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 Eastside (Shelby)  
 Elizabeth  
 Emmanuel  
 Faith  
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 Polkville  
 Poplar Springs  
 Ross Grove  
 Sandy Plains  
 Shelby First  
 Sunrise  
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Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association

*Uniting congregations in effective missions and ministries*

# THE BEACON

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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 Congregational Health means. Through this missional value the GCCBA works to both evaluate and support the health of each church congregation outside of the Pastor's ministry. This includes leading the church to a clearer understanding of its God-given mission, to finding its gospel-focus in the community in which God has placed it, and even to the point of assisting the church in finding its next pastor.

The clearest way the GCCBA has engaged in this mission value is through our Transitional Ministry Program. Through training provided by our state convention, the GCCBA created a program in April of 2023 to assist churches during the transition from one pastor to the next. This program consists of three individuals who guide the church on this process. The Transitional Interim Minister who is trained in the process, but whose main responsibilities are to preach and fill the pulpit during the transition.

The second member of the team is the Transitional Interim Coach who offers guidance for the church as they engage in the process of transition by which the church is challenged to explore and understand its history. Then, they guide the church through a study of the mission God has given the church. After this, the coach will assist the church in defining its leadership methods and partnerships in the community. All this comes together with a detailed plan for the future of the church. These five areas then contribute significantly to the search for a new pastor.

## Thoughts from our Staff

The third member of the team is the Transitional Interim Consultant who assists the coach and the minister in guiding the process in a timely and smooth progression. Once the five phases are engaged, the Consultant also assists in leading the church through the selection and training of their search team.

As you can see, these steps are vital for a congregation to maintain a healthy environment, even when a pastor might not be present. The GCCBA values congregational health because we know that the health of the association is only a reflection of the health of our partnering churches. We grow stronger together by supporting and strengthening each individual church. If you or your church need help in addressing your congregational health, please contact the GCCBA. We are healthier with each other than we are ever on our own.

Jason Ballard



## Ministry Support



### **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





# Pastoral Health



## Ministers Conference

Monday, September 9, 2024  
Lunch 11:30am, Program 12:00pm.

## KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the  
Carolina Crossing Restaurant on Thursday,  
September 5, at 8:30 am.

## Youth Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the  
Ken and Mary's on Thursday,  
September 12, at 8:30 am.

## Lattimore Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the  
Bulldog Quik Snak, Thursday,  
September 19, at 8:30 am.

## Upper Cleveland Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the  
Christie's Kitchen, Tuesday,  
September 26, at 8:30 am.



## 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 September:

Mulls Memorial:  
Jimmy Black, 7 years  
New Hope:  
Russ Bradley, 23 years  
Patterson Grove:  
Brad Bridges, 1 year



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

Bethlehem - Steve and Tois Taylor—12th



September 2  
for Labor  
Day



# 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)*







# 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.



## Fall Leadership & Deacon Training

### Moving your congregation from Attenders to Disciples

Lead by: Jason Ballard

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 18TH, 2024**

**6:30 PM**

**Location: TBA**

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 12TH

📞 704-482-3472

✉️ [nicole@gccba.org](mailto:nicole@gccba.org)





# Community Engagement



## *Cleveland County Fair Ministry*

We are working on plans to minister to the fair workers during the Cleveland County Fair. We are still working on details for the meals and will share those soon. We are planning to provide food bags and toiletry bags to the fair workers. We would like to provide 100 food/toiletry bags. For more information about donating to this project or to sign up to donate please contact Katie Harris.



  
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## FALL BIENNIAL MEETING

## OCTOBER 28TH, 2024

WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: TODD UNIZUCKER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
TREASURER, BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

First Baptist Church, Grover  
403 Cleveland Ave, Grover, NC 28073

SUPPER: 6:00 PM  
MEETING BEGINS: 6:50 PM



## *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 us.

## *Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program*

We still have a dates open for this wonderful outreach mission. Groups that are interested in serving will be in charge of providing sandwiches, chips, and cookies for 50 people.



## **Compassion Ministry Report**

Assistance Type: July	<b>2024</b>
Food	25
Power	<u>22</u>
Total Assisted Units:	47

## **GCCBA FOOD PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS:**

**\*\* DIAPERS**

**ALWAYS NEEDED \*\***

- Spaghetti sauce
- spaghetti noodles
- peanut butter
- jelly
- crackers
- cereal



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



# Congregational Health



## *Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.*



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

### **Boiling Springs:**

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

### **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](mailto: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 [nbbclawndale@gmail.com](mailto: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: [oabc1022@gmail.com](mailto:oabc1022@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





# Congregational Health



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](http://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](mailto:personnel@pgbckm.org) or mail to Patterson Grove Baptist Church Personnel, 301 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

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](http://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](mailto:personnel@pgbckm.org) or mail to Patterson Grove Baptist Church Personnel, 301 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

### ***Pleasant Grove:***

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Shelby, North Carolina is seeking a **part time Youth Leader**. This person must be a born-again Christian who is called to student ministry and adheres to the Baptist Faith & Message 2000. This position will require 5-10 hours per week which includes leading weekly youth worship/Bible studies, coordinating activities for youth, including camps and retreats, and engaging middle and high school students outside of the church. The position will require a high school diploma at minimum and a willingness to attend conferences and continuing education for ministry. The Youth Leader will not engage in the use of any age- restricted products. This position reports to the Pastor. Please Email resumes or questions to [toby.bird5@gmail.com](mailto:toby.bird5@gmail.com).

### ***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)

### ***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.

### ***Ross Grove:***

Ross Grove Seeking **Minister of Students**: Our church is growing, and so are our Student Ministry programs. Years ago, we hardly had any children or youth in our church. But today, our church has been experiencing such revival and growth, and so has our Student Ministry program. This year, we had our first multi-day VBS with 150 students, and we took our very first youth group to Caswell, things our church hasn't done in a decade or more. In years past, this ministry has primarily been led by church member volunteers, but we are to the point where we need someone to take this group to the next level. If you want to be a part of something amazing, help us serve the Lord and our children as we continue to grow. Get more information by visiting [www.rossgrove.org/jobs](http://www.rossgrove.org/jobs).

### ***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](mailto:childcare3460@fbcshelby.org)

### ***Trinity Baptist:***

Trinity Baptist Church of Mooresboro North Carolina is seeking a qualified Church Organist. Job would require Playing for Sunday morning worship and Wednesday night choir practice. If anyone is interested or know someone who is interested leave a message on the church office phone. 704-434-6012 or email [trinitybaptistchurchnc@gmail.com](mailto:trinitybaptistchurchnc@gmail.com)

### ***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](mailto: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

**If any of these positions have been filled, please let me know at [nicole@gccba.org](mailto:nicole@gccba.org)**

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### **2- GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED**

- 5-** Grover/KM Minister's Fellowship at Carolina Crossing, 8:30 am  
Community Shred Day, GCCBA, 10 am -1 pm
- 9-** Minister's Conference, GCCBA, 11:30 am
- 10-** Business Affairs Team Meeting, GCCBA, 11:45 am
- 12-** Youth Minister's Breakfast, Ken and Mary, 8:00 am  
Pastor Training Lab, GCCBA, 10 am—2 pm
- 19-** Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am  
Residency Project Meeting #1, GCCBA, 11:30 am
- 26-** Upper Cleveland Minister's Fellowship at Christie's Kitchen, 8:30 am  
Leadership/Business Affairs Team Meeting, GCCBA, 11:45 am

September