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 Christian Freedom  
 Christopher Road  
 City of God  
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 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  
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 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  
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 Union  
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Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association

*Uniting congregations in effective missions and ministries*

# THE BEACON

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*The GCCBA exists to build (and rebuild) healthy churches*

**BY**

*uniting congregations in effective missions and ministry!*

In order for the GCCBA to achieve this amended mission, we have adopted 6 missional values.

***Pastoral health, Congregational health, Leadership development, Ministry support, Community engagement, and Mission partnership.***

Recently, I reentered the field of education as a student. I know what you're thinking, "Isn't he too old for that?" "What does he need to learn now?" or the most common exasperated question—"Why?!" Believe me, when I say that I have had many of these same questions myself as I have worked through readings, papers, and presentations, but in the midst of this process I have found something that I have missed since the days of my seminary education 20 years ago. I have missed the comradery and collaboration of others. What I often learn in a class is greatly eclipsed by what I glean from my fellow students.

The same is true in the ministry of our churches. So often we are so encased in our own church, our own ministry, and our own problems that we cannot see a way beyond this moment. That's when we need to stop looking and start listening. The voices of others who are in the trenches of ministry with us truly become a lifeline for many as we seek to navigate the challenges of ministry leadership regardless of if we are talking about children's ministry, youth ministry, music ministry or anything-else-ministry. Part of our goal in 2025 is to strengthen our efforts in every area of our six missional values including ministry support by helping churches connect and collaborate their ministries across the association for mutual encouragement and equipping.

With this in mind, the GCCBA will launch a new series of events in February for fostering collaboration in children's and youth ministry as well as in music ministry. On February 4<sup>th</sup>, we will host the **music ministry "roundtable"** at the GCCBA offices at 6 PM. Dinner will be provided along with some other freebies. Our goal is to better assist you with leading worship in your church. Please make sure your music minister, choir leader, or keeper of the songs makes the time to join us on this important evening.

Likewise, the GCCBA will host a youth and children's ministry roundtable on February 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM at the GCCBA offices. Again, we will offer dinner and some freebies along with an

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# Thoughts from our Staff

opportunity for encouragement and collaboration as we seek to connect our youth and children's ministries across the association. Our overall goal is to provide an evening of collaboration on current methods, challenges and opportunities in the areas of children's and youth ministry. Please make sure your youth and children's minister, children's director, youth ministry volunteer or the like come on this night to be encouraged and equipped to better serve your church as we help them build the connections and explore the options for growing their ministry in your church.

Jason Ballard

As I watch the Church aka the Body of Christ in action it really amazes me to see what can be accomplished through donations, hard work, and the dedication of God's people. I have the wonderful opportunity to closely watch the 85 churches in our association minister to people in Cleveland County and beyond. I love looking through newsletters, bulletins, Facebook pages, and websites to see the creative things that our churches are doing to share God's love with our community. As you will note throughout this newsletter we have scheduled several trainings and round table discussions for the first quarter of the year so we can help give you resources for the ministries you are doing. If you know of an area that we could help your church, please do not hesitate to let us know. We hope that you will join us for these special training sessions to learn more about how to effectively minister to your community.

Katie Harris



## Leadership Development



**JOIN US FOR A TRAINING:**

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

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

**THURSDAY MARCH 27TH @ 6:00 PM**

**GCCBA 1175 WYKE RD SHELBY**

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




*You make known to me the path of life: in Your presence there is fullness of joy; — Psalm 16:11*

**Choose Joy!**

Week for Heck-Jones is Feb. 10th-16th, 2025

**2025 HECK-JONES Offering**

WEEK OF PRAYER for WMU NC  
GOAL: \$325,000  
[www.wmunc.org](http://www.wmunc.org)





# Pastoral Health



## Ministers Conference

Monday, February 3, 2025  
Lunch 11:30am, Program 12:00pm.

## KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the  
Carolina Crossing Restaurant on Thursday,  
February 6, at 8:30 am.

## Lattimore Pastors Fellowship

will meet at the  
Bulldog Quik Snak, Thursday,  
February 20, at 8:30 am.

