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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  
Temple  
Trinity  
Union  
Victory  
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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.***

Every year we approach the end of one calendar year and the start of a new one. Sometimes this time of year gives us pause to consider what we have accomplished in the preceding 12 months. Sometimes this time of year pushes forward to think of what we want to do in the coming 12 months. But the truth is, rarely do we stand in the moment and evaluate where we are right now.

Right now, I am journeying through many new challenges. I am back in school for the first time in nearly twenty years. I am also on the "backside" of recovery of one major surgery and continuing through the subsequent appointments and scans and dietary adjustments for which my doctors are continuing to advise me—(nothing serious, just follow-ups for my diet and my improved health). That doesn't take into account what I'm doing as a parent, a son, a grandson, a friend, a church member, an employee, a boss or a husband. All of these things impact who I am right now, and will certainly define what my previous 12 months have been and what my next 12 months will look like. Churches often forget this reality for themselves.

Lyle Schaller, church consultant and writer on church health has said, "...that you can't really effectively provide fully informed decisions on any kind of action or strategy, such as a ministry plan for a congregation, unless you first have a diagnosis. Too many congregations try to establish a ministry plan out of thin air." Our churches need a plan for 2025, but in order to make those plans, they need a diagnosis of where they are and what steps and plans will best fit that diagnosis.

# Thoughts from our Staff

On January 27th, at 6:30 PM, at Flint Hill Baptist Church, the GCCBA will host our second annual Church Health Check-Up. I will be speaking that night on making a proper diagnosis for where your church is and then establishing a strategic plan for 2025 to move your church forward. We strongly recommend and invite all church staff, lay leaders, deacons and anyone in charge of planning for the future of the church to attend this important event to help diagnose your church and set it on the right course for a new year! Let's make 2025 the year every church takes a healthy step forward in fulfilling their God-given mission!

Jason Ballard



## Ministry Support



**MUSIC MINISTRY  
ROUND TABLE  
DISCUSSION**

**FEBRUARY 4TH, 2025**  
GCCBA OFFICE 1175 WYKE RD SHELBY

**STARTS @ 6 PM**

Supper will be served  
Please RSVP to Nicole  
nicole@gccba.org/704-482-3472



### **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.



**CHILDREN & YOUTH  
MINISTRY  
ROUND TABLE  
DISCUSSION**

**FEBRUARY 11TH, 2025**  
GCCBA OFFICE 1175 WYKE RD SHELBY

**STARTS @ 6 PM**

Supper will be served  
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nicole@gccba.org/704-482-3472

### **Annual Church Profile**

The Annual Church Profile (ACP) is a church survey used to track ministry data. As your church completes the survey each year, you have access to data from prior year submissions at SBC Worksapce and ChurchPOP.

The new 2024 ACP digital form is quicker & easier than ever! The submitted data for this reporting period is typically Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2024. Deadline is January 30, reach out to Nicole Mosley with any questions!



# Pastoral Health



## Ministers Conference

Monday, January 6, 2025  
Lunch 11:30am, Program 12:00pm.  
Be Who God Created You to Be  
Russ Bradley

## KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the  
Carolina Crossing Restaurant on Thursday,  
January 2, at 8:30 am.

## Lattimore Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the  
Bulldog Quik Snak, Thursday,  
January 16, at 8:30 am.

## Pastors Anniversaries for January:

Buffalo:  
Dustin Mace, 5 years  
Christopher Road:  
Mike Tucker, 8 years  
Getsemani:  
Ramses A. Altamirano, 4 years  
Oak Grove:  
Jason Allen, 5 years  
Sunrise:  
Dennis Harmon, 23 years



## GCCBA Minister's & Spouse Retreat

We still have a few rooms available for our 2025 Minister & Spouses Retreat. Please let us know if you are interested in joining us.

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

Pleasant Ridge—Derek and Sherri Greene— 4<sup>th</sup>  
Peach Street – Bobby and Nancy Callahan-Steen - 9<sup>th</sup>  
City of God—Michael and Sandra Moore— 15<sup>th</sup>  
Sandy Plains—Elisabeth and Ben Cothran— 23<sup>rd</sup>

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**RESTORE**

GCCBA MINISTER'S & SPOUSES RETREAT

February 28 - March 2, 2025

RIDGECREST CONFERENCE CENTER


Guest Speaker: Dr Jeff Iorg

**Cost: \$450**

To sign up: Contact Katie (704) 482-3472 [katie@gccba.org](mailto:katie@gccba.org)



# Missions Partnerships

**GCCBA**  
Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association

High School & College  
Mission Trip

**GUATEMALA**

JUNE 21ST-28TH, 2025  
COST: \$1600

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
PLEASE CONTACT US**

katie@gccba.org or  
704-482-3472

## Wanted

- Bibles (all kinds in any condition); Christian Literature (Sunday School, church training, tracts, devotionals, magazines from Christian publishers, etc.);
- Christian Books of all kinds (hymns, Bible Study, concordances, Bible dictionaries and regular dictionaries, commentaries, children and adult Christian books and paperbacks, etc.);
- Christian CDs, DVDs, & Blu-Ray. , etc.
- Spanish: Bibles, Sunday School literature, and Devotional books.

