

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
 Patterson Grove
 Patterson Springs
 Peach Street
 Peoples
 Plains View
 Pleasant City
 Pleasant Grove
 Pleasant Hill
 Pleasant Ridge
 Polkville
 Poplar Springs
 Ross Grove
 Sandy Plains
 Shelby First
 Sunrise
 Temple
 Trinity
 Union
 Victory
 Waco
 Wallace Grove
 Washington Missionary
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 Westview
 Westwood Heights
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In Philippians 1, the apostle Paul states, "I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Partnership is essential in the New Testament as churches were planted across the known world and bonded together by sending missionaries like Paul, Barnabas, Timothy, Silas, and Titus as well as by giving financially to support the needs of the churches in different areas of the world that were suffering oppression or difficulty. Partnership is essential today for churches as well as we connect to each other for the fulfillment of the mission all around the world.

Here in Cleveland County, the GCCBA "partners" our churches together for many things like pastoral and congregational health, leadership development and ministry support, but our two missional values that focus on partnership the most are Mission Partnership (building relationships with missionaries and churches outside of Cleveland County) and Community Engagement (building relationships between organizations that mirror our gospel mission and our churches here in Cleveland County.)

Several of those organizations include The Shelby Mission Camp and The Cleveland County Potato project which have joined together in a new mission endeavor to equip our churches to impact their community. This new strategy is known as the "Mobile Market" which will take fruit and vegetables into communities in need to distribute with the truth of the gospel. Who will distribute? YOU! This ministry is offered to our churches. You can sign up with the Shelby Mission Camp to take the "Mobile Market" into communities you want to serve and distribute food grown by the Shelby Mission Camp and the Cleveland County Potato Project!

There will be some training and as always there is a need for support in the preparation of the food and the trailer before it is taken out, but what an amazing opportunity to partner with these ministries as they address hunger in Cleveland County. If you are interested in utilizing the Mobile Market, contact Robbie Alexander at the Shelby Mission Camp at (704) 472 – 0104.

Jason Ballard





Ministry Support



Summer Missionary

This summer we welcome back Maggie Deviney as our Summer Missionary. Maggie will be working in our assistance ministry office and helping churches with summer mission projects and Vacation Bible School. If your church is in need of help with VBS or other summer mission projects please call us to get on Maggie's schedule.

Special Needs

Our Special Needs Ministry Training Part 2 is coming up in April. Even if you didn't make it to the first one you are welcome to come to Part 2. After this session you will walk away with a personalized ministry strategy for your church. We hope to see you on April 13th.

Make plans to join us for our
Ministry Assistants
Appreciation Luncheon

MAY 7TH, 2026
11:30 AM
GCCBA OFFICE

Please RSVP to Nicole by May 4th

SPECIAL NEEDS
Ministry Training Part #2

Monday April 13th @ 6:30 pm
First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain
605 W King St, Kings Mountain

Joni & Friends will be joining us to talk about how your church can build a comprehensive plan for your churches Special Needs Ministry. Children's Ministers, Pastors, and Volunteers are welcome to attend.

To register please email katie@gccba.org
or Scan this QR code:

Questions?
Contact Us!



704-482-3472



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Senior Adult Spring Sing & Dinner on the Grounds

Thursday April 30th, 2026
9:30 am- 1:00 pm
Westwood Heights Baptist Church

Cost: \$5 person

Please register by Monday, April 20 by calling GCCBA 704-482-3472 or Teresa Edmonson. 704-300-4480



Pastoral Health



Ministers Conference

Monday, April 13, 2026
Lunch 11:30am, Program 12:00pm.

KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship

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

Lattimore Pastors Fellowship

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

Pastors Anniversaries for April:

Community:
Scott Caldwell, 11 years
Flint Hill:
Shane Kirby, 16 years
Zion Hill:
Roger Fuller, 34 years



Pray for these couples on their special day in April:

Immanuel—Ted and Tracy Easter—16th
Bethany, Hispanic—David & Angela Trejos—19th
Oak View—Wayne and Lesley Brazzell—20th
Christopher Road – Mike and Jan Tucker—30th

Wanted

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

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

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

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Sunday,
April 5th!



