



Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association

**GREATER CLEVELAND COUNTY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC**

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTIETH THIRD
FALL BIENNIAL SESSION**

Held with
Pleasant City Church
October 23, 2023

Next Session with
First Baptist Grover
October 28, 2024

**TWENTY-FIFTH
SPRING BIENNIAL SESSION**

Held at
Shelby Mission Camp
April 24, 2023

Next Session with
David Baptist
April 29, 2024

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DEDICATION

By recommendation of the Business Affairs Team at the Fall session of the Biannual Meeting, the 2023 minutes of the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association are dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Jackie Fisher and Reverend Doctor Tony Michael Fulbright and.



Jackie Ballard Fisher, 72, of Kings Mountain, NC, passed away on September 11, 2022 at Caromont Regional Medical Center in Gastonia, NC. She was born in Gaston County, NC, daughter of the late Jack and Sue Reel Ballard.

Jackie was a long time, active member of First Baptist Church where she recently retired as the Preschool Director. Her life was spent dedicated to her family and caring for others. Her hearts desire was to minister to everyone she met. Jackie started a play group ministry at First Baptist Church for new mothers in order to share Christ's love with others. She retired from Gaston Memorial Hospital after serving many years as a nurse. Jackie was passionate about everything she did and her love and genuine concern for others was apparent. She loved her family dearly, especially her grandchildren, who were the center of most of her attention. Her generosity, guidance, love and compassion for others will be remembered by everyone who met Jackie.

SURVIVORS: Husband: Ray "Dick" Fisher, of the home

Son: Stephen Fisher (Monica), Kings Mountain, NC

Daughters: Crystal Majors (Jay), Beaufort, NC, and Cheryl

Lovingood (Eddie), Kings Mountain, NC

Siblings: Greg Ballard (Amber), Clover, SC, and Patsy Davis (Ricky), Gastonia, NC

Grandchildren: Bryce Fisher, Peyton Fisher, Marty Lovingood, Raegan Majors, Morgan Majors, Ashtyn Fisher, and Justin Lovingood



Reverend Doctor Tony Michael Fulbright, Sr., 84, passed away peacefully on September 11, 2023, in the care of Robin Johnson Hospice House, Dallas, NC. Tony was the son of the late James C. and Virginia Fulbright of Lowell, NC.

On May 30, 1956, after graduation from Lowell High School, Tony enlisted in the United States Air Force, then in November 1956 married his high school sweetheart Gayle Waldrop Fulbright. Over the next twenty-two years they welcomed 4 children as they spent time on Air Force Bases

here and abroad. Their marriage lasted for their lifetime!

His United States Air Force career spanned 22 plus years and provided the means to pursue a higher calling. After retirement from the military, he enrolled in Baptist Bible College of Graceville, Florida. With his bachelor's degree in hand a Doctor of Ministry was later earned from Covington Theological Seminary, Rossville, Georgia.

Ministry began for Dr. Fulbright after being licensed to preach in 1962, first Pastorate being Main Gate Baptist Mission in 1967. Over the next 6 decades Tony served more than 17 churches as Pastor and interim Pastor, as well as Interim Associational Missionary for the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association.

With few hobbies or outside interests Dr. Fulbright was passionate about his service to our Lord Jesus Christ. That legacy of service and discipleship will be eternally missed.

He was preceded in death by his wife Gayle. He is survived by his children Joy Van Vynckt (Mt. Holly, NC), Mike & Renée Fulbright (Kings Mountain, NC), Jimmy Fulbright (Cookeville, TN), and Anne & Danny Drew (Mt. Holly, NC); grandchildren Katy & Brent Lougee (Stanley, NC), Neal & Meghan Van Vynckt (Charlotte, NC), Zachary & Emily Fulbright (Charlotte, NC), Robert & Ashley Drew (Denver, NC), and Abigail & Logan Armstrong (Gastonia, NC); great-grandchildren Ethan, Emma, & Eli Lougee, Vivienne Van Vynckt, Logan Fulbright, Addison & Charlotte Drew, and Lakelyn Armstrong. He is also survived by sister Melva Aldridge and brother Jack Fulbright.

Pleasant City Church
Rev. Bryan Glisson
October 23, 2023



Pleasant City Church

OUR STORY (How He brought us together)

Pleasant City Church (formerly known as Putnam Memorial Baptist Church) ***was established in October 1949*** with nineteen charter members who were led by God to start a Church in their community. Since its earliest days our Church has continued to grow both spiritually, structurally, and numerically. In October of 1999 at our 50th Anniversary Celebration, ***we were challenged to build on the foundation that had been laid by:***

- Remembering The Sacrifice Behind Us
- Resisting The Complacency Among Us
- Releasing The Fears Within Us
- Respond To The Vision Before Us

From that special service to the present, we have witnessed God provide through this vision. We have seen many people come to Christ, worship attendance, giving and those participating in mission trips and equipping classes increasing each year. We have also had the privilege to see many come out from among us to go into full-time ministry. From 1949 to today we continue to be amazed at how God is using us to impact His Kingdom.

Going forward in the fall of 2017 we voted to change our name from **Putnam Memorial Baptist Church** to **Pleasant City Church** on January 1, 2018.

As in the past, God is richly blessing PCC in many ways. We as a Church Family are seeing opportunities of ministry opening up before us that we have never experienced. We believe we are reaping the fruit of those who have labored before us. From the charter members to the former pastors and staff their willingness to follow the Holy Spirit's direction and sacrificial involvement has resulted in what we are becoming for the Kingdom of God.

Shelby Mission Camp

Shelby Mission Camp opened in April 2012 and is a purpose built facility on 40 acres of land. Our facilities include sleeping, dining, worship, and recreation accommodations for up to 200 volunteers at a time. We also have a large warehouse stocked with all the tools and supplies volunteers could need. The Shelby Mission Camp exists to Glorify God by involving churches and Christians in meeting human needs in Jesus' name. We do this by mobilizing church teams, organizations, and individual volunteers, to meet a variety of needs in Cleveland County and the surrounding areas.

Shelby Mission Camp
Robbie and Christie Alexander
April 24, 2023



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA



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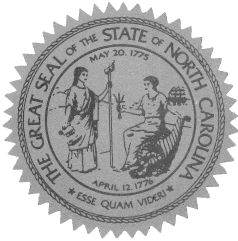
To all whom these presents shall come, Greetings:

I, **ELAINE F. MARSHALL**, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the following and hereto attached to be a true copy of

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
KINGS MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.

the original of which was filed in this office on the 4th day of
December, 1997.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the City of Raleigh, this 4th day of December, 1997.



