so stay tuned for news!

Thoughts from our Staff

In addition, the GCCBA partners with several organizations locally to assist in ongoing ministry. The Shelby Mission Camp is our local partner with the statewide organization known as Baptist on Mission. The Cleveland County Rescue Mission is an emergency shelter for the homeless and recovery program for individuals who are without a home or in need of assistance. The Baptist Children's Home is our local partner to its statewide organization that provide temporary, foster, and long-term children's homes. We partner with these organizations to connect our churches to projects and needs year-round so that our churches can engage in these unique circumstances with the expert assistance of each organization.

Furthermore, the GCCBA participates in Community Engagement through several ministry events and emphases throughout the year. Every fall the GCCBA is involved in ministry to the Cleveland Country Fair workers as we provide lunch on set up day, as well as breakfast in the middle of the week along with gift bags of toiletries. Through these acts of kindness, the GCCBA endeavors to share the love of Christ. A few weeks after the fair, the GCCBA sponsors the Greatest Treat Festival in Shelby as a means of bringing together partner churches to share the love of Christ in our community. We finish out the year with the Christmas Toy Store where needy families are provided not just gifts for their children but pastoral counseling as well.

If you or your church are interested in ways to get involved in ministering in your community, please feel free to contact us here at the GCCBA so that we can plug you in to new ways to engage the community!

Jason Ballard

Gratitude for Your Generosity to Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

I hope this note finds you well. On behalf of everyone at Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, I wanted to extend our deepest gratitude for your recent donation of food gifts, and supplies. Your generosity means the world to us and directly impacts the lives of the children under our care. Your thoughtful contribution not only provides essential nourishment but also sends a powerful message of love and support to those who need it most. It's through the kindness and compassion of individuals like you that we are able to continue our mission of providing a safe and nurturing environment for children in need.

Please know that your generosity has made a significant difference in the lives of these children, offering them hope and comfort during challenging times. We are truly grateful for your ongoing support and partnership in our shared commitment to serving those in our community. Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity. We are deeply appreciative of your continued support and look forward to the opportunity to express our gratitude in person someday soon.

Pastor Jody Yopp
Senior Director of Development and Planned Giving



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

We welcome back Addison Wease and Maggie Deviney who were with us last year. Both of them 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.

Baltimore Mission Trip

Please be in prayer for our Mission Team that will be traveling to Baltimore June 15th-22nd to work with the churches of the Baltimore Baptist Association.



Ministers Conference

Monday, June 10, 2024
11:30 am

Make a note of the date change!
We will be at The Simpson Farm & Venue for a cookout!

KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship

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

Youth Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the Ken and Mary's on Thursday, June 13, at 8:30 am.

Lattimore Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the Bulldog Quik Snak, Thursday, June 20, at 8:30 am.

Upper Cleveland Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the Christie's Kitchen, Tuesday, June 27, at 8:30 am.

save the date

2025 Minister's & Spouses Pastors Retreat

Save the Date: February 28th-March 2nd, 2025

Ridgecrest Retreat Center

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeff Iorg,

President/CEO of the SBC Executive Committee

More details about registering will be made available very soon.



Love. Grow. Serve.

Mission 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!

June 2-5

Hope Community—2nd at 6:30pm - M-W 9-noon

June 2-6

Double Springs, Lattimore, Pleasant Ridge, and Sandy Plains are holding a joint VBS at Pleasant Ridge. Sunday, June 2 through Thursday June 6 from 5:30-8:00 nightly. We have supper, worship, lessons, crafts, and games for ALL ages.

June 2 -6

Mt Sinai—Theme is Breaker Rock Beach—
5:30-8:30 each night with dinner being served from 5:15-5:45 each night



June 2nd-6th

Zoar—6:00-8:30. Stellar is the theme

June 2nd-7th

Northside—The Great Jungle Journey—Kick off- May 29th 6:00-7:30, VBS June 2- 7 5:30 (supper) VBS from 6:00-8:00



June 9-12

Bethlehem

June 16 – 19

Boiling Springs and Green Bethel. - Meeting at Boiling Springs — We are including a class for adults, too. Times – June 16 – Kickoff - 4:00-8:00 and June 17-19 from 6:00 – 8:30.