## Pastors Anniversaries for February:

Elizabeth:  
Rit Varriale, 20 years  
Lawndale:  
Randy Willis, 2 years  
KM First:  
Chip Sloan, 37 years  
New Bethel:  
Carson Putnam, 4 years  
Pleasant City:  
Bryan Glisson, 26 years



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

Bethany – Richard and Elizabeth Smith—18th

## GCCBA Minister's & Spouse Retreat

Ridgecrest Retreat Center, February 28-March, 2025  
We have a few remaining rooms available for  
Ministers & Spouses that are wanting to attend.  
Sessions led Dr. Jeff Iorg

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**RESTORE**

GCCBA MINISTER'S & SPOUSES RETREAT

February 28 - March 2, 2025

RIDGECREST CONFERENCE CENTER

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeff Iorg

**Cost: \$450**

To sign up: Contact Katie  
(704) 482-3472 [katie@gccba.org](mailto:katie@gccba.org)



# Ministry Support



## MUSIC MINISTRY ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

**FEBRUARY 4TH, 2025**  
GCCBA OFFICE 1175 WYKE RD SHELBY

**STARTS @ 6 PM**



Supper will be served  
Please RSVP to Nicole  
[nicole@gccba.org](mailto:nicole@gccba.org)/704-482-3472

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

**FEBRUARY 11TH, 2025**  
GCCBA OFFICE 1175 WYKE RD SHELBY

**STARTS @ 6 PM**



Supper will be served  
Please RSVP to Nicole  
[nicole@gccba.org](mailto:nicole@gccba.org)/704-482-3472

## SENIOR ADULT RALLY



Monday March 17th, 2025  
9:00 am-1:00 pm  
Beaver Dam Baptist Church  
123 Beaver Dam Church Rd.  
Shelby, NC 28152



Vendor Fair, Music,  
games, & engaging  
speaker



Free lunch  
included



RSVP by March 3rd  
704-482-3472 or  
[katie@gccba.org](mailto:katie@gccba.org)

[www.gccba.org](http://www.gccba.org)



### **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 2024 ACP digital form is quicker & easier than ever! The submitted data for this reporting period is typically Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2024. Deadline is January 30, reach out to Nicole Mosley with any questions!



# Missions Partnerships



We still have a few spots available on our Guatemala Youth Mission Trip. If you are interested in going please contact Katie asap.




Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association

High School & College  
Mission Trip

## GUATEMALA

JUNE 21ST-28TH, 2025  
COST: \$1600

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US**

[katie@gccbba.org](mailto:katie@gccbba.org) or 704-482-3472



## NC HURRICANE RELIEF YOUTH MISSION TRIP



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

Date: July 19th-26th

Cost: \$289

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

**Mission Trip Information:**

Mission Trip is being led by MissionServe

**More Information:**  
Contact Jason  
704-482-3472

### BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES FOUNDATION

Since 1951, ThriveMore, formerly known as Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, has served as one of North Carolina's most respected providers of long-term care. In 2000, a Foundation was formed to support the benevolent ministry of the Homes. The Baptist Retirement Homes Foundation still stands, and our mission has only grown.



### 2025 Week of Prayer and North Carolina Offering for Older Adults

JANUARY 27, 2025 - FEBRUARY 1, 2025

### 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!

### Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: December 2024

Food	12
Counseling	33
Power	19
Total Assisted Units:	64



# Community Engagement



## **Block Party Trailer**

The schedule for the trailer fills up fast so please remember to call 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 Lunch Program**

We are in need of groups to help provide sandwiches, chips, and cookies for our Friday Feed the Hungry lunch program during 2025. You are welcome to make the food and drop it off or stay and help serve. To sign up contact Katie or visit our website or Facebook page



# Congregational Health



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



Carpenter's Grove ~ Crestview ~  
Dover ~ Eastside, Shelby ~ Lattimore ~  
New Camp Creek ~ Northside ~ Pleasant Hill ~ Trinity ~ Waco ~ Zion

## **Boiling Springs:**

Boiling Springs Baptist Church is seeking a **part-time organist/accompanist**. Please send resume and inquiries [bsbcsearch2024@gmail.com](mailto:bsbcsearch2024@gmail.com)

## **Calvary:**

Calvary Baptist Church is seeking a **Children and Youth Ministry Intern** to aid in the growth, development, and engagement of their Children and Youth ministry. The internship will last 10 weeks and the total pay will be \$3000. For more information and to apply, please contact Pastor Rob at [robert@visitcalvaryonline.com](mailto:robert@visitcalvaryonline.com).