Elaine F. Marshall

Secretary of State

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Effective Dec 04 1997

Elaine F. Marshall

Secretary of State

North Carolina

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of
GREATER CLEVELAND COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.
A NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of eighteen or more, acting as incorporators for the purpose of creating a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina, as contained in Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, entitled "Nonprofit Corporation Act, " and the several amendments thereto, do hereby set forth:

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of the corporation is GREATER CLEVELAND COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC, and shall be located in Cleveland County, Shelby, North Carolina.

ARTICLE 11 - DURATION

The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

- A.** The purpose of the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association, Inc., is to unite congregations in effective missions and ministries.
- B.** In furtherance of its purposes, and to the extent necessary to carry out such purposes, the Corporation:
 - 1.** Shall have all the powers given to and possessed by a North Carolina Corporation organized under the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act.
 - 2.** May engage in any lawful activity within the purposes for which the corporation may be organized which are incidental to and in furtherance of the exempt purposes of the corporation.
- C.** No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes as set forth in the Articles.
- D.** The purposes for which the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
- E.** No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not

permitted to be carried on [a] by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law) or [b] by any corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE IV - GOVERNMENT

The government of this incorporated association shall be by elected representatives, known as messengers, from the member churches, meeting two times annually, or at such other times as called in accordance with the By-laws of the incorporated association, and, in the interim, by the Leadership Team of the incorporated association. Final authority is vested in the association as to all matters of business, finance, and programs. The members of the governing body shall have authority to adopt and amend By-laws, approve budgets, and to employ staff to direct or assist in directing the purposes of this incorporated association.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

The officers of this incorporated association shall be the officers set forth in the By-laws.

ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP

The corporation shall have one class of members as provided by the By-laws, members being the total of all members of the churches affiliated voluntarily with the incorporated association. Membership of the member churches shall be accepted by majority vote of the association at a regular semi-annual session of the incorporated association.

ARTICLE VII - DIRECTORS

The Leadership Team, as established by the By-laws, shall be and constitute the directors of the corporation, having such powers as are provided by law and the By-laws.

ARTICLE VIII - INITIAL DIRECTORS

The initial directors shall be the twenty (20) members of the existing Executive Committee, and their terms shall be the same as the Executive Committee of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association of Shelby, North Carolina, whose names and addresses are as follows:

Keith Dixon
P.O. Box 1218
Boiling Springs, NC 28017

David Blanton
1017 Bethlehem Road
Kings Mountain, NC 28086

Leland Kerr
3040 Longwood Drive
Shelby, NC 28152

Charles Reed
1202 Hardin Drive
Shelby, NC 28150

Recca Bingham
1118 N. Post Road
Shelby, NC 28150

Steve Zimmerman
915 Wyke Road
Shelby, NC 28150

Glenn Walker
P.O. Box 249
Shelby, NC 28151-0249

Barry Coker
2110 Fernwood Drive Road
Shelby, NC 28152

Rhealene Lamb
P.O. Box 797
Boiling Springs, NC 28017

Faithe Beam
525 W. Zion Church Road
Shelby, NC 28150

Paul Williams
P.O. Box 126
Lawndale, NC 28090

Bill McDaniel
1115 Bethlehem Road
Kings Mountain, NC 28086

Bonnie Doughtie
P.O. Box 337
Boiling Springs, NC 28017

Thirlen Osborne
P.O. Box 353
Boiling Springs, NC 28017

Jim Toole
P.O. Box 900
Boiling Springs, NC 28017

Pat Jones
167 Pleasant Ridge Church Rd
Shelby, NC 28152

John Sloan
P.O. Box 786
Kings Mountain, NC 28086

Ronnie Cheek
1227 Mt. Sinai CH Road
Shelby, NC 28152

Harold Fite
119 Sunshine Lane
Cherryville, NC 28021

Tom Beam
P.O. Box 917
Boiling Springs, NC 28017

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such a manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c)(3) of as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law), as the board of directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disbursed by the Superior Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE X - REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The address of the initial registered office and principal office of the

corporation in North Carolina is 1175 Wyke Road, Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina 28150, and the initial registered agent of the corporation is Leland A. Kerr.

ARTICLE XI - INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators, acting as representatives of all the current members of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association are:

James Hope
P. O. Box 265
Polkville, Cleveland County, NC 28136


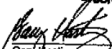

H. S. Keeter
430 Country Club Court
Shelby, Cleveland
County, NC 28150

Gary Hasting
2116 Brookfield Drive
Shelby, Cleveland County, NC 28152

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made at any session of the Association upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present. Proposed changes must be presented to the Association on the first day and voted upon by standing vote of the Association on the last day. It is recommended that all proposed changes first be submitted to the By-laws Committee.

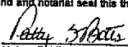
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands, this the 19th day of November, 1997.


James Hope INCORPORATOR

Gary Hasting INCORPORATOR

H. S. Keeter INCORPORATOR

NORTH CAROLINA
County of Cleveland

I, Roby S. Notte, a Notary Public for said county and state do hereby certify that JAMES HOPE personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal this the 24th day of November, 1997.

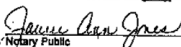

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8/28/2001 Signatures

NORTH CAROLINA
County of Cleveland

I, Janelle Ann Jones, a Notary Public for said county and state do hereby certify that GARY HASTINGS personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal this the 19th day of November, 1997.

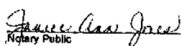

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8/17/2000

NORTH CAROLINA
County of Cleveland

I, Janelle Ann Jones, a Notary Public for said county and state do hereby certify that H. S. KEETER personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal this the 21st day of November, 1997.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8/17/2000

BY-LAWS OF THE GREATER CLEVELAND COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.

Also referred to as the Association, GCCBA, or Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association

BY-LAW I MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The Association shall be composed of cooperating Baptist churches in the area of the Association.

Section 2: Churches desiring membership in the Association shall apply to the Business Affairs Team. Application should include:

- (1) Formal action by the group seeking admission reflecting that seventy-five percent (75%) of those voting expresses their intent to cooperate.
- (2) A written statement reflecting their beliefs and practices.
- (3) A written statement that expresses their intent to cooperate.
- (4) A willingness to meet with the Business Affairs Team to discuss other items of mutual interest to both parties.

The Business Affairs Team should be sensitive to groups seeking its services and be willing to present a statement of Baptist belief and practice and what it means to cooperate with the churches in the Association in a world-wide mission program. If recommended by the Business Affairs Team and approved by the Leadership Team, a newly established mission or church shall agree to come under the watch care of the Association for a minimum of one (1) year. A mission or church which is already established shall agree to come under the watch care of the Association for a minimum of six (6) months. Membership within the Association shall be determined by vote of the Association at any biannual meeting. Churches under the watch care shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of the Association except their members shall not hold office nor vote.

Section 3: The Association shall be the sole judge of its membership and may receive churches, or reject churches, according to its By-Laws. Member churches may also withdraw as they desire, and if requested, the Association Leadership Team may grant letters of recommendation to other like associations.

