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 Double Springs  
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 Emmanuel  
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 Fallston  
 Flint Hill  
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 Green Bethel  
 Grover First  
 Hope Community  
 Immanuel  
 Joy Christian  
 Kings Mountain  
 Kings Mtn. First  
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 Lattimore  
 Lawndale  
 Lily Memorial  
 Living Hope  
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 Mulls Memorial  
 New Bethel  
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 New Covenant  
 New Hope  
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 New Prospect  
 Norman's Grove  
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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.***

This month I celebrate 3 years of serving at the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association, and what a journey it has been! I have made many new friends and joined in worship in many churches that I now consider to be an extension of my own church home. I have been able to lead teams in our country and across the globe in the name of the GCCBA. I have worked with many congregations, leaders, and pastors as we have endeavored to strengthen our churches. There have been so many opportunities that have truly been a joy of my ministry.

The one opportunity, however, that I did not anticipate was the chance to work with the many community organizations that partner with our churches to make a difference in the lives of the people of Cleveland County. Robbie Alexander and the Shelby Mission Camp have become a close friend in the ministry, and I am excited to see the growth of the ministry of the Shelby Mission Camp as they continue to provide construction-based ministry to those in need. Last year they added the ongoing work of hunger relief to their ministry through the development of 410 Farms, which will likely take another big step forward this spring and summer as the weather warms and the crops begin to grow again. If you or your church are interested in getting involved in this ministry, please reach out to Robbie at 704-472-0104 and see how he can help you plant a seed of ministry for the future of Cleveland County and feed the need of those less fortunate.

In addition, I have enjoyed getting better connected to another local partner, the Cleveland County Rescue Mission as they serve the need of the homeless population in Cleveland County. With the impact they are making through the emergency shelter and the lives they are changing through providing a place to rest for those with nowhere to lay their heads, the Cleveland County Rescue Mission is on the frontlines of showing the love of Christ to a hurting world. If you would like to join in these efforts, you can contact the Rescue Mission 704-481-1889.

Assistance Office:  
704-481-9119

Counseling Center:  
704-472-1437

## Thoughts from our Staff

My desire in the future is to expand our opportunities in serving our community so that the GCCBA equips our churches with opportunities to impact our community through a tangible demonstration of the love of Christ and loud proclamation that Jesus is the answer to all needs.

Jason Ballard

A couple of weekends ago we held our 3rd annual Minister & Spouse Retreat at Ridgecrest. It was a great weekend of rest, renewal, and fellowship among ministers and their spouses. During our visit, we were given a hanger for our car, allowing us to enter and exit through the conference center gate. On the back of the tag, there was a verse from Isaiah 2:3 along with this heartfelt statement: "We have been praying for you prior to your arrival. Our hope is that you will truly experience God during your stay at Ridgecrest." Reading that statement, I was struck by what a powerful and meaningful practice this could be for churches to incorporate into their weekly prayer time. How many times do we stop as a church and pray for those who will enter the doors and ask that they will experience God's presence while there? Imagine the difference it could make if we pray for those we invite before they actually come. I encourage you as a staff member or church leader to find time to set aside to pray for those who come that they will experience God while they are there.

Serving together,  
Katie



## Community Engagement



### *The Food Roundup for the Baptist Children's Homes!*

Please bring food and gift cards to the GCCBA Office by April 30, 2025!  
Please go to [bchfoodroundup.org](http://bchfoodroundup.org) to see a list of needs.



 **FOOD ROUNDUP**  
BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

> Baptist Children's Homes is able to provide meals and the message of Jesus to children because of YOU.

[BCHFOODROUNDUP.ORG](http://BCHFOODROUNDUP.ORG)



Sunday,  
April  
20<sup>th</sup>!





# Pastoral Health



**Ministers Conference**  
Monday, March 31, 2025  
Lunch 11:30am, Program 12:00pm.

**KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship**  
will meet at the  
Carolina Crossing Restaurant on Thursday,  
April 3, at 8:30 am.

**Lattimore Pastors Fellowship**  
will meet at the  
Bulldog Quik Snak, Thursday,  
April 17, at 8:30 am.

## *Pastors Anniversaries for April:*

Community:  
Scott Caldwell, 10 years  
Flint Hill:  
Shane Kirby, 15 years  
Zion Hill:  
Roger Fuller, 33 years



## *Pray for these couples on their special day in April:*

Immanuel—Ted and Tracy Easter—16<sup>th</sup>  
Oak View—Wayne and Lesley Brazzell—20<sup>th</sup>  
Christopher Road – Mike and Jan Tucker—30<sup>th</sup>



# Leadership Development



## SPRING DEACON & LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Tuesday May 20th

6:00 pm- 8:00 pm

Double Springs Baptist Church  
1130 Double Springs Ch Rd, Shelby



Disciple: How to create a  
Community that Develops  
Passionate & Healthy  
Followers of Jesus