June 17-19

New Prospect—Breaker Rock Beach—5:30-8 pm

June 17-21

Breaker Rock Beach— New Bethel Baptist, Lawndale Methodist, Fallston, Lawndale Baptist
Location: Lawndale Methodist— 5:30 -8



June 19-23

Union - 5:30pm supper, 6:15pm VBS, 6:15-7:15 adult VBS

June 21-23

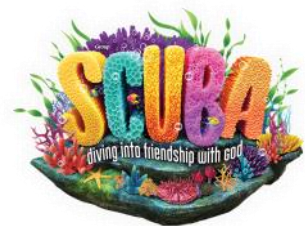
Christopher Road—June 21st, Fri. 5-7, June 22nd, Sat.10-12, Sun. June 23rd, 10:30-2. Sunday, pizza lunch, jumpy house after church.—Outback Rock, weekend VBS

June 23-26

Ross Grove—Set Sail" theme - 6 pm -8 pm. We will have a family night on Wednesday

June 23-28

Breaker Rock Beach VBS—Allen Memorial—5:30-8:00 PM—Ages 3 through 6th grade
Meal served nightly at 5:30 PM. Family Night program, June 28th & meal to follow.



June 23-28

Breaker Rock Beach VBS—Patterson Grove—6:00-8:35pm, Ages 3- 5th grade.

June 24th-27th

Beaver Dam Baptist - Scuba VBS—6-8:15 pm snacks provided - ages 4 years old to raising 6th graders

June 24-28

First Baptist Kings Mountain—Breaker Rock Beach


Missions Opportunities

Wanted

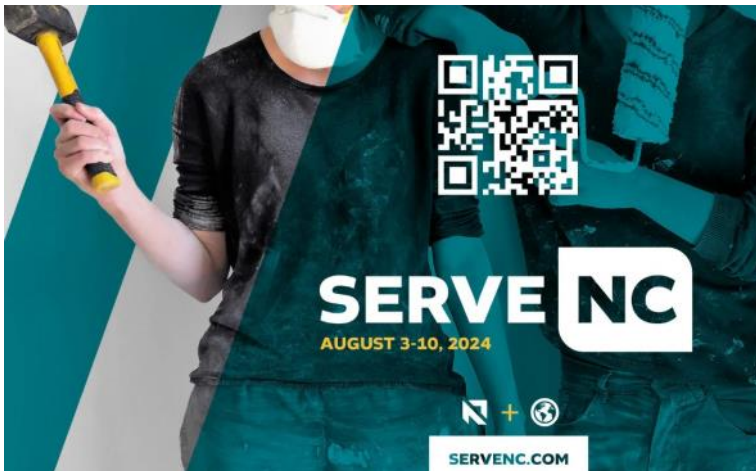
- Bibles (all kinds in any condition); Christian Literature (Sunday School, church training, tracts, devotionals, magazines from Christian publishers, etc.);
- Christian Books of all kinds (hymns, Bible Study, concordances, Bible dictionaries and regular dictionaries, commentaries, children and adult 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.

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STUDENT SUCCESS

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.



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: April **2024**
 Food 8
 Counseling 28
 Power 29
 Total Assisted Units: 65

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 June:

Bethlehem:
Steve Taylor, 15 years
Calvary:
Robert Rash, 3 years
Faith:
JR Robbins, 28 years
Green Bethel:
Wade Wallace, 28 years



Pray for these couples on their special day in June:

Double Shoals—Brian and Susan Johnson—5th
New Hope – Russ and Melody Bradley - 6th
Ross Grove - Marcus and Brittany McGill - 9th
Patterson Grove—Brand and Lindsey Bridges—12th
Lattimore – Buddy and Meredith Morehead- 13th
Trinity - Michael and Charlene Frazier - 14th
Westview - Rick and Susan Bowling - 14th
Westwood Heights - David and Angie Costner - 14th
KM 2nd – Dennis and Patricia Pruitt -20th
Zion Hill—Roger and Cynthia Fuller—25th
Allen Memorial—Reese and Wendy English—27th
Pleasant Grove—Toby and Kristen Bird—30th



Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.

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



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.



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

Foster Homes Licensed to date : 439

Foster Children served to date: 869

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



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

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.

I ♥ VBS

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.

Church Needs.....

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.

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

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 nbclawndale@gmail.com.

Northside:

Northside Baptist Church is seeking a **pianist** call Gary Barnette 704-466-6734.

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

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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