Literature can be new or used. All material is sorted, boxed and sent to another Ministry, where it is sent to our brothers and sisters in poor Third World Countries. If you or your church would like to join "Harvest Seeds Ministry", please contact Pat Hamrick from Mt. Sinai Baptist Church 704-487-7518 or for Churches in Upper Cleveland County, New Bethel Baptist Church in Lawndale is now a collection site for "Harvest Seeds." Please contact Tony Fogleman at 704-538-0223 or you can bring them by the GCCBA Office.

**Please do not send: RA, GA, Acteens, & Mission Friends material; No Mission Mosaics, Mature Living, Guide Posts, & Angels on Earth magazines; No cassette or VHS tapes.**

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# Leadership Development



## CHURCH HEALTH CHECK UP

CONFERENCE LED BY:  
JASON BALLARD

Monday  
January 27th, 2025  
6:30 PM



at Flint Hill Baptist Church  
2207 Flint Hill Church Rd, Shelby NC

Please RSVP by January 22nd  
Topic:  
Strategic Planning for your new church year.



RSVP:  
704-482-3472  
nicole@gccba.org /katie@gccba.org

Please visit our website, [www.gccba.org](http://www.gccba.org) and other social media sites for information, training, and mission opportunities. Join one of our Facebook groups for your area!



# Community Engagement



## Christmas Toy Store



Thank you to everyone who helped during our annual Christmas Toy Store. We were able to minister to over 250 children in Cleveland County. I appreciate those

who donated their time and donated items for the toy store.

## Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program

We are in need of groups to help provide sandwiches, chips, and cookies for our Friday Feed the Hungry lunch program during 2025. You are welcome to make the food and drop it off or stay and help serve. To sign up contact Katie or visit our website or Facebook page.



## Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: November 2024

Food	14
Other	3
Medicine	1
Power	19
Total Assisted Units:	37

## GCCBA FOOD PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS:

\*\* DIAPERS

**ALWAYS NEEDED \*\***

- Spaghetti sauce
- spaghetti noodles
- peanut butter
- jelly
- crackers
- cereal
- macaroni and cheese
- Canned Meat
- Toiletries: toilet paper, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, clothes detergent



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

# Merry CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY New Year

Jan Bell

Katie  
Harris

Nicole  
Masley



December 20-January 1  
January 20



## Congregational Health



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



Carpenter's Grove ~ Crestview ~  
Dover ~ Eastside, Shelby ~ Lattimore ~  
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)

### **Canaan Baptist::**

Canaan Baptist Church 438 Pruitt Road Casar is seeking a **new  
pastor**, preferably bi-vocational. Contact information – Phillip  
Dellinger 704-470-5968

### **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

### **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](mailto:ctd1213@gmail.com)

Flint Hill Baptist Church (2207 Flint Hill Church Rd, Shelby, NC 28152) is  
currently looking for a **full time Student Minister**. The individual should be  
a confessing Christian with a clear call to ministry that is either in the process  
of obtaining (already enrolled), or possessing a degree from an accredited  
university in ministry. The position's responsibilities will include, but not be  
limited to, Youth Ministry, College and Career Ministry and also serving as  
the social media coordinator for the church at large. Resumes should be  
emailed to [ctd1213@gmail.com](mailto:ctd1213@gmail.com)

Flint Hill Baptist Church (2207 Flint Hill Church Rd, Shelby, NC 28152) is  
currently looking for a **part time Choir Director**. The individual should be a  
professing Christian with a call to musically praising and worshipping the Lord.  
They should enjoy instructing and leading choir and be able to clearly display  
an understanding of musical theory and structure. Resumes should be  
emailed to [ctd1213@gmail.com](mailto:ctd1213@gmail.com)

Flint Hill Baptist Church (2207 Flint Hill Church Rd, Shelby, NC 28152) is  
currently looking for a **part time Children's Leader**. The Children's Leader  
should be a professing Christian with a call to teaching children. The  
Children's Leader will be responsible for oversight of all children groups.  
Resumes should be emailed to [ctd1213@gmail.com](mailto:ctd1213@gmail.com)

Flint Hill Baptist Church (2207 Flint Hill Church Rd, Shelby, NC 28152) is  
currently looking for a **part time Audio Engineer**. This individual should  
possess clear competencies in audio, media, IT, and lighting technologies.  
Resumes should be emailed to [ctd1213@gmail.com](mailto: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



# Congregational Health



## **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 lattimorebaptist-church1@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](mailto: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](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.

## **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- 5th grade. The position is allotted 20 hours per week with attendance required on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Cover letter and resume may be emailed to [secretary@zbcshelby.org](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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Nicole Mosley  
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- 1**—GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 2**— Grover/KM Minister's Fellowship at Carolina Crossing, 8:30 am
- 6**—Minister's Conference, GCCBA, 11:30 am
- 16**—Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am
- 20**— GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED, Martin Luther King Day
- 27**—Church Health Check-Up, Flint Hill, 6:30 pm
- 28**—Leadership/Business Affairs Meeting, GCCBA, 11:45 am

