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 Battleground
 Beaver Dam
 Bethany
 Bethany Hispanic
 Bethel
 Bethlehem
 Boiling Springs
 Buffalo
 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)
 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
 Lawndale
 Lily Memorial
 Living Hope
 Macedonia
 Mt. Sinai
 Mulls Memorial
 New Bethel
 New Camp Creek
 New Covenant
 New Hope
 New Jerusalem
 New Prospect
 Norman's Grove
 Northside
 Oak Grove
 Oak View
 Pathway
 Patterson Grove
 Patterson Springs
 Peach Street
 Peoples
 Plains View
 Pleasant City
 Pleasant Grove
 Pleasant Hill
 Pleasant Ridge
 Polkville
 Poplar Springs
 Ross Grove
 Sandy Plains
 Shelby First
 Sunrise
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 Victory
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 Wallace Grove
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 Westview
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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.

On Monday, October 28th, the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association will gather for the fall annual meeting at First Baptist Church of Grover. There will be a barbeque supper provided by the church family of FBC Grover and our guest speaker will be the Executive Director Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Rev. Todd Unzicker. Please join us as we welcome Rev. Unzicker as he shares what our state convention is doing to strengthen churches in the West through Hurricane Relief and throughout the state in every area of need.

In addition, we will be voting on several bylaw changes for which you were notified last month. I assure you the goal of these changes are to move the GCCBA forward into better alignment with our missional values stated above. These values have already begun shaping our planning, calendar and budget. Our desire is as an association of churches that we unite to strengthen our churches and guide them on their God-given mission.

Lastly, we will be recognizing and honoring two individuals who have left an undeniable impact on the GCCBA, Rev. Leland Kerr and Dr. Tim Hendrick. Rev. Kerr served the churches of the GCCBA as a pastor and Director of Missions. His investment in the churches of this county will long be remembered as one of compassion for every church and leader. His kind spirit and jovial laugh will rest in our memories and be remembered for years to come. Rev. Kerr went to be with the Lord on February 10th, this past year.

Dr. Tim Hendrick, served the GCCBA for twenty years as a pastor of one of our churches. In that time, he also served as moderator and on several ministry teams in the association. Throughout his ministry Dr. Hendrick invested in the lives of others and more recently offered this same ministry of mentorship to young ministers throughout the

Thoughts from our Staff

GCCBA. His friendship and wisdom will be sorely missed. Dr. Hendrick went to be with the Lord on October 11th, of this year.

Please join us on Monday, October 28th, as we gather to celebrate all that God is doing throughout our county and our state, and to honor the memory of these two servants of our association.

Jason Ballard

This last month has been a whirlwind for so many of us. Living without power (and some water) for an extended period and spending days and weeks cleaning up after a hurricane is not something the people in Western NC are used to doing. I think I will always remember waking up at 6 am that Friday morning and staring out my bedroom window as I saw the power of wind and water tear down trees, limbs, and rattle my house. That morning the words to the song Eye of the Storm continued to play over and over in my head. The chorus of this song by Ryan Stevenson says: In the eye of the storm, You remain in control, And in the middle of the war, You guard my soul, You alone are the anchor, When my sails are torn, Your love surrounds me, In the eye of the storm. This song has brought me so much comfort and peace and I look around and see things in this world that are falling apart or seem out of control because it's a reminder that God is in control of everything and regardless of decisions that are made, election results, and literal storms, I know the one in control and I have complete confidence that He holds the future. I hope today that whatever storms are brewing around you that you will remember that He remains in control.

Serving together,
Katie

Missions Partnerships

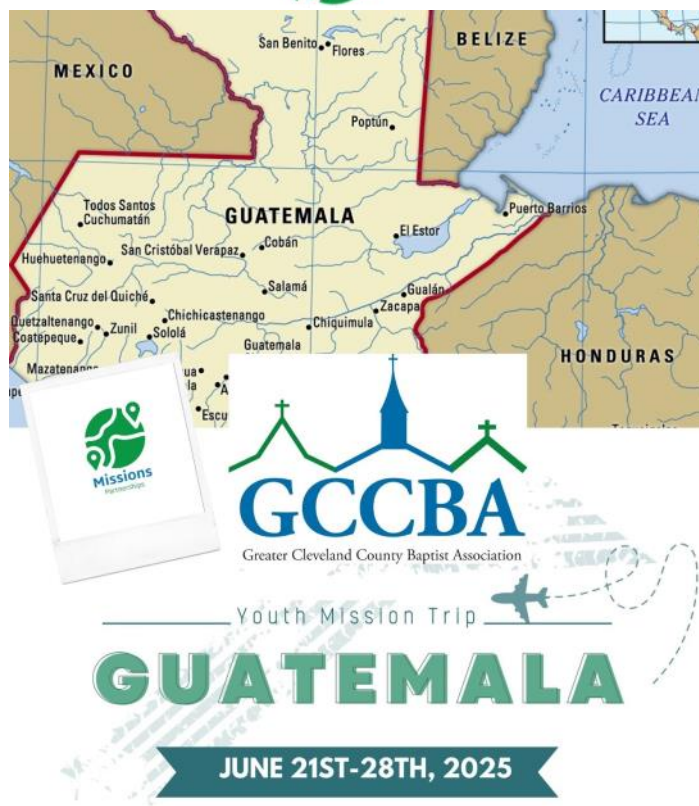


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THE GOSPEL IS
SHARED!