Community Engagement



When you are a part of the Food Roundup, you meet real needs and share Christ's love with North Carolina children who are hungry for more than a meal—they are hungry for hope!



Baptist Children's Homes of NORTH CAROLINA

The Food Roundup for the Baptist Children's Homes!

All Food collected in CLEVELAND COUNTY WILL STAY IN CLEVELAND COUNTY!! We now have 5 homes in our county. Please bring food and gift cards to the GCCBA Office by April 23, 2026!

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

YOUR GENEROSITY IS
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| <p>FOOD ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta sauce Mac & cheese Rice Flour Sugar (granulated & brown) <input type="checkbox"/> Baking mixes (cake, brownie, muffin, Bisquick, pancake) Cooking oil & sprays (vegetable, olive, shortening, Pam, Baker's Choice) Cereal (cold & hot) Canned fruits Canned vegetables Gravy mixes Coffee, tea & hot cocoa <input type="checkbox"/> Sauces (ketchup, BBQ, soy, Worcestershire, steak sauce, teriyaki, cheese, sweet & sour, hot sauce) <input type="checkbox"/> Snack foods (sweet & savory-fruit snacks, jerky, pretzels, cheese crackers, etc.) | <p>HOUSEHOLD & CLEANING SUPPLIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry detergent <input type="checkbox"/> Fabric softener/dryer sheets <input type="checkbox"/> Trash bags (large & small) <input type="checkbox"/> Household cleaners <input type="checkbox"/> Paper towels <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper <input type="checkbox"/> Napkins <input type="checkbox"/> Tissues (Kleenex) <input type="checkbox"/> Paper & plastic tableware <input type="checkbox"/> Zip-top bags (sandwich, snack, quart, gallon) |
| | <p>PERSONAL CARE ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soap Toothbrushes Lotion <input type="checkbox"/> Baby wipes |
| | <p>OTHER ESSENTIALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D) |

FINAL NOTES

Gift Cards are appreciated for buying perishables and items not received. (i.e. Wal-Mart, Sams Clubs, Food Lion, Lowes, Ingles, Piggly Wiggly). We can use all size cans. Some locations prefer #10 cans (family size). **IMPORTANT:** Please check for expired dates on food -- we cannot accept expired items. Please help our volunteer truck drivers by packing your church's donations in small, sturdy boxes. Pack like items together. Please do not pack chemicals with food.

Church Without Walls August 7th & 8th, 2026

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



Save The Date, More details to follow soon!

Missions Partnerships

Upper Ohio Valley Mission Trip

We are excited to be partnering with the Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association for a mission trip July 4th-11th. We will be working with several church plants and established churches to do prayer walking, community outreach, VBS, block parties, etc. If you are interested in going on the trip, please contact Katie Harris for more information.

Friday Feed the Hungry

We are excited that in 2026 First Baptist Church, Shelby will be managing the Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch program which they will call The Gathering. If you would like to help provide food for the ministry please contact the church office at 704-482-3467 or click this link

<https://grasshoppersignup.com/s/x1wkdu>

GCCBA FOOD PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS:

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!

Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: January 2026

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|-----------------------|----|
| Food | 11 |
| Medicine | 1 |
| Other | 1 |
| Power | 37 |
| Total Assisted Units: | 50 |



As we all can tell there are many needs across our county and our assistance office volunteers work hard to help answer calls and help people with their needs. We do our best to spread out our resources so that we can help the most families with their immediate needs. Our normal guidelines are to help families once a year with utilities and once every four months with food. We also can occasionally help with medicine, dental work, or other various needs. We do not have funding to help with rent or hotel stays. If you ever have questions about what we help with or would like to cross reference a person who has come to your church for help please feel free to contact Katie Harris.



