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 Bethel
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 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)
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 Faith
 Fallston
 Flint Hill
 Gethsemane
 Green Bethel
 Grover First
 Hope Community
 Immanuel
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 Kings Mountain
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 New Camp Creek
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 Peach Street
 Peoples
 Plains View
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 Poplar Springs
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Uniting congregations in effective missions and ministries

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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 Leadership Development means. Through this missional value the GCCBA endeavors to come alongside our churches in developing leaders that will lead our churches into the next generation. This includes developing those who feel called to the ministry and pastorate as well as those who are called to lead in supporting roles within the church. The future of our churches will be determined by the development of leaders for the next generation.

One major way that this missional value will be developed is through the Foothills South Residency Project. This project in cooperation with our state convention and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary offers a learning community for young pastors, staff members who may desire to step into the pastorate one day, pastors new to our area, or those who are wrestling with a call to the pastorate to be PREPARED, CONNECTED, and MOBILIZED for service in our community.

The project will meet monthly for all "residents" or participants, as we gather for discussions of important content by some of our most seasoned pastors of our local area. In addition, to the monthly meeting, each "resident" will also be receiving ministry coaching from the directional team made up of those seasoned local pastors as well. If the resident chooses to participate in some added responsibilities, master level credits are available through Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. All of this is offered for free to those who will faithfully attend the 10 meetings over the next year.

Thoughts from our Staff

In addition, the GCCBA is working to prepare for our fall schedule of events which will include our semiannual Leadership Training event that seeks to train deacons and church leaders in the skills needed for leading in our churches today.

The future of our churches is dependent on the future leaders that will guide our congregations. We at the GCCBA are committed to equipping them for a bright future and a great tomorrow as we all seek to make disciples and reach the world for Christ.

Jason Ballard

This summer has been filled with wonderful opportunities to share Christ love with those in our community and around the world. We kicked off the summer hosting Connect Camp where we served over 75 children during the week long camp. The camp was lots of fun and we are thankful for those who volunteered to help during the week. Then a few weeks ago our association led a mission trip to Baltimore to work with the Baltimore Baptist Association. During this trip the team was able to do construction at a church, work in a VBS, do several block parties, and participate in a food packing event. We are thankful for the mission team members that gave their time to serve in Baltimore this week. I am so encouraged and excited to see how many of our churches are planning events and mission opportunities to reach out to their communities. As you have heard me say before School Partnerships are a wonderful way for a church to connect with it's community. If your church is yet to partner with a school please reach out to me! We are continuing to pray for your church!

Serving together,
Katie



Missions Partnerships

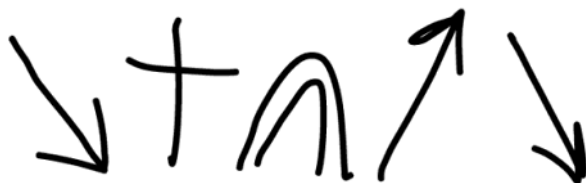


North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) is a special offering received during the month of September that brings relief to those in need, helps plant churches and mobilizes N.C. Baptists for missions.

The theme for 2024 is "Relief for today. Hope for tomorrow." and the offering goal is \$2.6 million.



Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 (HCSB)





Pastoral Health



Ministers Conference

Monday, August 7, 2023

Lunch 11:30am, Program 12:00pm.

Speaker: Mark Mirza, Common Thread Ministry

KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the
Carolina Crossing Restaurant on Thursday,
August 1, at 8:30 am.

Youth Pastors Fellowship

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

Lattimore Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the
Bulldog Quik Snak, Thursday,
August 15, at 8:30 am.

Upper Cleveland Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the
Christie's Kitchen, Tuesday,
August 22, at 8:30 am.

Pray for these couples on their special day in August:

Union - Michael and Edith Shumate - 1st
New Bethel— Carson and Laney Putnam—10th
Beaver Dam – Tom and Joanna Runyon - 12th
Pleasant City - Bryan and Tina Glisson- 22nd



SIGN UP NOW

2025 Minister's & Spouses Pastors Retreat

Save the Date: February 28- March 2, 2025

Ridgecrest Retreat Center

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeff Iorg, SBC Executive
Committee President/CEO

Cost: Early bird price (pay by 8/31) \$375, regular
price \$450 per couple

Pastors Anniversaries for August:

Camps Creek:

Steve Durham, 3 years

Fallston:

Toby LeRoy, 1 year

Macedonia:

Michael Horne, 16 years

Normans Grove

Chris Decker, 3 years

Poplar Springs:

Aaron Hinton, 1 year

Westview:

Rick Bowling, 15 years



Standing In The Gap
In Prayer For Our
Pastors & Leadership



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!

August 1-3
Oak Grove



August 4-8
Trinity Baptist Church
6:00-8:30 pm
Jungle Journey

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.



COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

Join us and shred old papers & documents for FREE!
Open to the public!