BY-LAW II MEETINGS

Section 1. The Association shall meet biannually. It shall convene on the Monday following the fourth Sunday in April and Monday and Tuesday following the fourth Sunday in October.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the Moderator or Leadership Team, provided two (2) weeks notice is given to all affiliated churches.

Section 3. Each church shall elect annually, in addition to the pastor, two (2) messengers to the meetings of the Association for each fifty (50) members of the church, provided each church shall not have fewer

than three (3) nor more than ten (10) messengers. These ALONG WITH ALL ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS, shall constitute the voting body of the Association. The names of the messengers printed in the minutes shall include only those in attendance and registering at the Associational meetings.

Section 4. Items of Business to be presented from the floor must be submitted in writing to the Associational Office at least 30 days prior to the first session of the Biannual Meeting.

BY-LAW III PARLIAMENTARY RULES

Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed as the Association's rules for conducting its deliberative assemblies, unless the Association prescribes otherwise.

BY-LAW IV ASSOCIATION YEAR

The Association Year shall begin January 1 and close December 31.

BY-LAW V AUTHORITY

Each church in this Association is independent and sovereign in its own affairs, and the Association has no authority over the churches.

BY-LAW VI OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTIONS

Section 1: The officers of the Association shall be the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Team Leader, Discipleship Training Team Leader, Music Team Leader, Men's Ministries Team Leader, Woman's Missionary Union Team Leader, Senior Adult Team Leader, Youth Team Leader, and Parliamentarian.

Section 2: The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall be nominated by the Enlistment Team. The floor will be opened for additional nominations. This election will occur on the last day of the October biannual meeting. These officers will begin their terms of service on January 1.

Section 3: The newly elected Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer shall assume on January 1 all duties incumbent upon them relating to work of the associational year, along with all other officers.

Section 4: Any person having served two (2) terms as Moderator shall be ineligible for re-election for two years.

BY-LAW VII DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: The Moderator shall preside over the meeting of the body and shall be the Chairperson of the Associational Leadership Team and be ex-officio (without voting privileges) member of all other teams.

Section 2: The Vice-Moderator shall preside in the absence, or at the pleasure, of the Moderator, and shall be the Vice-Chairman of the Leadership Team and Chairman of the Associational Council.

Section 3: The Clerk-Treasurer shall send annual report forms to the member churches at least a month before the Association's October

Biannual Meeting, distribute at that meeting copies of the digest of these reports, make an accurate record of the proceedings of the Association, supervise the printing and distributing of Minutes to the member churches, and keep on file copies of Minutes, records, and other documents of the Association. This officer shall inform all members elected to office or appointed to serve on teams of such action and shall receive and bank all funds of the Association in the name of the Association; disburse the same upon instructions from the Association, its Leadership Team, or as designated in the budget (no money is to be disbursed which is not included in the budget except upon recommendation of the Business Affairs Team to the Leadership Team or the Association in biannual session); render an accurate report of receipts and disbursements, distribute same at the biannual meetings, give a report at each Leadership Team and Business Affairs Team meeting, and keep books available and up-to-date for examination.

Section 4: The Assistant Clerk-Treasurer will serve in the absence of the Clerk-Treasurer or by request of the Clerk-Treasurer. The Assistant Clerk-Treasurer will also be authorized to sign checks for the Association.

Section 5: The Historian shall collect and preserve historical data on the Association and its churches and make a written report to each October Biannual Meeting of the Association.

Section 6: The Sunday School Team Leader shall cooperate with the Associational Missionary in promoting the work of the Sunday School. This officer shall attend the Associational Council meetings and offer creative plans that would promote this work.

The Associational Sunday School Team Leader should assist church leaders to be more effective in their responsibility. This should include:

1. Provide opportunities for fellowship and inspiration.
2. Interpret the Sunday School Program.
3. Train Sunday School leaders.
4. Consult with Sunday School leaders concerning their program.
5. Provide organization and leadership for cooperative work among the churches.

The Sunday School Team Leader shall make a written report to the October Biannual Meeting of the Association.

Section 7: The Discipleship Training Team Leader shall cooperate with the Associational Missionary in promoting the work of Discipleship Training. This officer shall attend Associational Council meetings, maintain the on-going work of Discipleship Training at all times, and make a written report to the October Biannual Meeting of the Association.

Section 8: The Music Team Leader shall provide leadership for the Association in biannual sessions and, when requested, at other times during the year. This officer shall attend the Associational Council meetings and offer creative plans that would promote the work. The Music Team Leader shall encourage music growth in the churches throughout the year and shall make a written report to the October

Biannual Meeting.

Section 9: The Men's Ministries Team Leader shall cooperate with the Associational Missionary in promoting the work of men and boys in the churches. This officer shall attend the Associational Council meetings and offer creative plans to promote the development of men and boys in an awareness of world mission needs. The Men's Ministries Team Leader shall make a written report to the October Biannual Meeting of the Association.

Section 10: The Woman's Missionary Union Team Leader serves on the Associational Council of the Association and works with the Associational Missionary; leads the WMU Council; confers with our associational WMU officers and assists them in their work; leads in providing opportunities for leaders and members of their church WMUs to have fellowship and receive inspiration concerning their mutual mission task; leads in interpreting the WMU program to church leaders; leads in training church WMU workers and members; consults with church leaders concerning initiation of WMU work and the improvement of existing work; presides at and plans for associational meeting; leads in Associational WMU annual planning; leads in discovering mission action needs and in coordinating the work being done; reports progress of WMU work to the Association; and serves as contact between the Association and state WMU. The Woman's The Woman's Missionary Union Team Leader shall make a written report to the October Biannual Meeting of the Association.

Section 11: The Youth Ministry Team Leader shall, under the supervision of the Associational Missionary, give leadership to the Youth Ministry Team and serve on the Associational Council. The Youth Team Leader shall give a written report to the October Biannual Meeting of the Association.

Section 12: The Senior Adult Leader shall, under the supervision of the Associational Missionary, give leadership to the Senior Adult Ministry Team and serve on the Associational Council. The Senior Adult Leader shall give a written report to the October Biannual Meeting of the Association.

Section 13: The Team Leaders shall have the responsibility of securing their own team members that will assist them in their area of responsibility.

Section 14: The Parliamentarian shall be, at the biannual meetings of the Association, rule on all questions of parliamentary procedure which shall arise during the sessions. The Parliamentarian shall serve as a resource person to the churches and shall, upon request, advise and assist the churches on matters of parliamentary procedure.

Section 15: Vacancies occurring between biannual sessions shall be filled by the Associational Leadership Team, except the office of Moderator, in which case the Vice-Moderator shall automatically become Moderator.

BY-LAW VIII TEAMS

Section 1: The Association shall have the following standing Teams:

Leadership, Business Affairs, and Enlistment. The members of the teams shall serve three years and are ineligible for re-election for one year.

