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 Boiling Springs
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 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
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 Living Hope
 Macedonia
 Mt. Sinai
 Mulls Memorial
 New Bethel
 New Camp Creek
 New Covenant
 New Hope
 New Jerusalem
 New Prospect
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 Patterson Grove
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 Plains View
 Pleasant City
 Pleasant Grove
 Pleasant Hill
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Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association

Uniting congregations in effective missions and ministries

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174th Fall Biannual Meeting
 October 28, 2024 – First Baptist Grover
 Monday Evening

6:00	Meal and Fellowship	
6:50	Special Music	
7:00	Call to Order	Rev. Mike Shumate
	Welcome By Host Pastor	Rev. Scott Kierstead
	Scripture/Prayer	
	Order of Business Report	Rev. Mike Shumate
	Recognition of Agencies	Rev. Mike Shumate
	Congregation Hymn	
7:20	Welcome to New Pastors/Staff	Rev. Jason Ballard
	Memorial Tribute & Dedication of Minutes	Rev. Jason Ballard
	Resolution	Rev. Mike Shumate
	Leadership & Business Affairs Team Report	Rev. Mike Shumate
	Bylaws Revision Update	Rev. Jason Ballard
	Clerk-Treasurer's Report	Debby Wease
	Budget Team Report	Rev. Will Davis
	Enlistment Team Report	Rev. Will Davis
7:40	Congregational Song & Special Music	
	Introduction of Speaker	Rev. Jason Ballard
	Todd Unzicker, Executive Director-Treasurer of Baptist State Convention of North Carolina	
8:30	Closing Comments	
8:35	Benediction	

Location:

First Baptist Grover
 403 Cleveland Ave, Grover, NC 28073

In our Spring Biannual Meeting of 2024, the messengers approved the adoption of our 6 missional values and called for the Leadership Team to revise the bylaws of the GCCBA to include these values. In these efforts, the team observed several revisions that needed to be addressed as well. The Bylaw Revisions being presented at the Fall Biannual Meeting of 2024 affect the following areas:

- The Biannual Meeting is being addressed to create better flexibility in the calendar and new opportunities for the future.
- The Associational Council is reorganized to eliminate positions and to incorporate missional value teams.
- The Job Descriptions for the Associational staff are being removed from the bylaws and placed in the Policy and Procedures manual.

Go to this link to see full revision:
www.gccba.org/bylaws/



Bi-Annual Meeting Messengers

By-Law II Meetings, Section 3: Each church shall elect annually, in addition to the pastor, two (2) messengers to the meetings of the Association for each fifty (50) members of the church, provided each church shall not have fewer than three (3) nor more than ten (10) messengers. THESE ALONG WITH ALL ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS, shall constitute the voting body of the Association. The names of the messengers printed in the minutes shall include only those in attendance and registering at the Associational Meetings.

By-Law II Meetings, Section 4: Items of Business to be presented from the floor must be submitted in writing to the Associational Office at least 30 days prior to the first session of the Biannual Meeting.

Thoughts from our Staff

***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 conclude our exploration of our 6 missional values, I wanted to share with you about what our missional value of Ministry Support means. Through this missional value the GCCBA works to provide support for the ministries of our local churches as well as stepping into local church ministry efforts to multiply support in their work. This includes assisting various ministries of the local church like the youth ministries, children ministries, music ministries or the like by offering opportunities to serve together or to engage in educational opportunities to better equip these ministries.

The clearest way the GCCBA has engaged in this missional value is through partnering with student ministries for their DNOW's and by working with seniors in our Senior Rally along with music ministers through the Senior Music Day.

We have begun exploring future opportunities by offering Ministers' Round Tables to discuss the challenges and needs of many of our essential ministries like youth, children and other areas. We even have one new ministry support opportunity with our first VBS Think Tank on September 30th where we will meet with VBS directors to share ideas and best practices for VBS in 2025.

As you can see, these ministries all need support and what better place to find it than in the fellow churches of the GCCBA. The GCCBA values ministry support because we know that the uniting of our churches in effective ministries takes every church becoming a part of the work. We grow stronger together by supporting and strengthening each individual church. If you or your church need help in addressing your ministry support, please contact the GCCBA.

Jason Ballard

 **Missions Partnerships** 

We have so many fun and exciting trainings & mission opportunities planned for the rest of 2024. I always look forward to this time of year when our churches come together to serve our community through the Greatest Treat, Fair Ministry, and Christmas Toy Store. Please take time to look through this newsletter to learn more about these mission opportunities and the other events we have planned. If you have ideas about how we can help your church please feel free to reach out to us.

Serving together,
Katie



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BECAUSE YOU GIVE
THE GOSPEL IS
SHARED!**

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**Baptist Children's Homes
of NORTH CAROLINA**

ANNUAL OFFERING

WEEK OF PRAYER November 3 - 10, 2024



Pastoral Health



Ministers Conference

Monday, October 7, 2024
Pastor Appreciation at Topgolf!
Must sign up with the GCCBA Office.

KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the
Carolina Crossing Restaurant on Thursday,
October 3, at 8:30 am.

Lattimore Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the
Bulldog Quik Snak, Thursday,
October 17, at 8:30 am.

Upper Cleveland Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the
Christie's Kitchen, Tuesday,
October 24, at 8:30 am.

Pastors Anniversaries for October:

- Allen Memorial:
Reese English, 3 years
- Bethany:
Richard Smith, 7 years
- City of God:
Michael Moore, 5 years
- Casar:
Doug Pruett, 13 years
- Peoples:
John Houze, 34 years
- Plains View:
Wayne Key, 3 years
- Sandy Plains:
Elisabeth Cothran, 2 years
- Union:
Michael Shumate, 31 years
- Victory:
Dennis Wells, 31 years
- Westwood Heights:
David Costner, 18 years



Pray for these couples on their special day in October:

- Polkville—Will and Michelle Davis—9th
- Elizabeth—Rit and Shannon Varriale—10th
- Oak Grove - Jason and Krista Allen 14th
- Temple – Scott and Linda Carpenter - 14th



GCCBA
Greater Cleveland Council Region Association

OCTOBER PASTORS CONFERENCE

TOP GOLF FELLOWSHIP

MONDAY OCTOBER 7TH, 2024
11:00 AM- 1:00 PM

MEET US THERE OR RIDE ON THE BUS

RSVP TO KATIE OR NICOLE BY SEPTEMBER 26TH
704-482-3472

RESTORE

GCCBA MINISTER'S & SPOUSES RETREAT

February 28 - March 2, 2025

RIDGECREST CONFERENCE CENTER

GUEST SPEAKER: DR JEFF IORG

Cost: \$450
Deadline to sign up: November 15th, 2024

TO SIGN UP: CONTACT KATIE
(704) 482-3472 katie@gccba.org



Leadership Development



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



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



VBS Think Tank

Join us for a time of planning, discussion, and sharing ideas about VBS 2025.

Monday September 30th, 2024

6:00 pm

GCCBA Office

1175 Wyke Rd Shelby



OCTOBER IS

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR PASTORS!



Community Engagement



Christmas Toy Store

Toy Store Applications will be November 21st 2:30 pm-4:30 pm at the GCCBA office. The Toy Store will be open on December 11th at the Shelby Mission Camp. We are in need of volunteers to help the toy store on the 11th. Please contact Katie Harris if you would like to volunteer. Toy Donations can be brought to the Shelby Mission Camp on December 10th or to our office by December 5th.

Greatest Treat Festival

Our annual Greatest Treat Festival will be held on Sunday, October 27th from 4-6 pm at the Shelby City Park. There are many different ways your church can be involved in the festival through volunteering in different areas, setting up ministry booths, etc Please contact Katie or Nicole for more information.



Cleveland County Fair Ministry

We will once again be hosting a lunch for the Fair workers during the set up day and breakfast for the workers on the Wednesday of the Fair. We will provide food bag during lunch and toiletry bags during breakfast. We hope to make 100 of each bags, if you would like to sign up to provide bags please contact Katie.

Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: August **2024**

Food	24
Other	2
Power	<u>14</u>
Total Assisted Units:	40

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!

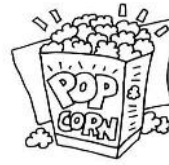


Ministry Support



Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program

We still need volunteers to help with our feeding program on the following 2024 dates: November 15th, 22nd, 29th and December 6th and December 20th. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Katie Harris.



Block Party Trailer

The schedule for the trailer fills up fast so please remember to call 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.



Congregational Health



Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.



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

Boiling Springs:

Boiling Springs Baptist Church is seeking a **part-time organist/accompanist**. Please send resume and inquiries bsbsearch2024@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

Eastside Shelby:

Eastside Baptist is accepting applications for the position of **Church & Financial Secretary**. This position will be a minimum of 24 hrs per week at a rate of \$17-20 an hour. Please submit resumes by October 18th by emailing them to allendray15@gmail.com.

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

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 nbbclawndale@gmail.com.



Congregational Health



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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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- 4**– Breakfast at the Fair, 10 am
- 3**– Grover/KM Minister's Fellowship at Carolina Crossing, 8:30 am
- 7**– Minister's Conference, Topgolf, 11:00 am
- 10**– Business Affairs Team Meeting, GCCBA, 11:45 am
- 10**– Leadership/Business Affairs Team Meeting, GCCBA, 11:45 am
- 17**– Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am
- 24**– Upper Cleveland Minister's Fellowship at Christie's Kitchen, 8:30 am
- 27**– Greatest Treat Festival, Shelby City Park, 4-6 pm
- 28**– Biannual Meeting, Grover First, 6:00 pm