## **Camps Creek :**

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

## **Canaan Baptist::**

Canaan Baptist Church 438 Pruitt Road Casar is seeking a **new pastor**, preferably bi-vocational. Contact information – Phillip Dellinger 704-470-5968

## **Crestview:**

Crestview Baptist Church of Shelby is searching for a **musical accompanist (piano)** to serve in a permanent part-time position. This will include Wednesday night choir practice and Sunday morning service, plus planning and practice time and special services as requested. Send resume to: Personnel Committee, Attn: Amy Wright/ Chairman, Crestview Baptist Church, 1090 Old Boiling Springs Road, Shelby, North Carolina 28152

## **Flint Hill:**

Flint Hill Baptist Church (2207 Flint Hill Church Rd, Shelby, NC 28152) is currently looking to fill the role of **Church Administrative Assistant**. The Church is looking for an individual filled with the spirit, eager to serve the body of Christ and preferably with a familiarity with QuickBooks, Publisher and Word. Please email inquiries and resumes to [ctd1213@gmail.com](mailto:ctd1213@gmail.com)

Flint Hill Baptist Church (2207 Flint Hill Church Rd, Shelby, NC 28152) is currently looking for a **full time Student Minister**. The individual should be a confessing Christian with a clear call to ministry that is either in the process of obtaining (already enrolled), or possessing a degree from an accredited university in ministry. The position's responsibilities will include, but not be limited to, Youth Ministry, College and Career Ministry and also serving as the social media coordinator for the church at large. Resumes should be emailed to [ctd1213@gmail.com](mailto:ctd1213@gmail.com)

Flint Hill Baptist Church (2207 Flint Hill Church Rd, Shelby, NC 28152) is currently looking for a **part time Choir Director**. The individual should be a professing Christian with a call to musically praising and worshipping the Lord. They should enjoy instructing and leading choir and be able to clearly display an understanding of musical theory and structure. Resumes should be emailed to [ctd1213@gmail.com](mailto:ctd1213@gmail.com)

Flint Hill Baptist Church (2207 Flint Hill Church Rd, Shelby, NC 28152) is currently looking for a **part time Children's Leader**. The Children's Leader should be a professing Christian with a call to teaching children. The Children's Leader will be responsible for oversight of all children groups. Resumes should be emailed to [ctd1213@gmail.com](mailto:ctd1213@gmail.com)

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 [ctd1213@gmail.com](mailto:ctd1213@gmail.com)

## **Second Baptist Church, Kings Mountain:**

### **Director of Student Ministries**

We are looking to hire an exemplary individual with outstanding leadership abilities to guide our Church's various ministries to students. This individual will strive to encourage all students in their spiritual growth, teaching them to expand their knowledge of God, and support them to develop their love for Him and others. The Director of Student Ministries will attend student functions at schools, grow relationships with the education community, and provide students and their families with Biblical counselling. To be successful in this position means providing students with a place to belong that gives them the courage to stand for Christ among unhealthy peer pressure. Ideal candidates should have insight and understanding of the challenges facing students and a compassionate response to their situations. Second Baptist Church, 120 Linwood Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086, 704-739-4216



# Congregational Health



## **Lattimore:**

Lattimore Baptist Church is seeking a **pastor** that is called by God, lead by and inspired by the Holy Spirit. He must be a man with the heart that loves his people of the church and the community. He must be well versed in scripture and able to teach others to grow in their faith . If you feel called please respond to lattimorebaptist-church1@gmail.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 nbclawndale@gmail.com.