Section 2: The Enlistment Team shall submit their nominations for team members to the Biannual Meeting in October for election. Nominations shall be made for the following teams: Leadership, Business Affairs, and Enlistment.

Section 3: The Enlistment Team shall submit their nominations for Associational Officers and Leadership to the Biannual Meeting in October for election.

Section 4: The Enlistment Team shall submit their nominations for any Project Team to either the Leadership Team or a Biannual Meeting.

BY-LAW IX DUTIES OF TEAMS

Section 1: The Leadership Team will be composed of three members from each of the six groupings of churches within the Association. One shall be a layperson, and one from each group will be designated as the Group Leader.

A. The six Group Leaders will form the Personnel Team and shall handle all personnel matters relating to the Associational staff. The Personnel Team will maintain appropriate personnel policies and be responsible for securing and recommending to the Leadership Team Associational support staff when needs occur. They will also recommend salary and benefit proposals to the Business Affairs Team.

B. The Leadership Team shall have the authority to act for the Association between Biannual Sessions of the Association. Ten members of the Leadership Team shall constitute a quorum in order to transact business on behalf of the Association.

C. The Leadership Team shall give instructions to the Enlistment Team whenever a particular Project Team is needed to address a special need. Instructions may include such things as size and make-up of the team, a specific task, etc.

D. The Leadership Team will prepare the agenda for the Biannual Meetings to be published in the *Beacon*. It shall rotate the place of meeting among the groups of churches.

E. The Leadership Team will meet quarterly and other times as needed and be chaired by the Moderator of the Association. In his absence, it will be chaired by the Vice-Moderator.

Section 2: The Business Affairs Team will be made up of two members from each of the six groupings of churches within the Association.

A. The Business Affairs Team will have the responsibility of preparing and promoting the annual budget.

B. It will handle all inquires concerning membership into the Association and make its recommendations to a Biannual Session of the Association.

C. It will bring any resolution that needs to come before the Association.

D. It will oversee the operation of the Associational office by providing adequate equipment and supplies. It will also oversee all property held by the Association and be responsible for proper maintenance.

E. It will make recommendations to the Association concerning By-Law changes.

F. The Business Affairs Team will have the financial records of the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association, Inc. audited every third year.

G. When it feels that additional approval is necessary, it may bring the matter in question to the Leadership Team or to the Association at a Biannual Meeting.

H. The Business Affairs Team will meet as often as needed and will be chaired by the Vice-Moderator.

Section 3: The Enlistment Team will be made up of two members from each of the six groupings of churches within the Association.

A. The Enlistment Team will have the responsibility of nominating members for the Leadership Team, Business Affairs Team, and Enlistment Team and shall present its recommendations to the Fall Biannual Meeting.

B. It will nominate the leadership of all organizations within the Association and present its recommendations to the Fall Biannual Meeting.

C. It will select members of any special Project Team, the number of which will be determined by either the Leadership Team or the Enlistment Team itself, and will present its recommendations to either the Leadership Team or to a Biannual Meeting.

D. The Enlistment Team will meet as often as needed and will be chaired by the Vice-Moderator.

BY-LAW X ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL

The Associational Council will meet as often as is necessary in order to coordinate the programs and activities of the Associational organizations. Because of the make-up of its members, the Council will remain sensitive to the educational needs of our Association, as well as, the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of the people of Cleveland County.

The Council will produce an Associational Calendar of Activities and be responsible for promoting those activities.

Whenever it feels it necessary, it may bring recommendations to the Leadership Team through the Vice-Moderator, who will serve as chairperson of the Council.

The Associational Council will be made up of at least the following

members: Sunday School Team Leader, Discipleship Team Leader, WMU Team Leader, Baptist Men Team Leader, Music Team Leader, Senior Adult Team Leader, Youth Team Leader, Ministers Conference President, Ministry Team Leader, Missions Team Leader, Hispanic/ Language Missionary, and Vice-Moderator of the Association but may add additional members whenever the Council feels it is necessary in order to have adequate representation from all organizations within the Association.

BY-LAW XI ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

When without an Associational Missionary, the Associational Leadership Team shall be responsible for the appointment of a Search Team to seek a person to serve as Associational Missionary and recommend such person to the Leadership Team. His selection shall be upon the recommendation of the Leadership Team and on vote by the Association at a biannual meeting, or by a called meeting of the Association. His time of office shall continue until terminated by mutual consent or request of either party. He shall be a member of all teams and organizations of the Association in a serving and advisory capacity. His duties will be in accordance with the job description at the time of his call.

BY-LAW XII MINISTRY TEAM LEADER

Section 1: Employment -- The Ministry Team Leader shall be employed by the Association. The employee shall be elected to work until the Association ceases the tenure of service or the employee resigns. The Ministry Team Leader shall work under the supervision of the Associational Missionary and in compliance with the job description provided by the Association.

Section 2: Basic Function -- The basic functions are to promote a program to meet the spiritual, educational, emotional and physical needs of the people within the Association.

Section 3: The Ministry Team Leader shall be a member of the Associational Council and of the Leadership Team.

BY-LAW XII MISSIONS TEAM LEADER

Section 1: Employment -- The Missions Team Leader shall be employed by the Association. The employee shall be elected to work until the Association ceases the tenure of service or the employee resigns. The Missions Team Leader shall work under the supervision of the Associational Missionary in compliance with the job description provided by the Association.

Section 2: Basic Function -- The basic function is to assist the churches in the Association in any and every mission endeavor that can be addressed by the churches in our Association and to assist the churches in discovering the mission opportunities in both Cleveland County and beyond.

Section 3: The Missions Team Leader shall be a member of the Associational Council and Leadership Team.

BY-LAW XIV HISPANIC/LANGUAGE MISSIONARY

Section 1: Employment -- The Hispanic/Language Missionary shall be employed by the Association. The employee shall be elected to work until the Association ceases the tenure of service or the employee resigns. The Hispanic/Language Missionary shall work under the supervision of the Associational Missionary in compliance with the job description provided by the Association.

Section 2: Basic Function -- The basic function is to seek out areas in Cleveland County which need an established work among Hispanics and give leadership in establishing such work, while remaining sensitive to the presence of other language groups and determining how and when work among such groups should begin.

Section 3: The Hispanic/Language Missionary shall be a member of the Associational Council and the Leadership Team.

BY-LAW XV AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to the By-Laws must be publicized in the Association's monthly publication at least 30 days before being considered at a session of the biannual meetings, where they may be adopted by a majority of the messengers present and voting.

BY-LAW XVI DEFINE PROCEDURE

Section 1: The business session of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Section 2: Every report, resolution, or amendment offered to the Association shall be submitted in writing if requested by the Moderator.

Section 3: No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject except by permission of the Association.

