

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
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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.

I have had the privilege of serving two churches as senior pastor in my life (along with staff and volunteer positions). In those years of serving, I was amazed at the highs and lows that can come with the office of the pastor. I have been present in the happiest of moments when families celebrate new birth, in the courtroom when a judge finalizes adoptions, and at the altar when weeping fathers give their lives to Christ as their families look on with astonishment and excitement. I have also been present at the worst moments when death takes loved ones unexpectedly, when destructive sins lead to difficult decisions, and when circumstances beyond one's control drive us to our knees with no answers for our struggles. The highs and lows are difficult to navigate for any pastor.

This is why the GCCBA decided in the past year to focus one of our missional values on Pastoral Health. We knew that pastor need encouragement, rest, and hope in their ministries. We conduct a monthly pastors' conference on the first Monday of the month to encourage pastors to fellowship and grow together. We also emphasize this missional value of Pastoral Health yearly with our Pastor and Spouse Retreat. On February 28th through March 2nd, we will gather with many of our pastors for this time of rest and encouragement.

I wanted to invite you to take time to pray for your pastor. Pray for his ministry to the members of your church. Pray for his health that can often be compromised by the strain. Pray for his family and his marriage as each are stretched and tested by the demands of his time in ministry. Pray for his walk with the Lord, as he constantly pours into others, he needs others who pour into his own soul as well. Pray for him to have friends, which I have seen as the most precious thing that pastors often go without. But, above all, pray for your pastor. It may be the greatest thing you ever do to bring health and healing to a life lived giving themselves away.

Jason Ballard

Assistance Office:
704-481-9119

Counseling Center:
704-472-1437

Thoughts from our Staff

We often hear that the church is the Bride of Christ, but have you ever paused to reflect on what that truly means? A groom loves, cherishes, protects, and uplifts his bride—and in the same way, Christ cares for His church. Ephesians 3:20–21 reminds us that God desires to work through His church, using His power to accomplish great things. Though we, as the church, sometimes fall short, we remain God’s plan to reach the world. Not only does He call us to this mission, but He also provides the strength and power to carry it out. I’m encouraged and excited by the incredible church leaders here in Cleveland County. It’s a blessing to serve in a ministry setting where I can help churches see the value of working and serving together—so that we can fully become who God has called us to be and do the work He has set before us.

Let’s continue this mission together!

Katie



Community Engagement



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 24, 2025! A list of needs will be in April's Beacon or you can go to bchfoodroundup.org



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The Week of Prayer March 2-9, 2025

The Week of Prayer is annually observed by SBC churches to specifically pray for missionaries on the field, the needs of their ministries and the needs of their families.



Pastoral Health



Ministers Conference

Monday, March 31, 2025
Lunch 11:30am, Program 12:00pm.

KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship

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

Lattimore Pastors Fellowship

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

Pastors Anniversaries for March:

New Hope:
Russ Bradley, 19 years
Pathway:
James Hamrick, 47 years
Westover:
Kevin Whittington, 12 years



Pray for these couples on their special day in March:

Plains View—Wayne and Catherine Key—1st
Zoar—Jon and Adriene Jones—10th
Camps Creek – Steve and Debbie Durham—18th
Fallston—Toby and Christy LeRoy—24th



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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



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@gccba.org or 704-482-3472

Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: January 2025

Food	12
Counseling	33
Power	19
Total Assisted Units:	64



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!

NC HURRICANE RELIEF YOUTH MISSION TRIP



Serve in NC Mountain Communities impacted by Hurricane Helene



Mission Trip Information:

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 is being led by MissionServe

More Information:
Contact Jason
704-482-3472



Baltimore Mission Trip

July 12th-19th, 2025

During this trip we will work with several churches in the Baltimore Baptist Association. We will assist with VBS, hold blocks parties, do prayer walking, and other various activities.

Cost:

- \$575 a person- 2 people to a room
- \$475 a person- 3 people to a room
- \$375 a person-4 people to a room

\$50 deposit due by March 31st.