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of NORTH CAROLINA

ANNUAL OFFERING

WEEK OF PRAYER November 3 - 10, 2024



MEXICO BELIZE HONDURAS

San Benito Flores Poptún

GUATEMALA

El Estor Puerto Barrios

San Cristóbal Verapaz Cobán

Salamá Gualán

Chichicastenango Chiquimula Zacapa


Guatemala

Quetzaltenango Zunil Sololá

Coatepeque

Mazatenango

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 **GCCBA**
Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association

Youth Mission Trip

GUATEMALA

JUNE 21ST-28TH, 2025

FOR MORE
INFORMATION:

katie@gccbba.org or
704-482-3472



Pastoral Health



Ministers Conference

Thursday, November 7, 2024

Lunch 11:30

Guest Speaker: Erik Smith, Dover YMCA
Executive Director

KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the
Carolina Crossing Restaurant on Thursday,
November 7, at 8:30 am.

Lattimore Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the
Bulldog Quik Snak, Thursday,
November 21, at 8:30 am.

Pastors Anniversaries for November:

Beaver Dam:

Tom Runyon, 7 years

Boiling Springs:

Keith Dixon, 1 year

David:

Brian Taule, 10 years

Double Shoals:

Brian Johnson, 17 years

Joy Christian:

DeNorris Byers, 15 years

Kings Mountain Second:

Dennis Pruitt, 9 years

Patterson Springs:

Steve Waters, 33 years

Peach Street:

Bobby Steen, 12 years

Polkville:

Will Davis, 5 years



Pray for these couples on their special day in November:

Hope Community - Skip and Jena Allen - 6th

Mulls Memorial- Jimmy & Amy Black - 18th



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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
GREATER CLEVELAND COUNTY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
MINISTER & SPOUSE
CHRISTMAS DINNER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
6:30 PM

THE SIMPSON FARM &
VENUE
121 THORNHILL LANE,
SHELBY, NC

PLEASE RSVP TO KATIE OR
NICOLE BY NOVEMBER 25TH



Leadership Development





Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association

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




Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association

Fall Leadership & Deacon Training

Moving your congregation from Attenders to Disciples

Lead by: Jason Ballard

MONDAY NOVEMBER 18TH, 2024
6:30 PM
Fallston Baptist Church
109 Circle Dr, Fallston, NC

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 12TH

704-482-3472
nicole@gccbba.org







Community Engagement




FREE

GAMES & BLOW UPS

TRAIN & CAROUSEL RIDES

ICE CREAM & CANDY

GREATEST TREAT FESTIVAL

OCT 27TH 2024 4-6 PM

Shelby City Park

WWW.GCCBA.ORG/GTF
Sponsored by the Baptist Churches of Cleveland County

Christmas Toy Store

Toy Store Applications will be November 21st 2:30 pm-4:30 pm at the GCCBA office.

GCCBA Toy Store will take place on December 11th at the Shelby Mission Camp. If you would like to volunteer to help at the Mission Camp please contact Katie.

Donations for the Toy Store are due to the GCCBA office by December 9th or can be dropped off at the Shelby Mission Camp on December 10th. If dropping off toys at the camp please call 704-472-0104 to make sure the camp is open before you bring them.



Suggestions for toy

donations to the GCCBA toy store:

For younger children (0-4): picture books, pull toys, squeeze toys, riding toys, educational toys

For girls (5-7): dolls, tea set, storybooks, board games, puzzles, coloring books/crayons, radios, purses, writing/drawing pads, riding toys, dress up clothes

For boys (5-7): trucks & cars, model car kits, throw games, bats & gloves, storybooks, remote cars, baseballs, board games

For boys & girls (8-10): board games, DVD's, electronic games, books, cd players, bats, gloves, baseballs, football, basketballs

For older boys and girls (11-12):

jewelry, jewelry boxes, makeup, perfume, vanity cases, curling irons, hair dryers, craft kits, jewelry making kits, watches, board games, card games, DVD games, basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, cameras, tackle box, fishing gear, diaries/journals, clips/barrettes, hats, skateboards, photo albums, mp3 players

- Cost of gifts should be around \$15 (up to \$20 for older children)
- Please no toys that promote violence



Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: September 2024	
Food	20
Other	1
Medicine	1
Power	19
Total Assisted Units:	41

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 22nd and 29th. 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



GCCBA OFFICE
Thursday,
November
28 for
Thanksgiving

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 email- ing them to allendray15@gmail.com.

Flint Hill:

Flint Hill Baptist Church (2207 Flint Hill Church Rd, Shelby, NC 28152) is currently looking to fill the role of **Church Administrative Assistant**. The Church is looking for an individual filled with the spirit, eager to serve the body of Christ and preferably with a familiarity with QuickBooks, Publisher and Word. Please email inquiries and resumes to ctd1213@gmail.com

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

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

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



Congregational Health



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.

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 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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