Section 4: A simple majority of elected messengers attending shall be sufficient to conduct business at Biannual Meetings.

Section 5: Unless the Association decides otherwise, biannual meetings shall be held on a rotating basis with a church or churches in each of the six (6) Associational Groups as follows: Polkville, Lattimore, Shelby, Kings Mountain, Grover, and Waco.

BY-LAW XVII THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Baptist Faith and Message as revised and adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in June 1998 shall be the Confession of Faith of the Association.

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Rev. John Harmon Melton, Kings Mountain (Bethlehem)	2025
Rev. Scott Caldwell, Polkville (Community)	2025
Rev. Ron Carroll, Grover (Christian Freedom)	2026
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Rev. Jimmy Black, Waco (Mulls Memorial)	2024
Rev. Scott Kierstead, Grover (Grover First)	2025
Dr. Brian Johnson, Polkville (Double Shoals)	2025
Rev. Aaron Hinton, Lattimore (Poplar Springs).....	2025
Rev. Neal Efird, Waco (Northside)	2025

Rev. Rob Craig, Grover (David) 2026
 Rev. Ron Caulder, Kings Mtn., (Eastside, KM) 2026
 Rev. Carson Putnam, Polkville (New Bethel) 2026
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 Rev. Toby Bird, Waco (Pleasant Grove) **Leader of Waco Group** 2024
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 Mr. Joey Hamrick, Shelby (Lily Memorial) 2025
 Mr. Bob Smith, Waco (Elizabeth) 2025
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KINGS MOUNTAIN GROUP

Battleground
Bethlehem
Eastside, KM
Faith
Kings Mountain
Kings Mountain First
Kings Mountain Second
Macedonia
Oak View
Pathway
Patterson Grove
Peoples
Sunrise
Temple
Westover

LATTIMORE GROUP

Beaver Dam
Boiling Springs
Calvary
Camps Creek
Crestview
Double Springs
Flint Hill
Green Bethel
Lattimore
Living Hope
Mount Sinai
Pleasant Ridge
Poplar Springs
Sandy Plains
Trinity

SHELBY GROUP

Bethany First Hispanic
Bethel
Christ Covenant
Christopher Road
City of God
Dover
Eastside, Shelby
Hope Community
Joy Christian
Lily Memorial
New Covenant
New Jerusalem
Peach Street
Pleasant City
Shelby First
Westview
Westwood Heights
Zoar

WACO GROUP

Buffalo
Elizabeth
Emmanuel
Mull's Memorial
New Camp Creek
New Prospect
Northside
Pleasant Grove
Ross Grove
Waco
Wallace Grove
Washington Missionary
Zion Hill

GROVER GROUP

Allen Memorial
Bethany
Christian Freedom
David
Grover First
Immanuel
New Hope
Oak Grove
Patterson Springs
Pleasant Hill
Victory

POLKVILLE GROUP

Carpenter's Grove
Casar
Community
Double Shoals
Fallston
Gethsemane
Lawndale
New Bethel
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Hope Community

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Lattimore

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Lily Memorial

Ms. April Stearns, 356 Brookside Drive, Shelby, 28150

Mount Sinai

Ms. Dana Ledbetter, 2015 RIVERHILL Drive, Shelby 28152

New Hope

Mrs. Melody Bradley, 400 Union St, Gaffney, 29340

Normans Grove

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Northside Shelby

Mrs. Shirley Barnette, 3938-1 Pleasant Gr Ch Rd, Shelby

Patterson Grove

Keith Eagle, 405 Downing Dr, Kings Mountain, 28086

Peoples

Barry Ross, 510 Carl St, Gastonia, 28054

Plains View

Linda Hunsucker

Pleasant City

Wesley Greene, 1146 County Home Road, Shelby 28152

Pleasant Grove

Lee Carroll

Pleasant Ridge

Dr. Patricia Sparti, 951 College Ave, Shelby, 28152

Poplar Springs

Rev. Katherine Asis, 1106 Poplar Springs Ch. Rd.
Shelby, 28152

Ross Grove

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Trinity

Mr. Charlie Cabaniss, 710 Maynard St, Shelby 28152-7012

Union

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Waco

Mrs. Evelyn Kiser, 429 Phillips Dr, Cherryville, 28021

Westwood Heights

Mrs. Teresa Edmonson, 2228 Camp Creek Church Rd,
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Zion