Lead by:  
Dr. Chuck Lawless  
Professor, Southeastern  
Baptist Theological Seminary



JOIN US FOR A  
TRAINING:

**PRACTICAL TIPS FOR  
YOUR CHURCH'S  
SPECIAL NEEDS  
MINISTRY**

Session led by: Cortney Jenkins with  
Awe & Wonder Special Needs Ministry  
Resources

THURSDAY MARCH 27TH @ 6:00 PM

GCCBA 1175 WYKE RD SHELBY



RSVP By Scanning the code  
or calling Katie or Nicole  
704-482-3472



RSVP by May 8th  
704-482-3472/  
nicole@gccba.org

Or Scan Here:





# Missions Partnerships



Annie Armstrong  
Easter Offering

## STEP INTO THE STORY

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## Baltimore Mission Trip

July 12th-19th, 2025

During this trip we will work with several churches in the Baltimore Baptist Association. We will assist with VBS, hold blocks parties, do prayer walking, and other various activities.

Cost:

- \$575 a person- 2 people to a room
- \$475 a person- 3 people to a room
- \$375 a person-4 people to a room

\$50 deposit due by March 31st.

For more information contact:  
Katie Harris  
katie@gccba.org/ 704-482-3472

### Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: February 2025

Food	12
Counseling	33
Power	19
Total Assisted Units:	64



### GCCBA FOOD PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS:

**\*\* DIAPERS ALWAYS NEEDED \*\***

- Spaghetti sauce
- spaghetti noodles
- peanut butter
- jelly
- crackers
- cereal
- macaroni and cheese
- Canned Meat

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

Toiletries: toilet paper, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, clothes detergent



## NC HURRICANE RELIEF YOUTH MISSION TRIP



### Serve in NC Mountain Communities impacted by Hurricane Helene

Date: July 19th-26th  
Cost: \$289

Mission Trip Information:

Who can attend: Youth that have completed 6th- 12th grade. Church must provide 1 chaperone per 5 youth

Mission Trip is being led by MissionServe

More Information:  
Contact Jason  
704-482-3472



# Ministry Support



Announcing . . .

**The 23rd GCCBA Senior Adult Music Day**

**Thursday, April 24, 2025**

**9:00 AM-1:00 PM**

**Westwood Heights Baptist Church**

**Cost: \$10 per person**

**Please make checks payable to GCCBA.**

**Deadline to Register and Pay: April 17**

*Hymns and Gospel Songs #5*

Presented by

The Combined Choirs of the GCCBA

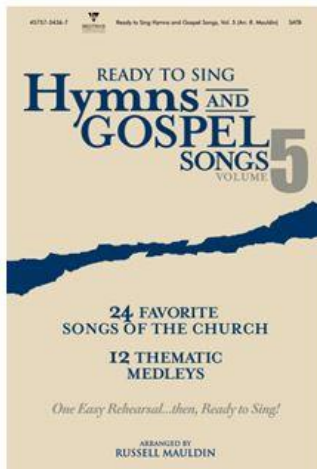
Sunday, April 27, 2025

6:00 PM

Boiling Springs Baptist Church

\*Fellowship to follow immediately after presentation.

(Rehearsal on Sunday at 4:00 p.m.)



## Music Ministers Roundtable

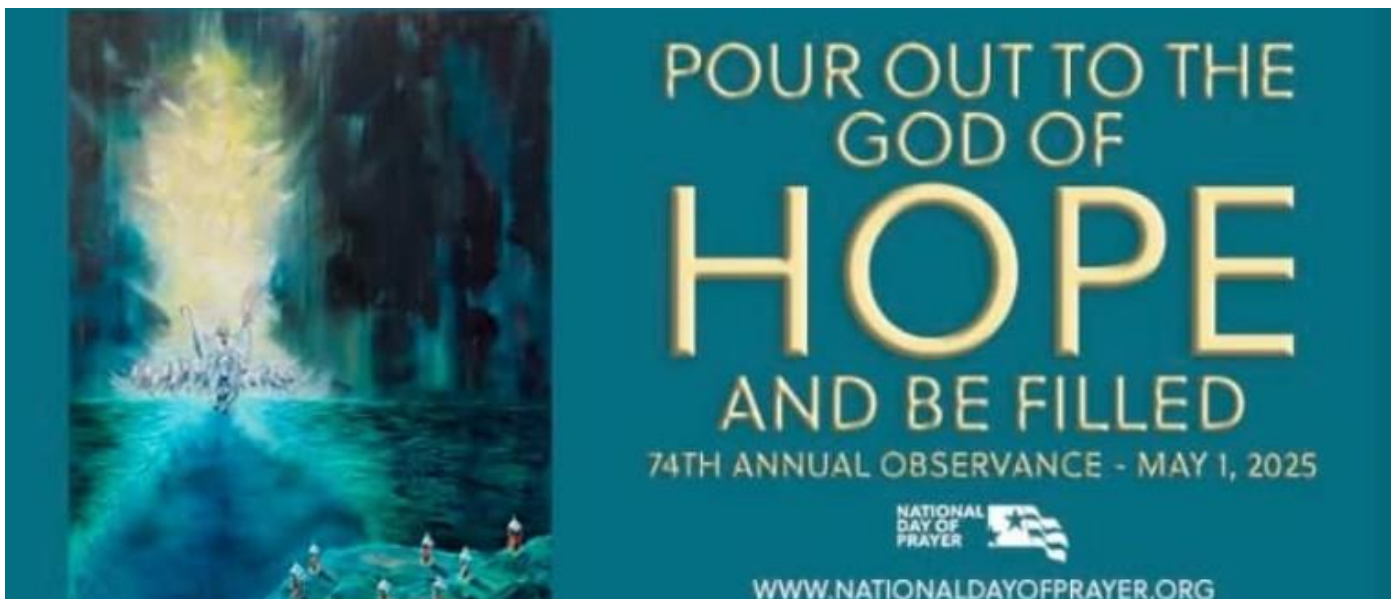
Join us for a fun time of fellowship & getting to know one another.

