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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.

Missions has been a passion of mine since I was a 15-year-old kid on his first mission trip to Toronto, Canada. I spent that week singing in a youth choir and serving as the PE teacher for our "Backyard Bible Club" in a Toronto suburb. Since that day, I have served in over 40 national mission trips doing everything from construction to visiting senior citizens. I have traveled internationally to three continents working in a hospital in India, leading a pastors' conference in Zimbabwe, and helping to coordinate a Bible camp in Hungary. Missions is just something that gets me excited!

In every experience, I have been amazed to see not only what God has done through a willing team that was stretched out of their comfort zone to make an impact for Christ, but I have watched as the experience has transformed those who ventured out on the mission trip to begin with. To put it succinctly, when we go, we get so much more than we give.

Part of the reason for the unexpected blessing is that inevitably, every time I've gone on mission, I went knowing that there was a team of people praying for the trip, the team, the travel, and the outcome. Prayer makes all the difference in the world to the mission team and to those the team ministers to as well.

This summer I will be leading a team of high school students and adults to Antigua, Guatemala, in June. This will be the first time the GCCBA has been to Guatemala and the first time our partner, Mission Serve, has sent a team into the Antiqua area. We will be conducting home visits to share the gospel and leading two two-day VBS programs. In the VBS programs alone, we anticipate working with 200 to 300 kids. In addition, we are looking to bless several churches and ministries in this area. Please pray for our team as they prepare to go. Pray that we will be safe in travel. Pray that we will be prepared for our ministry

Thoughts from our Staff

opportunities (planned and unplanned). Pray that we can bond as a team as we are called upon to minister in a place that we have never been. Pray that the outcome of the trip will be successful and the outcome for our team will be impactful for their future walk with Christ.

Following the Guatemala trip, I will be coordinating a mission project in Spruce Pine, NC in July for the Hurricane Helene relief efforts that are still ongoing. We will have around 350 student and adult volunteers for one week serving those still trying to put their lives back together. We still have space if your student ministry is looking for a mission trip and want to make a difference in NC this summer. Please contact the GCCBA for more information, and regardless of whether you can go or not – please pray for us as we serve those in need of a helping hand and the love of the gospel.

Thank you for allowing me to do something I love and lead others to experience missions for the first time in this state and to the ends of the earth!

Jason Ballard

I had the privilege the other evening to see the Christian band Sanctus Real in concert. One of their most popular songs is called *My God is Still the Same, during the concert the lead singer talked about why they wrote this song. They wrote it in the summer of 2020 during the height of the Global Pandemic. He said that finally after 6 months of being apart the band came back together and asked each other what does our world need to hear right now. It didn't take long for one of them to say the world needs to know that our God hasn't changed. The first few lines of the song say these words: Just ask the waves, If they are stilled at the mention of His name, They'll say my God is still the same. Ask the walls, If they still fall at the mighty sound of praise, They'll say my God is still the same, When did He break His promise? When did His kindness fail? Never has, never will, My God is still the same, yeah, My God is still the same.*

I thought this was a great reminder for us all. No matter what is going on in our personal lives, our churches, our country, or our world. God is still the same. He has the same power, the same love for his children, and the same gift of forgiveness that He had way back when the Bible was written. It's those times of uncertainty that we need to remember when we don't have the answers we can rest in the fact that God is still the same and we can rely on Him for strength, power, and wisdom.

Serving together, Katie

> **pray** on it **pray** over it **pray** through it





Pastoral Health



Ministers Conference

Monday, June 9, 2025 Cookout at 11:30am

KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship

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

Lattimore Pastors Fellowship

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

RESTORE

GCCBA MINISTER & SPOUSE RETREAT

MARCH 6TH - 8TH, 2026 RIDGECREST CONFERENCE CENTER

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. TATE & WENDY COCKRELL

COST: EARLY BIRD: \$400 (PAID IN FULL BY SEPTEMBER 8TH) COST AFTER SEPTEMBER 8TH: \$475

TO SIGN UP CALL OR EMAIL KATIE OR NICOLE 704-482-3472/KATIE@GCCBA.ORG





Pray for these couples on their special day in June:

Double Shoals—Brian and Susan Johnson—5th New Hope – Russ and Melody Bradley - 6th Ross Grove - Marcus and Brittany McGill - 9th Patterson Grove—Brand and Lindsey Bridges—12th Westview - Rick and Susan Bowling - 14th Westwood Heights - David and Angie Costner - 14th KM 2nd – Dennis and Patricia Pruitt -20th Zion Hill—Roger and Cynthia Fuller—25th Allen Memorial—Reese and Wendy English—27th Pleasant Grove—Toby and Kristen Bird—30th