Mrs. Carol Martin, PO Box 467, Polkville 28136

Zoar

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Youth Ministers

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Allen Memorial

Mrs. Audra Price, 901 Bethlehem Ch Rd, Kings Mtn. 28086

Beaver Dam

Mrs Tabatha Nantz, 123 Beaver Dam Ch Rd, Shelby, 28152

Bethlehem

John Melton

Boiling Springs

Rev Matthew Sparks, 3602 Weatherly Lane, Shelby, 28150

Buffalo

Shawn Hendericksen, 303 Pikney Street Apt2., Shelby 28150

Camps Creek

Mr. Nate Begley, 136 Crest Rd, Shelby, 28152

Carpenter's Grove

Mr. Kai Rumswinkel, PO Box 684, Boiling Springs 28017

Crestview

Mr. Chad Martin, 1090 Old Boiling Springs Rd, Shelby 28152

David

Robert Craig, 607 Mauney Avenue, Kings Mountain 28086

Eastside Kings Mountain

Mrs. Kristy Caulder, 122 Walking Horse Run, Stanley, 28164

Elizabeth

Rev Derek Kiser, 301 N Post Rd, Shelby, 28152

Faith

Mrs. Peggy Parker, 318 Brice St, Kings Mountain, 28086

Fallston

Jenny Tysinger, 119 Augusta Ln, Shelby, 28150

Danny Tysinger

Flint Hill

Adrienne Ledbetter

Hope Community

Mrs Avery Young

Kings Mountain First

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Lattimore

Summer Sheehan, 1505 Caleb Road, Shelby, 28152

Patterson Grove

John Hayes

Peoples

Deshun Dawson, 378 Schad Ct SW, Concord, 28025

Pleasant City

Rev Andrew Renfroe, 210 Jones Rd, Shelby, 28150

Pleasant Grove

Richard Brittain

Pleasant Ridge

Mr Robert Elovecky

Polkville

Mrs. Wendy Clark, 480 Oak Grove Clover Hill Ch Rd, Lawndale

Scott Summerlin, 215 Jim Cline Rd, Lawndale, 28090

Kim Swink, 2531 N Circle Dr, Shelby, 28150

Poplar Springs

Mrs Nicole Hamrick, 1106 Poplar Springs Ch Rd., Shelby

Ross Grove

Miss Madison Royster

Trinity

Candice Frazier

Union

Mr. Ary Bottoms, 530 Clyde Wallace Rd., Shelby, 28152

Zoar

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Bethlehem

John Melton

Boiling Springs

Mrs Ellen Humphries, 109 Annie's Circle, Shelby, 28152

Buffalo

Shawn Hendericksen, 303 Pikney Street, Apt 2, Shelby, 28150

Camps Creek

Miss Jessica Allen, 142 Humphries Rd, Gaffney, 29341

Crestview

Mr. Chad Martin, 1090 Old Boiling Springs Rd, Shelby, 28152

David

Mrs. Gale Taule, 202 Woodridge Drive, Belmont, 28012

John McKinney

Eastside, KM

Debbie Butler, 1032 Daniel Dr, Stanley, 28164

Eastside Shelby

Mrs. Jessica Melton 1165 Wyke Road, Shelby, 28150

Elizabeth

Mrs. Crystal Bryson, 143 Appian Way, Shelby, 28150

Lori Hastings, 2116 Brookfield Rd, Shelby, 28152-8540

Faith

Mrs. Cecelia Kuykendall, 405 n 12th st, Bessemer City, 28016

Fallston

Mr. Ron Love
Windy Love

Flint Hill

Mrs. Doreen Wacaster, 227 Flint Hill Church Road, Shelby 28152

Hope Community

Mrs Angela Lynn, 1114 S Lafayette St, Shelby, 28152
Anthony Dalton , 1114 S Lafayette St, Shelby, 28152

Lattimore

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Mount Sinai

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Normans Grove

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Northside Shelby

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Kristen Bird

Pleasant Ridge

Ms. Kaitlyn Moss

Polkville

Hilda Elliott, PO Box 225, Polkville, 28136
Haley Cook, 561 Mount Zion Church Rd, Casar, 28020
Kim Swink, 2531 N Circle Dr, Shelby, 28150
Susanne West, 228 E Double Shoals Rd, Lawndale, 28090

Poplar Springs

Mrs. Nicole Hamrick, 1106 Poplar Springs Ch Rd., Shelby, 28152

Ross Grove

Mrs Kristen Hutton,

Sandy Plains

Jamie Plumely

Trinity

Candice Frazier

Union

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Zoar

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Mrs. Kathy Queen

Beaver Dam

Mrs. Terisa Champion

Bethlehem

Ms. Ruth Lancaster

Boiling Springs

Mrs. Heidi Dobbins

Buffalo

Mrs. Kay Jones

Calvary

Mrs. Kelli Grigg

Camps Creek

Mrs. Glenda Brackett

Crestview

Ms. Nancy DuCote

David

Ms. Jackie Hamrick

Double Shoals

Mrs. Theresa Lowe

Eastside, KM

Mrs. Debbie Rayfield

Eastside, Shelby

Mrs. Pat Harrison

Elizabeth

Mrs. Angel Carroll

Mrs. Kim McEntyre

Fallston

Mrs. Pam Webb

Flint Hill

Mrs. Brittney Smith

Green Bethel

Phyllis Shelton

Hope Community

Mrs Virginia Luther

Kings Mountain

Ms. Jacqueline Buchanan

Kings Mountain First

Miss Sara Westmoreland

Erica Bissontz

Kings Mountain Second

Audra Price

Lattimore

Mr Russell Henkel

Lily Memorial

Karen Lundy

Mount Sinai

Mrs. Denise Ledbetter

New Hope

Jennifer Burnette

Normans Grove

Mr. Jim Boggs

Northside Shelby

Mrs. Rhonda Greco

Oak Grove

Mrs. Judy Davis

Patterson Grove

Mrs. Rhonda Withers

Peoples

Dr. Lisa Petty-Hartgrove

Plains View

Mr. Greg Brittain

Pleasant City

Mrs. Wendy McLaughlin

Mrs. Elizabeth Ryan

Pleasant Grove

Mr. Lee Carroll

Pleasant Hill

Ms. Jenny Clapp

Pleasant Ridge

Mrs Brenda Riddick

Polkville

Mrs. Lynn Carroll

Poplar Springs

Mischa Barrett

Ross Grove

Ms. Helen Williams

Sandy Plains

Mrs. Rhonda Dixon

Trinity

Mrs. Nicole Mosley

Union

Mrs. Ann Parker

Waco

Mrs. Julie Fortner

Zion

Mrs. Wanda Schenkel

Zoar

Ms. Rebekah Wright

KEY LEADERS

***Information collected from 2023 Annual Church Profile**

Churches	SS Leader	Discipleship Training
ALLEN MEMORIAL	Kenny Queen	Kenny Queen
BEAVER DAM	Bill/Melba Bridges	None
BETHLEHEM	Anna Hughes	None
BOILING SPRINGS	Mr. Donny Hastings	None
BUFFALO	Debbie Broughton	Mrs. Vickie Stamey
CAMPS CREEK	Mr. Monty Lane	
CARPENTERS GROVE	Mr. David Barrett	None
CRESTVIEW	Mrs. Celeste Branham	Rev Cale Wright & Mr Dan Branham
DAVID	Susan Chapman Tammy Maples	Mr Bud Walker
EASTSIDE, KM	Suzanne Myers	None
EASTSIDE (SHELBY)	Rev. Maggie Andre	None
FAITH	Mrs. Cecelia Kuykendall	None
FALLSTON	Cynthia Earwood	None
FLINT HILL	Mrs. Nancy Freeman	None
KINGS MTN. FIRST	Mr. Jay Rhodes	None
KINGS MTN. SECOND	Mrs. Lori Holland	None
LATTIMORE	Ms. Dot Morgan	None
LILY MEMORIAL	Mr. Dale Harrison	None
MT. SINAI	Mr Jerry McCraw	Mrs. Mimi Rollins
NEW HOPE	Derrick Brooks	None
NORMANS GROVE	Rodney Willis	None
OAK GROVE	Mrs Krista Smith	None
PATTERSON GROVE	Mrs. Brenda Ferreira	Mr. Larry McDaniel
PEOPLES	Rev Jason Feemster	None
PLAINS VIEW	Mrs. Allen Brittain	None
PLEASANT CITY	Rev. Gary Marburger	Rev. Gary Marburger
PLEASANT HILL	Mr Tommy Barrett	None
PLEASANT RIDGE	Ministry Team	None
POLKVILLE	Mr. Donald Peeler	None
POPLAR SPRINGS	Mrs Leigha Jones	None
ROSS GROVE	Sidney Smith	None
TRINITY	Jenna Halford	None
UNION	Mr. Ary Bottoms	Mr. Ary Bottoms, & Michael Shumate

