

Allen Memorial
 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
 Temple
 Trinity
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 Victory
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 Wallace Grove
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Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association

Uniting congregations in effective missions and ministries

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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.

Summer is a great time to relax, catch your breath from a long school year, go on a family vacation, and just take some time for yourself – unless you serve in ministry! If you are in ministry, Summer is the season of the year that involves the end-of-year party, kid's camp, Vacation Bible School, and the back-to-school bash! And that's just for kids' ministry! Almost every church spends these warmer months navigating youth camp, the church-wide mission trip, and don't forget all the substitutes that you have to recruit for the different ministries while everyone else takes a vacation. It's no wonder churches experience the summer slump, everyone is just plain worn out!

This is why I think that now is the time we need to hold on to Paul's words, "Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up." (Gal. 6:9). I know that this is a difficult time for many churches as they truly seek to bless their communities and those who need to hear the gospel, but we need to link arms and continue to work together to hold each other up in the midst of our challenges.

Don't forget that this means that the GCCBA staff is here to help you in the throes of this busy season. Our summer interns have been working diligently at VBS programs and the Shelby Mission Camp. We are continuing to work at prepping our international mission team and our NC Mission teams. This, however, doesn't mean we aren't ready to help in whatever way we can to support your church through the summer "slump" of activity and effort. If you have need of some guidance and maybe even an extra volunteer at your VBS, or you just want to take a vacation and need someone to fill the pulpit, don't hesitate to call. We are here to support your ministry and together we can all fulfill the mission God had given us to "Go!" and "Make Disciples!" Let's have a great summer and lift the name of Jesus high.

Jason Ballard



Community Engagement



School & Church Partnerships

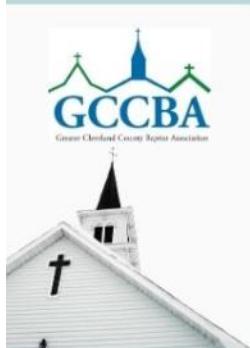
As school starts back in August we plan to host prayer walks at each school in the county. We will be partnering churches with local schools to send people to pray and collect school supplies. We are now beginning to make sure each school in the county will have a partner church that will sponsor the prayer walk and collect school supplies. If you already have a partnership with a local school remember to start talking with the principal now about how you can serve them this summer and as school starts back in the Fall. These prayer walks typically take place the weekend before school starts which would be August 9th/10th.

Church Without Walls August 8th & 9th, 2025

Join us for a 2 day local missions event where we become the church without walls as we minister to our local community. This missions event is for all ages (Birth-Senior Adults). Age appropriate mission projects will be available.

Schedule:

Friday evening- Supper, Worship, & Fellowship
Saturday- Breakfast, Mission Projects, & Lunch



Cost: \$10 per person, includes meals & a tee shirt

Register Here:

or by calling Katie at
704-482-3472 or
katie@gccba.org



Cleveland County Fair Ministry

We are working on plans to minister to the fair workers during the Cleveland County Fair. In the past we have held a breakfast, lunch, and provided food bags. Please watch for more information to be shared soon.





Pastoral Health



Ministers Conference
No Minister's Conference!

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

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

Pastors Anniversaries for July:

Bethel:
Tim Sims, 21 years
Immanuel:
Ted Easter, 24 years
Kings Mountain:
Tim Whitesides, 11 years
Mount Sinai:
Tim Trexler, 25 years
Pleasant Ridge:
Derek Greene, 2 years
Ross Grove:
Marcus McGill, 9 years
Zoar:
Jon Jones, 3 years

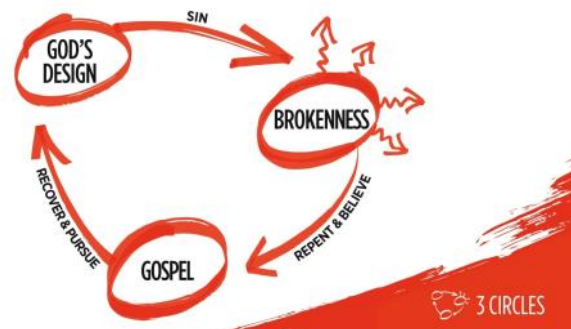


Pray for these couples on their special day in July:

Flint Hill – Shane & Emily Kirby—1st
KM - Tim & Andrea Whitesides - 18th
Calvary—Robert & Rebekah Rash—27th
Green Bethel—Wade & Linda Wallace—29th
KM 1st - Bro Chip and Martha Sloan — 31st



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



July is a big vacation month! Share
Jesus while on vacation!





Missions Partnerships



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

Guatemala Mission Trip

As you are reading this our team of 14 are in Antigua Guatemala serving churches by helping with VBS, doing home visits, and working with local ministries. Please be in prayer for them to have a fruitful week and for their safety as they travel.

Summer Missionary

This summer we have 2 ladies helping out as our Summer Interns. Both of them are 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.

NC BAPTISTS
Coats
FOR THE
City

Collection Dates
July 1st-October 28th, 2025

Men's, women's & children's coats (preferred sizes are S, M, L, & XL)
New or gently used heavy coats that can withstand a New York City winter
No holes, tears or stains, Zippers should work and all buttons should be present

Drop off location:
GCCBA Office 1175 Wyke Rd Shelby

More Information: www.gccba.org/coatsforthecity



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!

July 13-17

-Pleasant City Church VBS / Live it Out - "Discover How to Love Like Jesus"
Kickoff event will be Sunday, July 13 from 6-8, Monday - Thursday / 9:00 - 12:30
-Trinity - 6:00—8:30, Wonder Junction, Meal Served nightly at 6 pm



July 14-18

-New Prospect - Magnified, 6:00-8:30 pm, PreK-5th grade, Meal served nightly at 6:00 pm

July 21-23

-Poplar Springs Baptist VBS is July 21-23



July 21-24

-Flint Hill is hosting VBS from 5:30 – 8:00. The theme this year is Wonder Junction.

July 25-27

-Carpenter's Grove, Join us for Vacation Bible School for ages 3 - adult! Friday, July 25th from 6:00pm - 9:00pm (supper provided), Saturday, July 26th from 9:00am - 2:00pm (lunch provided) Sunday, July 27th from 9:00am - 12:00pm, On Sunday, commencement will begin at 10:00am and family fellowship meal to follow!

July 27-30

-Eastside Baptist Shelby



July 28-31

-Oak Grove - 6:00-8:00pm - Magnified by Lifeway



Community Engagement



Block Party Trailer

The schedule for the trailer fills up fast for the Summer and fall 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 open for this wonderful outreach mission. Groups that are interested in serving will be in charge of providing sandwiches, chips, and cookies for 50 people. Please contact Katie for more information.



Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: May 2025

Food 22

Power 37

Total Assisted Units: 59



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!



Congregational Health



HAVE YOU LOOKED AT YOUR CHURCH BYLAWS LATELY?

Join us on August 4th, 2025
@ 6:00 pm
Eastside Baptist Church

Why Attend?
Church bylaws aren't just legal documents—they're leadership tools. Join fellow pastors, deacons, trustees, and ministry leaders for a practical & engaging time of learning.

A representative from Alliance Defending Freedom will be there to talk about how you can partner with them to have:

Legal Support
Resources & Education
News & Insights
Legal Document Review



Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.

Bethany ~ Carpenter's Grove ~ Christian Freedom ~ Crestview ~ Dover ~ Fallston ~ Lily Memorial ~ New Camp Creek ~ Northside ~ Norman's Grove ~ Pleasant Hill ~ Trinity ~ Union ~ 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



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.

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



Congregational Health



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

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.

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 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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