Thursday September 5th, 2024

10 am-1 pm

GCCBA office

1175 Wyke Rd Shelby

Reminder of Meetings in August.

Enlistment Team Meeting,
August 13 at 11:45am

Leadership and Business Affairs Teams- August 22 at 11:45am

Business Affairs Team—
September 10 at 11:45am





Community Engagement



PARTNERS for 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. 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.


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.




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.



Greatest Treat Festival

It's time to start planning for our annual Greatest Treat Festival. The festival will be held on October 27th from 4-6 pm at the Shelby City Park. We will hold a planning meeting on August 26th at 6 pm at our office. If you are interested in learning how your church can participate please make plans to join.



Love. Grow. Serve.

Compassion Ministry Report		GCCBA FOOD PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS:	
Assistance Type: June 2024		** DIAPERS	
Food	19	ALWAYS NEEDED **	
Counseling	32	Spaghetti sauce	
Power	<u>31</u>	spaghetti noodles	
Total Assisted Units:	83	peanut butter	
		jelly	
		crackers	
		cereal	



The pantry always needs everything, but the items listed are what we go through the fastest!



Leadership Development



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.



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



Boiling Springs:

Boiling Springs Baptist Church is seeking a **part-time organist/accompanist**. Please send resume and inquiries bsbcsearch2024@gmail.com

Calvary:

Calvary Baptist Church is seeking a **Children and Youth Ministry Intern** to aid in the growth, development, and engagement of their Children and Youth ministry. The internship will last 10 weeks and the total pay will be \$3000. For more information and to apply, please contact Pastor Rob at robert@visitcalvaryonline.com.

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@flintheillbaptist.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



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students and a compassionate response to their situations. Second Baptist Church, 120 Linwood Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086, 704-739-4216

Lattimore:

Lattimore Baptist Church is seeking a pastor that is called by God, lead by and inspired by the Holy Spirit. He must be a man with the heart that loves his people of the church and the community. He must be well versed in scripture and able to teach others to grow in their faith. If you feel called please respond to lattimorebaptistchurch1@gmail.com

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.

Patterson Grove:

Patterson Grove Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, NC, is seeking a **Part-Time "Director Of Children's Ministries"**, to oversee all Children's Classes and Children's activities, Birth to Grade 5. Responsibilities include (but are not limited to) serving as the primary support person for the Children's Department. The "Director Of Children's Ministries" will come alongside the Pastor in equipping the ministry of the Church with an emphasis upon the spiritual growth of the children. He/She should demonstrate a love for God and people that is expressed in a passion for evangelism, outreach, and missions. He/She shall have a passion for God's Word and a willingness to lead the children and congregation as a whole to serve our community, plan and promote Bible study and activities to prompt spiritual growth for the children, develop programs to enlist and retain the children, etc. A complete job description can be viewed @ PGBCKM.org. The Pastor will be the supervisor of "The Director Of Children's Ministries", and all duties will be performed with and under his supervision. This is a contract position for a duration of 12 months with an option for renewal, for an average of 20 hours per week, and at an annual salary of \$20,800. If interested, please email questions or resumes to personnel@pgbckm.org or mail to Patterson Grove Baptist Church Personnel, 301 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Applications will be accepted thru July 31, 2024.

Patterson Grove Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, NC, is seeking a **Part-Time "Director Of Youth"**. Responsibilities include (but are not limited to) serving as the primary support person for the Youth. The "Director Of Youth" will come alongside the Pastor in equipping the ministry of the

Church with an emphasis upon the spiritual growth of the youth. He/She should demonstrate a love for God and people that is expressed in a passion for evangelism, outreach, and missions. He/She shall have a passion for God's Word and a willingness to lead the youth and congregation as a whole to serve our community, plan and promote Bible study and activities to prompt spiritual growth for the youth, develop programs to enlist and retain the youth, etc. A complete job description can be viewed @ PGBCKM.org. The Pastor will be the supervisor of "The Director Of Youth", and all duties will be performed with and under his supervision. This is a contract position for a duration of 12 months with an option for renewal, for an average of 20 hours per week, and at an annual salary of \$20,800. If interested, please email questions or resumes to personnel@pgbckm.org or mail to Patterson Grove Baptist Church Personnel, 301 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Applications will be accepted thru July 31, 2024.

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- 5 th 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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- 1**— Grover/KM Minister's Fellowship at Carolina Crossing, 8:30 am
- 3-10**— Serve NC
- 5**— Minister's Conference, GCCBA, 11:30 am
- 8**— Youth Minister's Breakfast, Ken and Mary, 8:00 am
- 11**— Back to School Prayer Walk
- 13**— Enlistment Team Meeting, GCCBA, 11:45 am
- 15**— Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am
Residency Project Meeting #1, GCCBA, 11:30 am
- 22**— Upper Cleveland Minister's Fellowship at Christie's Kitchen, 8:30 am
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