Churches

WACO
 WESTWOOD HGTS.
 ZION
 ZOAR

SS Leader

Mr. Keith Kiser
 Mr. Mike Willis
 Mrs. Kathi Fletcher
 Mrs. Martha Ledford

Discipleship Training

None
 None
 None
 None

CHURCHES

ALLEN MEMORIAL
 BEAVER DAM
 BETHLEHEM
 BOILING SPRINGS
 BUFFALO
 CALVARY
 CAMPS CREEK
 CARPENTERS GROVE
 CRESTVIEW
 DAVID
 EASTSIDE (KM)
 EASTSIDE (SHELBY)
 FAITH
 FALLSTON
 FLINT HILL
 KINGS MTN. FIRST
 KINGS MTN. SECOND
 LATTIMORE
 LILY MEMORIAL
 MT. SINAI
 NEW HOPE
 NORMAN'S GROVE
 NORTHSIDE
 OAK GROVE
 PATTERSON GROVE
 PEOPLES
 PLAINS VIEW
 PLEASANT CITY
 PLEASANT GROVE

Deacon Chairman

Eric Simpson
 Mr Jason Winn
 Jerry Kates
 None
 Travis Lail
 John Kiser
 Mr David Rochester
 David Barrett
 Mr Larry Hammett
 Jerry Lovelace
 None
 Amy Allen
 None
 Scott Turner
 Jason Ledbetter
 Edward Richards
 NONE
 Mr. Ray Towery
 Mr. Joey Hamrick
 Mr. Ralph Glenn
 Mr. Gene McCurry
 None
 Vaughn Mease
 Mike Jimison
 Mr Dexter Tate Sr.
 None
 Mr. Andy Costner
 None
 Tom Minowicz

Church Clerks

Darlene Clark
 Mrs. Wanda Humphries
 Brenda Wells
 Heidi Dobbins
 Mrs. Dorothy (Dot) Fitch
 None
 Deborah Evans
 Mrs. Montrose Helms
 Mrs. Jackie Bridges
 Mrs. Ruby McKinney
 Ms. Carol Carpenter
 Krista McClellan, Denise Wright
 Linda Martin
 Mrs. Revonda Granger
 Mrs. Brittney Smith
 Mrs. Julie Fortner & Mrs. Jean Dyer
 Ms. Deborah Link
 Mrs Mary Beth Martin
 None
 Mr. Michael Hamrick
 None
 Mrs. Peggy Stokes
 Mrs Stephanie Wright-Benfield
 Ms. Amy Fredell
 Mrs. Jerri Tate
 Lisa Petty-Hartgrove
 Mrs. Ellen Lineberger
 Mrs. Wendy McLaughlin
 Lee Carroll

CHURCHES	Deacon Chairman	Church Clerks
PLEASANT HILL	Mr Tommy Lowery	Mrs. Rachel Dover
PLEASANT RIDGE	Mr Bobby Jones	Miss Caroline Greene
POLKVILLE	Scott Summerlin	Mrs. Brenda Cook
POPLAR SPRINGS	Roger Harris	Mr. Roger Harris & Mr. Patrick Litton
ROSS GROVE	Ms. Amanda Mauney	Mr. David Weathers
SANDY PLAINS	None	Racheal Magaha & Debbie Wall
TRINITY	Ronnie Holland	Heather Eaker
UNION	David White	Ms. Myra Gettys & Glenda Canipe
WACO	None	Mr. Keith Kiser
WESTWOOD HGTS.	Mr. Keith Champion	Vickie Ayers
ZION	Mr Jeff Cornwell	Mr. Matt Cornwell
ZOAR	Eddie Winecoff	Ms. Rebekah Wright

**Messengers Attending the Spring Biannual Meeting
April 24, 2023**

Bethany: Richard Smith, Tammy Brackett, Beth Smith

Buffalo: Dustin Mace, Craig Bolton, Dot Fitch, Shen Hendricksen, Frank Hord, Kay Jones

Calvary: Robert Rash, John Kiser

Christopher Road: Randall Evans

Eastside Shelby: Dale Byrd, Katie Harris, Diane Padgett, Danyel Phelps

Flint Hill: Shane Kirby, Janet Hamrick, Joey Hamrick, Imogene Hoyle, Linda Wacaster

Green Bethel: Wade Wallace

Grover First: Scott Kierstead

KM First: Jason Ballard

Lawndale: Cindy McMurry, Stephen McMurry, Michelle Willis, Randy Willis

Mt. Sinai: Pat Hamrick, Becky Jones, Gail Poston, Gaye Tolbert, Steve Tolbert

Northside: Neal Efird, Lee Lineberger

Patterson Grove: Elizabeth Anthony, Carroll Brackett, Phyllis Brackett, Ann McDaniel, Larry McDaniel, Douglas Sparrow, Patsy Sparrow

Pleasant Grove: Archie Maples, Saralyn Maples

Polkville: Will Davis

Ross Grove: Beverly Ledford, Mandy Mauney

Trinity: Michael Frazier, Rodney Hensley, Nicole Mosley, James Toney

Union: Michael Shumate

Waco: Everette Grigg, Evelyn Kiser

Westwood Heights: Lee Allen, Nadine Allen, Glenda Greene, Lloyd Greene

Zion: Julie McMurry

Zoar: Jon Jones

Messengers: 59

Non-Messengers: 12

Total: 71

Spring Biannual Meeting Proceedings Monday April 24 – Shelby Mission Camp

1. 59 Messengers and 12 non-messengers for a total of 71 people gathered at The Shelby Mission Camp for the 25th Spring Biannual Session of the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association.
2. Rev. Maggie Andre, minister of music for Eastside Shelby, led in worship. Due to technical difficulties, she asked the congregation to look up the lyrics to *Holy, Holy, Holy*. She joked that smart phones could be used for good. The congregation joined together in *Holy, Holy, Holy*. Mrs. Andre, then, shared a song that she had written two weeks prior entitled *You Are Good*. Rev. Andre stated that after celebrating Easter, this song reminds us how good God is and of our need to return to Him. She also shared that her Facebook page has other songs she has written.
3. Reverend Mike Shumate, pastor of Union Baptist Church and moderator of the GCCBA, congratulated Reverend Jason Ballard, associational missionary strategist to the GCCBA, on his one year anniversary of working at the GCCBA. He then called the meeting into order.
4. Reverend Robbie Alexander, director of Shelby Mission Camp, thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He stated that he loves the churches of GCCBA and would love to get churches involved in the work of the camp. He was holding his young daughter, Reagan and stated that she is the chief operator of snacks. He stated that if he looked like he had been crawling under

a house, it is because he was. He stated because of the work of the camp, a homeowner will be able to take a shower in his house for the first time in two years.