Leadership Development



LEADERSHIP

Training

GUEST SPEAKER: REV. CLINT PRESSLEY
Senior Pastor of Hickory Grove Baptist & SBC President

May 12th, 2026
Supper @ 6:00 pm/ Training starts @ 6:30 pm
Patterson Grove Baptist Church
301 Oak Grove Rd, Kings Mountain, NC

Please RSVP for dinner by May 4th, 2026
by emailing katie@gccbba.org or scanning
the QR code





Congregational Health



Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.

Bethany ~ Buffalo ~ Christian Freedom ~
Crestview ~ Dover ~ Fallston ~
Norman's Grove ~ Pleasant Hill ~
Trinity ~ Union ~ Waco



Annual Church Profile

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

The new 2025 ACP digital form is quicker & easier than ever! The submitted data for this reporting period is typically Jan. 1, 2025 to Dec. 31, 2025. Please submit as soon as possible, reach out to Nicole Mosley with any questions!

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!



Reserve the Block Party Trailer for Your Next Outreach Event!

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.

OFFICE CLOSED

Office Closed:
Easter Monday—April 6th

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, and the youth, as well as the 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, NC 28073

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 passionate and dedicated **Director of Children and Youth Ministry** to nurture the spiritual growth, engagement, and discipleship of our children, youth, and their families. For more information and to apply, please contact Pastor Rob at 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, please send a resume to campscreek@yahoo.com. To request additional details, email campscreek@yahoo.com or contact the church office at 704-434-2354 (M-Th 9 am- 1pm).

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/>



Congregational Health



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.

Dover Baptist Church is a loving, community-focused, Southern Baptist church in the area of Shelby, NC, that is poised to grow substantially in the coming years. The **Bi-Vocational Pastor** will serve as the spiritual shepherd and leader of the church, walking alongside the congregation in worship, care, and mission. Interested applicants may submit a resume and cover letter to doverbaptistapplications@gmail.com by May 1st.

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 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: 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 & resumes please send an email request to 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.

Ross Grove

Ross Grove is seeking a part-time **Church Administrative Assistant** to oversee daily church office operations and support the pastor, ministerial staff, congregation members, and the various committees of a growing church. While this role does not involve accounting, basic bookkeeping skills are preferred. The ideal candidate is a well-organized, detail-oriented professional with excellent communication and teamwork skills, experience in general administrative functions, and proficiency with computer systems, software, and office equipment. The position requires 25 hours per week at a starting rate of \$15-\$20 per hour, depending on skill and experience. Qualified candidates may email their resume and three letters of reference to personnel@rossgrove.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

Zoar:

Zoar Baptist Church is seeking a Christ-centered, musically gifted **Part-Time Worship Leader** to plan and lead meaningful blended worship services with a small praise team, and support the overall ministry of the church. Responsibilities include coordinating Sunday worship, directing weekly rehearsals, selecting music, preparing worship materials, collaborating with the pastor on weekly and seasonal services, providing leadership for special events, assisting with church functions such as VBS, and encouraging praise team volunteers. Candidates should demonstrate a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, musical proficiency, strong communication and organizational skills, and a commitment to teamwork. Experience with blended worship & audio/visual background, preferred. This role has a projected pay range of \$10,000-\$12,000 per year (based on experience) with an average of 10 hours per week. Applicants are invited to submit a resumé and any worship samples for consideration to zoarworship@zoarchurch.com. Or mail resumes to: Zoar Baptist Church, Attn: Lyn Carroll, Search Committee, 1740 S. Lafayette St., Shelby, NC 28152

**If any of these positions have been filled,
please let me know at nicole@gccba.org**

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- 2**— Grover/KM Minister's Fellowship at Carolina Crossing, 8:30 am
GCCBA Leadership Team Meeting, GCCBA, 11:45 am
- 5**— Happy Easter
- 6**— GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED
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