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 Flint Hill
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 Green Bethel
 Grover First
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 Lily Memorial
 Living Hope
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 Mt. Sinai
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 New Bethel
 New Camp Creek
 New Covenant
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 New Jerusalem
 New Prospect
 Norman's Grove
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 Pathway
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 BY
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 These six missional values will help shape our future ministries,
 trainings, and financial plans!



Thoughts from our Staff

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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 Mission Partnership means. Through this missional value the GCCBA develops partnerships globally to engage our churches in ministry to the global community for just as Christ calls us, we are to go to our "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

The GCCBA endeavors to develop mission partners that will offer opportunities for our churches to engage with missionaries in our country and around the world. By the time you read this, I will be on the mission field or returning from it with 27 members of our churches as they link arms with our newly developing church partners in Baltimore, Maryland. This partnership was started last year with a vision trip among several pastors and is only now in its infancy. As we go to serve one church in leading a Vacation Bible School and several others in evangelistic outreaches, our hope is to partner our participating churches with these church plants and replants in a city which is in dire need of the gospel.

Very soon, several of our churches will once again return to Hungary to conduct English Speaking Bible Camps. Our prayers are with Buffalo Baptist Church, Bethlehem Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain as they continue this important ministry of leading children in their growing knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Many more of our churches are partnering globally and we as an association want to applaud, encourage and prayerfully support their efforts. Just as well, we at the GCCBA want to help our globally active mission churches engage our other churches with the knowledge and experience they have in connecting to missionaries around the world. We at the GCCBA are working to develop a new gathering event this fall to celebrate the mission work that all of our churches have been able to do and to join together when possible, to further those causes. As these plans come together, we will share them in hopes that you too may bring your church to work together.

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

Jason Ballard



Office will be
closed Thursday,
July 4, 2023



Pastoral Health



Ministers Conference

No Minister's Conference!

KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship

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

Youth Pastors Fellowship

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

Lattimore Pastors Fellowship

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

Upper Cleveland Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the
Christie's Kitchen, Tuesday,
July 25, at 8:30 am.

Pray for these couples on their special day in July:

Flint Hill – Shane & Emily Kirby—1st
KM - Tim & Andrea Whitesides - 18th
Calvary—Robert & Rebekah Rash—27th
Green Bethel—Wade & Linda Wallace—29th
KM 1st - Bro Chip and Martha Sloan — 31st



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.

Pastors Anniversaries for July:

Bethel:
Tim Sims, 20 years
Immanuel:
Ted Easter, 23 years
Kings Mountain:
Tim Whitesides, 10 years
Mount Sinai:
Tim Trexler, 24 years
Ross Grove:
Marcus McGill, 8years



PASTORAL TRAINING LAB

Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association
Thursday, September 12th, 2024

Topic: Developing Leaders Within The Church

Presenter: Dr. David Horner

Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. *A meal will be provided.*

Experience a transformative day of learning and growth at one of our one-day Pastor Training Labs. Engage in enriching sessions led by seasoned leaders, covering key topics in pastoral ministry. Gain practical insights, sharpen your skills and connect with fellow pastors in an informal environment. Elevate your leadership and deepen your impact in just one day.





Ministry Support



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 7-11
 New Hope
 theme is Jungle Journey from Answers in Genesis



July 14-18
 Pleasant City Church

July 14th -18th
 Elizabeth
 We are meeting 5:30pm – 6:00pm – Dinner then break off to the Sanctuary, group classes for bible study and activities, we will conclude each night at 8:15pm.

July 15-19
 Buffalo



July 21-24
 Eastside, Shelby

July 26-28
 Carpenter's Grove
 Friday July 26 6-9
 Saturday July 27 9-2
 Sunday July 28 9am- until

July 29th-Aug 3
 Flint Hill
 5:30-8:30 with Supper provided

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.



Summer Missionary

This summer we have 2 ladies helping out as our Summer Interns. Both of them are 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.





Community Engagement



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. We are now beginning 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. These prayer walks typically take place the weekend before school starts which would be August 10th/11th.

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.

May 2024 Update

Total Foster Homes Licensed

459

Total Children Served in Foster Homes

1,029

Thank you NC Baptists!



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 50 people.



Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: May **2024**

Food 17

Power 55

Total Assisted Units: 72

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



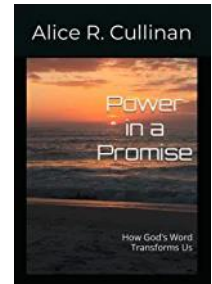
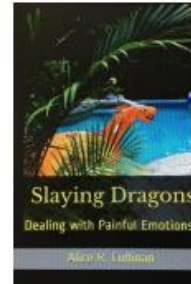
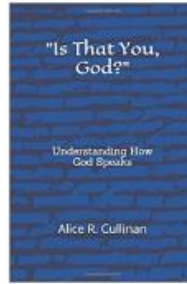
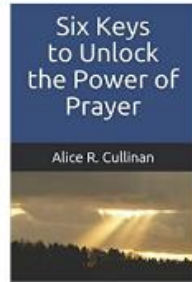
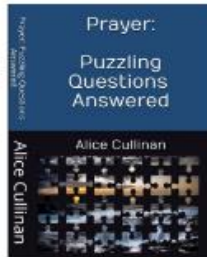
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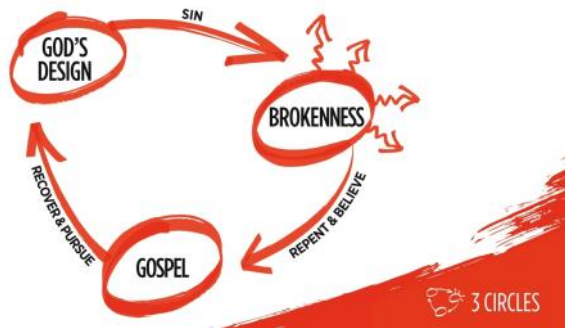
ATTENTION all PASTORS and TEACHERS!

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 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.



July is a big vacation month! Share Jesus while on vacation!



Missions Partnerships



Baltimore Mission Trip

This week our Mission Team is serving in Baltimore with several churches doing VBS, Block Parties, light construction, street evangelism, and they will also be participating in a food packing event that will provide food for different food ministries in and around Baltimore. We are excited to start this new partnership with the Baltimore Baptist Association. Please be in prayer for this new partnership and how you and your church can be involved in the future.



Congregational Health



Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.

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



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: camps creek@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 nbbclawndale@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.

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.

First Baptist Church of Shelby

Location: 120 N. Lafayette St., Shelby, NC 28150. Do you have a passion for cooking? Are you seeking a rewarding job in a safe, Christian environment with a long-standing commitment to childcare? First Baptist Church of Shelby Weekday Ministries is currently hiring a Food Service Coordinator. Position Details: Role: **Food Service Coordinator**, Experience: Preferred, but we are willing to train the right candidate. Environment: Safe, Christian setting with a rich history of nurturing Children. If you are interested, please reach out to Penny Corn at: Phone: 704-482-3460, Email: childcare3460@fbcshelby.org

Zion:

Zion Baptist Church, Shelby Zion Baptist Church is seeking a **part-time Minister of Children**. The primary responsibilities are planning, coordinating, and implementing age appropriate Bible Study and fellowship activities for children ages 3 years old- 5th grade. 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: Minister of Children Position) or hard copies may be mailed to: Minister of Youth Committee 525 West Zion Church Road Shelby, NC 28150

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