Shelby Totally Free Clothes Store

318 Gidney Street Shelby NC We offer free clothing items per person each month, up to 20-30 items. All free. We are a totally volunteer run organization , 501C3 non profit. Feel free to check us out at The Shelby Totally Free Clothes Store online and on Facebook. Melanie Burr 704-692-2389, Tracy Easter 704-418-3556

Summer Missionary

We welcome back Addison Wease and Maggie Deviney who were with us last year. Both of them will be here throughout the summer to help with things around the office but most importantly they are here to help our churches! They are available to help with VBS, day camps, or special mission events. If your church is hosting a VBS or other outreach projects and you need assistance please contact Katie to get on their schedule.



Please visit our website, www.gccba.org and other social media sites for information, training, and mission opportunities. Join one of our Facebook groups for your area!





Block Party Trailer

 \int_{2}^{1} 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.

Friday Feed the Hungry & Gathering Lunch Program

We still have a few summer dates open for this wonderful outreach mission. The summer is a great

time for youth and children's groups to be involved. Groups that are interested in serving will be in charge of providing sandwiches, chips, and cookies for 50 people.



Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: March 2025 Food 10 Medicine 1 Other 1 Power <u>41</u> Total Assisted Units: 53



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 **Ministry Support**



I'm excited to hear about the churches who are joining together to do VBS for their community this summer! VBS is a GREAT ministry and outreach to the community. Report your numbers! Help us keep track of VBS effectiveness, community outreach, etc. We're praying for VBS in your church and community. Pray for each other! Share resources! Work together!

These Sundays in June: June 1st, 8th, 22nd, and 29th -Zion Baptist - from 3-6 pm

June 1-4

-Mt. Sinai -Magnified is our theme -We will have classes for children, youth, and adults, We have a free meal each day of VBS. It will be Breakfast on Sunday morning starting at 9 and Supper each night starting at 5:00 Day 1 will be Sunday Were a free meal each day Morning 9:30-12:30, Day 2 will be Sunday Night 5:30-8:30, Day 3 will be Mon Night 5:30-8:30, Day 4 will be Tues Night 5:30-8:30, Day 5 - Wed Night 5:30-8:30

June 1-5

-Zoar - 6:00pm-8:30pm SCUBA diving into friendship with God -Northside - True North, Trusting Jesus in a wild world, (Family Night June 6th), Supper 5:30-6:00pm, VBS 6 - 8pm

June 1-6

-Waco Baptist Church - 6:00pm - 7:30pm, 3 yr olds through 6th graders, Theme: Live It Out

June 3-5

-Hope Community - Theme - LIVE IT OUT - from 6:00-8:00 PM, 4 years old- 5th grade, Food trucks will be available from 4:30-5:30 with food for families to purchase each evening. Doors will open at 5:50.

June 8-11

-Bethlehem - Magnified from Lifeway - dinner at 5:15 or so and opening rally at 6.

-Boiling Springs - "Magnified" and the kickoff is Sunday, June 8-- 4:00-8:00 pm. Then Monday Wednesday, June 9-11-- 6:00-8:45 pm. -Lattimore, Sandy Plains, and Pleasant Ridge are having VBS together this year at Sandy Plains. from 5:30-8:00 PM, It's for all ages. Dinner is at 5:30.

June 8-12

-Double Springs VBC, 5:30 PM, Theme: "Magnified" - Discovering the Brightness of God in the Smallest of Things, Psalm 34:3

June 9-12

-Camps Creek VBS from 5-8 pm. The curriculum is Wonder Junction from Answers in Genesis - Marvel at Jesus, Live For His Glory.

June 16 – 20

-Elizabeth - 5:30-8:30 pm, Theme - Magnified -Patterson Grove - 6pm-8:40pm, Registration Online: https://pattersongrove.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/75/responses/new Magnified! Discovering God's Bigness

June 18-22

-Calvary - Wonder Junction, June 18-Kickoff Jamboree 5:30-7 Free food and games, June 19-20 -Meal at 5:00, 5:45-8:15, June 21- 10-2—Lunch and snacks provided, June 22 -10-12 -Lunch to follow

June 19-21

-Pleasant Grove VBS Theme is "Magnify". Thursday & Friday 5:30 - 7:30 pm, and Saturday 4-6 pm with cookout to follow.