## **Oak Grove:**

Oak Grove Baptist Church is prayerfully looking to add to its existing staff. We are in need of a **permanent part-time Music Minister**. The candidate should be comfortable leading contemporary and traditional music, working with other musicians and singers, while also assisting fellow staff members and lay leaders in ministry where needed. Experience is preferred. Also having the ability to play multiple instruments and being somewhat savvy with technology and online formats is helpful. If interested, and want more information, please email your resume to: [ogbc1022@gmail.com](mailto:ogbc1022@gmail.com) (Attn: Pastor Jason and the Worship Ministry Team) or send a hard copy resume to: 1022 Oak Grove Road Kings Mtn., NC 28086.

## **Patterson Grove:**

Patterson Grove Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, NC, is seeking a **Part-Time "Director Of Youth"**. Responsibilities include (but are not limited to) serving as the primary support person for the Youth. The "Director Of Youth" will come alongside the Pastor in equipping the ministry of the Church with an emphasis upon the spiritual growth of the youth. He/She should demonstrate a love for God and people that is expressed in a passion for evangelism , outreach, and missions. He/She shall have a passion for God's Word and a willingness to lead the youth and congregation as a whole to serve our community, plan and promote Bible study and activities to prompt spiritual growth for the youth, develop programs to enlist and retain the youth, etc. A complete job description can be viewed @ PGBCKM.org. The Pastor will be the supervisor of "The Director Of Youth", and all duties will be performed with and under his supervision. This is a contract position for a duration of 12 months with an option for renewal, for an average of 20 hours per week, and at an annual salary of \$20,800. If interested, please email questions or resumes to [personnel@pgbckm.org](mailto:personnel@pgbckm.org) or mail to Patterson Grove Baptist Church Personnel, 301 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

## **Pleasant Grove:**

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Shelby, North Carolina is seeking a **part time Youth Leader**. This person must be a born-again Christian who is called to student ministry and adheres to the Baptist Faith & Message 2000. This position will require 5-10 hours per week which includes leading weekly youth worship/Bible studies, coordinating activities for youth, including camps and retreats, and engaging middle and high school students outside of the church. The position will require a high school diploma at minimum and a

willingness to attend conferences and continuing education for ministry. The Youth Leader will not engage in the use of any age- restricted products. This position reports to the Pastor. Please Email resumes or questions to [toby.bird5@gmail.com](mailto:toby.bird5@gmail.com).

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

## **Pleasant Hill:**

Pleasant Hill Baptist is in need of a **pianist/choir accompanist** for Sunday morning worship and Wednesday night choir rehearsal. Music is traditional/blended style. Contact Amanda Lowery [alowery52@gmail.com](mailto:alowery52@gmail.com)

## **Polkville:**

Polkville Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking a **Minster to Students**. Those interested must have a call by God to vocational church ministry and a degree, or working towards, from an accredited college/university in religious studies. Those considered will show a desire to work with students of all ages from birth through college age; work with the pastor by providing a vision for students in the church and community; work with parents and families to establish discipleship programs for all student ages; and work with children and youth planning teams to organize and implement ministry to students of the church. For full job description please send an email request to [employment@polkvillebaptist.com](mailto:employment@polkvillebaptist.com). Resumes will be accepted by email, [employment@polkvillebaptist.com](mailto:employment@polkvillebaptist.com).

## **Poplar Springs:**

Poplar Springs Baptist Church is seeking an experienced **part time organist**. Responsibilities include playing all regularly scheduled Sunday Services, practice with choir on Wednesday night, playing for any specially scheduled church activities, funerals and weddings as needed. Resumes may be mailed to Personnel Committee, Poplar Springs Baptist Church, 1106 Poplar Springs Church Road, Shelby, NC 28152.

## **First Baptist Church of Shelby**

Location: 120 N. Lafayette St., Shelby, NC 28150. Do you have a passion for cooking? Are you seeking a rewarding job in a safe, Christian environment with a long-standing commitment to childcare? First Baptist Church of Shelby Weekday Ministries is currently hiring a Food Service Coordinator. Position Details: Role: **Food Service Coordinator**, Experience: Preferred, but we are willing to train the right candidate. Environment: Safe, Christian setting with a rich history of nurturing Children. If you are interested, please reach out to Penny Corn at: Phone: 704-482-3460, Email: [childcare3460@fbcshelby.org](mailto:childcare3460@fbcshelby.org)

## **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

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