For more information contact:
Katie Harris
katie@gccba.org / 704-482-3472



Ministry Support



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

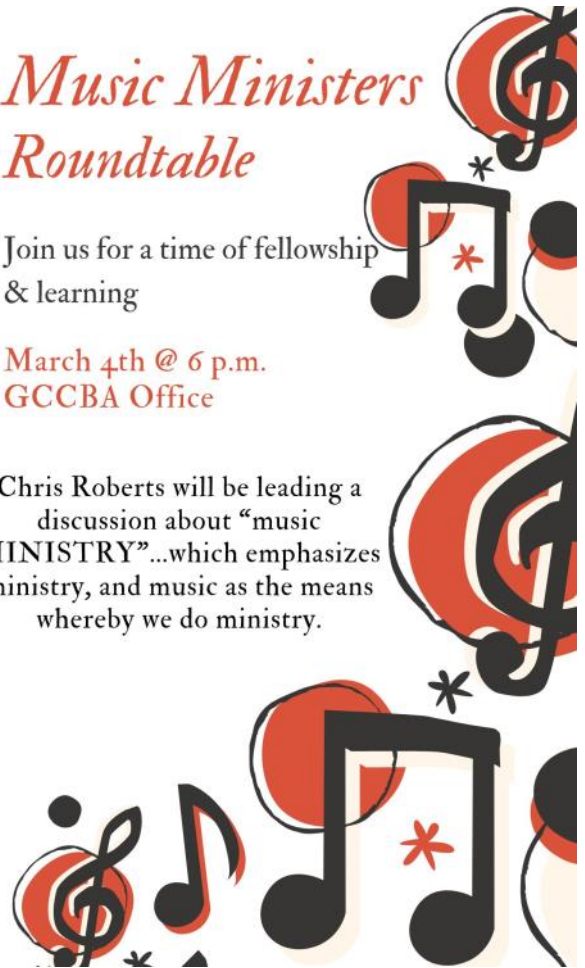
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Music Ministers Roundtable

Join us for a time of fellowship & learning

March 4th @ 6 p.m.
GCCBA Office

Chris Roberts will be leading a discussion about "music MINISTRY"...which emphasizes ministry, and music as the means whereby we do ministry.



Announcing . . .

**The 23rd GCCBA Senior Adult Music Day
Thursday, April 24, 2025**

9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Westwood Heights Baptist Church

Cost: \$10 per person

Please make checks payable to GCCBA.

Deadline to Register and Pay: April 17

Hymns and Gospel Songs #5

Presented by

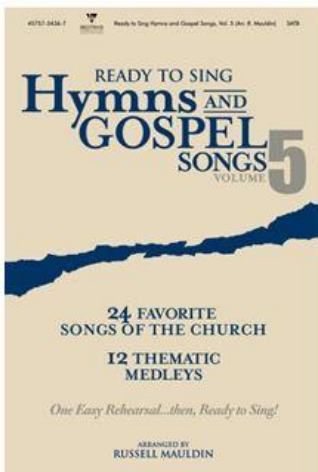
The Combined Choirs of the GCCBA

Sunday, April 27, 2025

6:00 PM

Boiling Springs Baptist Church

***Fellowship to follow immediately after presentation.
(Rehearsal on Sunday at 4:00 p.m.)**



Bible Drill

The Associational Bible Drill will be on Sunday, March 16 at Polkville Baptist at 3:00 pm!





Community Engagement



Block Party Trailer

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.

Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch Program

If you are interested in signing up to provide food at our Friday Feed the Hungry lunch program please contact Katie. This lunch program takes place each Friday at First Baptist Church in Shelby.



Sunday,
March
9th!

Website/Social Media

In order to see the most up to date information about happenings with the GCCBA, please check our website www.gccba.org 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

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.

Camps Creek :

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

Canaan Baptist:

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

Crestview:

Crestview Baptist Church 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 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

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



Congregational Health



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

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 (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 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.

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.

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

First Baptist Church is a welcoming, Christ-centered congregation in Shelby, NC. We seek an **Administrative Communications Coordinator** to manage church administration, communications, and facility coordination, ensuring smooth operations and effective communication across all platforms.

First Baptist Church Shelby is a Christ-centered, welcoming congregation in the foothills of the mountains. We are committed to spiritual growth, community engagement, and impactful outreach. We are seeking **Pastor of Community Life, Discipleship, and Outreach**.

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

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