June 22-25

-Ross Grove - Stellar! - 6PM-8PM

June 22-26th

-New Hope - VBS - 5:15 - 8:00pm - Dinner included! The theme is Wonder Junction from Answers in Genesis. **-FBC Grover** - 5:30-7:30 pm Themed: Magnified - All ages

June 22-27

-Westwood Heights, 6:15 to 8:45 PM, "TRUE NORTH" Trusting Jesus in a wild world

June 23-27

-FBKMC - Our theme is Magnified -New Bethel Baptist, Lawndale Baptist, Fallston Baptist and 1st Methodist Church of Lawndale for our VBS - It will be held at Lawndale Baptist this year, Theme: Magnified, Times: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each evening

June 23-26

-Beaver Dam -6:00-8:15 pm, 4yrs old- 12th grade, Theme: True North











Congregational Health





Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor. Carpenter's Grove ~ Christian Freedom ~ Crestview ~ Dover ~ Fallston ~ 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 <u>bsbcsearch2024@gmail.com</u>

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 <u>robert@visitcalvaryonline.com</u>.

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 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 in Shelby, NC is seeking a **pastor**. We are a member of the Southern Baptist Convention reaching out to our community with the love of Jesus Christ. We value all ages and generations of our congregation and strive to serve each other with kindness and good will. There is a great opportunity for growth in our church that we are looking forward to developing with the right leadership. Our ideal candidate should be skilled in teaching/ preaching God's word in a manner that challenges membership to grow in their faith. The candidate should be a good leader and roll model as described in I Timothy 3, be available and approachable, and be willing to serve the membership and community in a way that brings honor and glory to our Lord, Jesus Christ. Crestview 704.487.7485 - 1090 Old Boiling Springs Rd., Shelby 28152 https:// www.crestviewbaptistshelby.com/

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

Dover:

Dover Baptist Church is seeking an experienced, **part-time pianist**. Responsibilities include Sunday morning worship service and Sunday evening choir practice. The pianist will also play for specially scheduled activities and funerals/ weddings when needed. Dover offers competitive pay and paid vacation/sick time. Resumes may be sent to Dover Baptist Church, Attention Ashley Smith: 1501 Shelby Rd. Shelby, NC, 28150. Applicants may also contact Ashley Smith @ 704-472-9730 or email at doverbaptistshelby@gmail.com.

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.

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 nbbclawndale@gmail.com.

Northside:

Northside Baptist is in need of a **pianist** for Sunday morning and Wednesday nights. Please call Gary Barnett for more details 704-466-6734



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: <u>ogbc1022@gmail.com</u> (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

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 d 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.

Position Summary: Poplar Springs Baptist Church seeks a welcoming, organized, and spiritually mature individual to serve as our **Ministerial Assistant**. This position plays a central role in ensuring the efficient operation of the church office and fosters a positive, helpful atmosphere for congregants, staff, and visitors. It will provide essential administrative support to the pastoral staff and ministry teams, facilitate church communications, and manage key office functions to support the church's mission and ministry. Please send cover letter and resume to: psbcpersonnelcommittee@gmail.com

Ross Grove

Ross Grove is seeking an individual for the **Church Instrumentalist** (**Pianist**) **position**. The ability to play organ would be fantastic, but it is not required. This position is a part-time, competitive pay for the area, salaried position. Position includes playing music for Sunday morning worship, choir rehearsals, and any special planned events (the odd evening service, cantata, revival, etc.) Funerals and Weddings are not required but are paid over and above salary. Any qualified

candidates should be proficient in their skill level, such as sight-reading standard arrangements and accompaniment pieces. The candidate must be flexible in rare changes to the service, possess an all-important Christ-like manner, and have a good attitude. They will need to be self-motivated, have strong interpersonal skills, work well with others, and be flexible during the Christmas and Easter seasons. For additional information, please email personnel@rossgrove.org to submit your resume, 2 references, and, if possible, a video/audio sample of your playing. Our church is a great place to serve the Lord!

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

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.

Zoar:

Children/Youth Leader – Part-Time Zoar Baptist Church | ~20 hrs/week | Minimum starting pay: \$15/hr Zoar Baptist Church (Shelby) is seeking a dedicated and energetic **Children/Youth Leader** to join our ministry team! This role is vital in helping young hearts grow in their love for Christ through strong biblical teaching, creative programming, and meaningful relationships. You'll work with committed volunteers to lead impactful children and youth ministries—including weekly Bible studies, fun events, mission projects, and more. We offer paid vacation & sick time. If you have a heart for ministry, leadership experience, and a desire to make a lasting difference in the lives of kids and teens, we'd love to hear from you! Apply today by emailing your resume to: CYsearch@zoarchurch.com, or share with someone who'd be a great fit!

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