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 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  
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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.***

If you are like me, you are hanging on tight as summer continues flying by and melting as I go. It's already August and the back to school displays are set up at Walmart and ready to go. I know what you are thinking, I'm too busy! I've got too much to do to add anything to my plate! But, the truth is there isn't a time of year we can't say those words.

This month we will focus on the opportunities that we as Christians have to engage in our community by serving the needs of others. Our North Carolina Baptist State Convention is sponsoring an effort known as Serve NC during the week of August 2 through 9. This is a great opportunity for your church to jump in and serve someone in your community by serving a local school, soup kitchen, shelter, or senior adult.

We at the GCCBA are working to provide an opportunity for you and your church to engage your community through Church Without Walls. This Friday and Saturday event on August 8 and 9 is being led and organized by Katie Harris through our office and she has planned some great opportunities for people of all ages to get involved in community engagement but we need you to sign up! If you have not signed up and you want to get involved you need to contact our office at 704-482-3472. If you can't join us for Church Without Walls, please take time to join our efforts in blessing Cleveland County with the love of Christ. And hang on tight – fall will be here before you know it.

Jason Ballard



# Community Engagement



This summer has truly flown by! I cannot believe that we are now looking towards the start of the new school year and working on plans for the fall. This summer has been a great opportunity for us to minister in Guatemala and in and around Cleveland County. It's exciting to see many of our churches working together to host VBS, Day Camps, and other outreach events for the community. A special thanks goes to our Summer Missionaries, Addison & Maggie, who have helped in 7 Vacation Bible Schools this summer. They have enjoyed teaching, leading recreation, crafts, and music! As we finish up the dog days of summer, let's begin to pray and plan for ways that God can use us to minister to those around us this coming fall. This newsletter is full of opportunities for you and your church to be involved. Take special note of the announcement about our need for more churches to be school partners and if you have a group that wants to join us last minute for our Church Without Walls call me and I can get you set up.

Looking forward to ministering with you,  
Katie

## Church Without Walls

August 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 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:

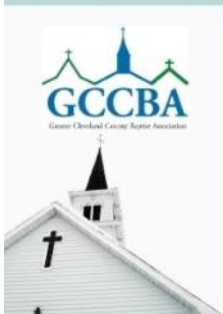
Friday evening- Supper, Worship, & Fellowship

Saturday- Breakfast, Mission Projects, & Lunch

### Register Here:

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

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.



### **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.





## Pastoral Health



### Ministers Conference

August 4, 2025

Lunch at 11:30 am and Program at Noon  
Alliance Defending Freedom—Isaiah Turner

### KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship

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

### Lattimore Pastors Fellowship

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

### Pastors Anniversaries for August:

Camps Creek:

Steve Durham, 4 years

Poplar Springs:

Aaron Hinton, 2 year

Westview:

Rick Bowling, 16 years



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

New Bethel— Carson and Laney Putnam—10<sup>th</sup>

Beaver Dam – Tom and Joanna Runyon - 12<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant City - Bryan and Tina Glisson- 22<sup>nd</sup>



## 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.



**RESTORE**

GCCBA MINISTER & SPOUSE RETREAT

MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup>, 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





# Missions Partnerships



**NC BAPTISTS**  
**Coats**  
**FOR THE**  
**City**

**Collection Dates**  
**July 1st-October 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.gccba.org/coatsforthecity)

North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) is a special offering received during the month of September that brings relief to those in need, helps plant churches and mobilizes N.C. Baptists for missions.

The theme for 2025 is "Living Sent," and the offering goal is \$2.6 million.

*Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I also send you." John 20:21 (CSB)*





# Ministry Support



## HAVE YOU LOOKED AT YOUR CHURCH BYLAWS LATELY?

Join us on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
@ 6:00 pm  
Eastside Baptist Church  
1165 Wyke Rd Shelby



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



Reminder of Meetings in August.

**Enlistment Team Meeting,**  
August 13 at 11:45am

**Leadership and Business Affairs Teams-** August 19 at 11:45am

**Business Affairs Team—**  
September 9 at 11:45am



## Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: June 2025

Food	27
Power	39
Total Assisted Units:	66



## GCCBA FOOD PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS:

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

Spaghetti sauce	The pantry always needs everything, but the items listed are what we go through the fastest!
spaghetti noodles	
peanut butter	
jelly	
crackers	
cereal	
macaroni and cheese	
Canned Meat	
Toiletries: toilet paper, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, clothes detergent	

10.19.2025



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**A N N U A L**  
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AT  
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C H U R C H

MORE DETAILS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE SOON



# Congregational Health



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

Bethany ~ Carpenter's Grove ~ Christian Freedom ~ Crestview ~ Dover ~ Fallston ~ Lily Memorial ~ Northside ~ Norman's Grove ~ Pleasant Hill ~ Trinity ~ Union ~ Waco ~ Zion



### *Bethany:*

Bethany Baptist Church, located in the peaceful community of Grover, North Carolina, is prayerfully seeking the **pastor** that God has chosen to lead and serve our congregation. We are a small but faithful and loving church family, with an average attendance of 30–45 members. We have the best praise team a church could ask for with live music and instruments that is an amazing experience to praise with. We desire a pastor that is not only committed to preaching the Word of God but also walking alongside us in worship, fellowship, and life. We believe that being a pastor is more than delivering a sermon on Sunday — it's about being part of a family. At Bethany Baptist, we strive to love one another, serve our community, and grow in Christ together. We gather each Wednesday for a time of fellowship, a short message, and a shared hot meal — a cherished tradition that brings us closer together. We are open to both **full-time** and **bivocational** candidates, depending on the best fit for our church and the calling God has placed on the pastor's life. Our desire is for someone who feels led to shepherd, encourage, and grow with us — someone who values the church, the youth, as well as community as much as the pulpit. If you feel called to a close-knit church that is hungry for God's Word, rooted in love, and ready to support a pastor who will lead with humility and heart, we would love to hear from you. To express interest or request more information, please contact our pulpit committee via phone call/Text for information on where to send a resume 980-522-1403. We are praying for you even now, that God would lead the right shepherd to our church. Bethany Baptist Church 723 Cleveland Avenue Grover, North Carolina 28073

### *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)

### *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 role 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](mailto: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.

### *Flint Hill:*

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 [parkersdad117@yahoo.com](mailto:parkersdad117@yahoo.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 [nbbclawndale@gmail.com](mailto:nbbclawndale@gmail.com).





# Congregational Health



## **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](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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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

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).

## **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](mailto:CYsearch@zoarchurch.com), or share with someone who'd be a great fit!

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- 4—** Minister's Conference, GCCBA, 11:30 am
- Church & Ministry Alliance, Eastside Shelby, 6:00 pm
- 7—** Grover/KM Minister's Fellowship at Carolina Crossing, 8:30 am
- 8-9—** Church Without Walls, GCCBA
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