April 3rd, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

Toscanos Bistro

5 E. Marion St. Shelby

Please RSVP to Katie:  
katie@gccba.org/704-482-3472





# Community Engagement



## **Block Party Trailer**

Our Block Party Trailer is a popular choice for community events, especially during the Spring and Summer—so be sure to book early.

The trailer comes fully equipped with: Popcorn machine, Snow cone machine, Cotton candy machine, Games, Sound system. It includes all the supplies needed to operate the machines and only cost \$100 to rent. Call us today to reserve the trailer for your next outreach event.

## **Friday Feed the Hungry & Gathering Lunch Program**

If you are interested in signing up to provide food at the Friday Feed the Hungry lunch program please contact Katie. This lunch program takes place each Friday at First Baptist Church in Shelby.



## **Office Closed:**

Afternoon of Monday, April 7  
All Day April 8-9  
for the Associational Missions Conference

Easter Monday, April 21



## **Website/Social Media**

In order to see the most up to date information about happenings with the GCCBA, please check our website [www.gccba.org](http://www.gccba.org) or Facebook page.



# Congregational Health



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

Carpenter's Grove ~ Crestview ~ Dover ~ Eastside, Shelby ~ Lily Memorial ~ 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 in Mooresboro, NC is seeking a **permanent part-time Minister of Music**. We are looking for someone who can bring a diverse and dynamic approach to the music ministry. The ideal candidate would need to be versatile in different worship styles and appreciate a blended music ministry program. They would have a passion for developing and encouraging musicians and vocalists. This position will provide leadership to the adult choir and praise team by guiding and encouraging freedom in praising God and spiritual growth. Interested candidates send a resume or for additional details [campscreek@yahoo.com](mailto:campscreek@yahoo.com) or contact the church office at 704-434-2354.

### **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

### **Elizabeth:**

Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby, NC is searching for a Student Pastor to continue our growing ministry. We are searching for the right man to come alongside our families to nurture our students and partner with their families as they grow in the Lord. This is a full-time position with a salary plus benefits. Our current Student Pastor is still at the church and will be moving into a supervisory Family/Next Gen Pastor role when this position is filled. Our student ministry is currently growing, and this is an exciting time in our ministry.



# Congregational Health



## **Flint Hill:**

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)

## **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

## **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](mailto: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.

## **Pleasant Grove:**

Pleasant Grove Baptist— **Part time Office Administrator**. 18 hours per week. Interest or questions, please email [toby@pgbcshelby.org](mailto:toby@pgbcshelby.org)

## **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)

First Baptist Church Shelby is a Christ-centered, welcoming congregation in the foothills of the mountains. We are committed to spiritual growth, community engagement, and impactful outreach. We are seeking **Pastor of Community Life, Discipleship, and Outreach**.

## **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

Zion Baptist Church of Shelby, NC is seeking a **pastor**. We are a congregation of approximately 250 members with an average attendance of 100. We are looking for a Pastor who shares our commitment to Jesus Christ and our concern and compassion for one another, our community, and the world. The church supports CBF and SBC mission causes, has men and women who serve as deacons, and values the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message. To request our congregational and pastor profile, or to submit inquiries, resumes, or other expressions of interest, please contact us at [zionbaptistchurchpsc@gmail.com](mailto:zionbaptistchurchpsc@gmail.com).

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- 1**— Leadership/Business Affairs Meeting, GCCBA, 11:45 am
- 3**— Grover/KM Minister's Fellowship at Carolina Crossing, 8:30 am  
Music Ministry Round Table, Toscanos Bistro, 6:00 pm
- 7-9**—GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED
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