5. Reverend Randy Willis, pastor at Lawndale Baptist Church, shared the Great Commission-Matthew 28:19. He thanked Rev. Jason Ballard, Mrs. Katie Harris, and Mrs. Nicole Mosley for always being inspired and always answering questions. We are united together making disciples. Authority teaches the Gospel. He directed the congregation to the promise from God that He will be with us. He stated that it is important for believers to tell, preach, pray, and support. He reminded the congregation to be Mission Minded. He then led in prayer.
6. Rev. Jason Ballard came to recognize any new pastors and staff. He introduced Rev. Randy Willis, Lawndale. He asked everyone to fill out yellow cards and pass them to the ends of the aisle.
7. Rev. Jason Ballard talked about the Associational Bible Drill that was held at Mt Sinai. Students shared in their memorization of Scripture and other bible drills. At that time, he also saw the speech tournament. He asked Miss Annabelle Hamrick if she would share the speech that she had written. She is a senior at Crest High School and will be attending Charleston Southern University in the fall. He recognized Annabelle.
8. Miss Annabelle Hamrick came to deliver her speech entitled, "*The Greatest Story Ever Told*." She said if she cries, that it is okay because it is normal. Rev. Ballard thanked Miss Hamrick and stated that he knows God's hand is on her life.
9. Miss Debby Wease, treasurer for GCCBA, thanked all the churches for their support and she gave the cash flow report. She stated that she is thankful for the support and enabling the Association to unite the congregations together in effective missions and ministry.
10. Rev. Maggie Andre from Eastside, Shelby led the congregation in "*Tell Me the Story of Jesus*". She asked everyone to look up the lyrics on hymnary.org. She said that Miss Annabelle Hamrick had shared a beautiful testimony of the story of Jesus.
11. Mr. Joey Hamrick came to introduce Rev. Michael Woods and reminded everyone that Miss Annabelle Hamrick is his niece and that he is grateful she is telling everyone about Jesus. He said that in December 2019 the Cleveland County Rescue Mission's executive director resigned. So, at the January 2020 Board Meeting the board just began to pray. The prayers led to Rev. Michael Woods, Director at Asheville Western Carolina Rescue Mission. They met for 2 hours, and 20 minutes and he talked about what God is doing, not what they were doing. Rev. Woods came from Grover and went to Kings Mountain. They began to explore what a partnership with Western Carolina and Cleveland County would look like. They prayed

through that week even though he said he would never come back to Cleveland County. He came to the meeting and Rev. Woods said, "God told me to come home." We told him that he didn't have a voice unless he had a seat at the table, we invited him to our table to the Cleveland County Rescue Mission.

12. Rev. Michael Woods came to speak and said he was grateful to be here. He remembered that time Mr. Joey Hamrick spoke of when he was minding his own business. He thought he was good. But God promotes us in our busyness. He stated that he found out about CCRM 12 years ago when he met the former executive. He was happy God called someone. He met him, and he even sent down beds because he was super excited God wasn't calling him. God is funny. He said he left Cleveland County, and he didn't want to come back home. He said that he would sneak back to see his grandmother, and she passed at the age of 102. He said that she is the reason he is in the kingdom, because she would not stop praying. When he was growing up, he would wait to hear his name in his grandmother's prayers, then he would go out because he knew he was good. He stated that tonight he came because he needs us to see what God is doing at Cleveland County Rescue Mission. Women and children live at 1100 Buffalo Street. The Washington Street Building that CCRM owns is not suitable for 49 women and children. They have an overnight ministry to get people off the street. There is a six-month restoration program where they deal with trauma and are paired with a social worker. The goal is to get them to transition into housing. The mission provides hot meals every day. The Mission was able to purchase a 20,000 square foot building for men that has some of the identical programs. In the first 30 days, they receive one on one counseling and Christ-centered classes. It is a blessing to see men's lives turning around. They have 8-12 men right now and can hold up to 24. There are 11 men that are working every day. They help the men with saving money and money management. From Dec 1st-March 31st, they run an emergency shelter for men. They had an average of 15-18 men but had room for 30 men. They make sure they are fed dinner and breakfast. It is very expensive, but praise the Lord, nine men gave their lives to the Lord and were baptized. The next project at the men's shelter is shared housing. At the facility on Julius Street, they are renovating the building to make 20-bedroom units. These men don't have credit, and it is hard to get housing, and some have criminal charges. They will share a kitchen, bathroom and living area. They will pay \$125 a week to live in a loving and safe atmosphere. At the Asheville Mission, we have chapel every Mon day at 9am for clients and staff. A lady came to Mr. Woods during chapel, who looked familiar, but he wasn't sure who she was, and she reminded him that he baptized her and her daughter a year and a half ago. She had gotten back with an abusive husband and needed to leave Shelby, so she came to Asheville to be safe. She told Pastor Michael; she reads her Bible every day and claimed that God is so good. Pastor Michael believes the Bible in its entirety, not just parts of it, and that is important. He read from 1 John 2 and Romans 12. There is so much going on today. He said brothers and

sisters we must be diligent in how we approach what is happening in our society. We need to love what is right. The world does not know true love. God is Love. The world attaches love to an emotion. Asheville is the bumper sticker city of the world, where many bumper stickers tell you what love is. This is spilling over to school. We are to react differently. The Church cannot conform to culture. He said that he believes in the Word. The culture should not be dictating the Kingdom of God, it should be vice versus. We are called out. He said he loves seeing people come to the Lord. There is a responsibility to help, they don't need to hear what is right and wrong from the culture. God gave Pastor Michael the vision in 2018 after a staff meeting, he wanted to help women with addiction because so many babies were being born addicted to opioids, heroin, and meth. In the year 2016, there were 400 babies born to addiction, that the state took into custody. Foster homes were full, and this was causing major problems. They had the space, so they spent the next 3 hours walking and praying. They met with the architect, and 2 days later had a drawing. The contractor gave an estimate of \$725,000 or more, and 5 days later they had \$500,000 to start building a Christ-centered facility. Jesus is the answer. It all belongs to Jesus. The Asheville Mission won a national award one year, and it was the first time a rescue mission had ever won. The Supreme Court will not get in the place of interpreting Scripture, but that is where their statement of belief comes from. We believe Biblical marriage is one man and one woman. A Trust wanted to give the Asheville Mission a large sum of money, but they were not willing to take Biblical marriage out of their statement that is posted on the website, because they believe the Bible. After arriving at CCRM, Pastor Michael understood that one of the fundings had a clause saying no religious instruction. He called Mr. Joey Hamrick who was the chairman of the board at the time and told him there was a problem. We were out of compliance, so Pastor Michael decided to make a ridiculous offering to get them out of the funding. They took the offer, but the lady that he was talking to called him back while she was in her car and thanked him for not being willing to bend from His beliefs just to have the money. Jesus is the answer and we do not let the culture influence us. It only takes common sense to know the difference between women/men, the culture is redefining. We know the difference between right and wrong. God has called us to fight. Love never fails, an unsaved culture can experience love through us. Love doesn't mean endorsing sin. and we don't debate over human sexuality. The Word of God is simple, He created male and female, in His image. He said he understands, prays for them and loves them, and doesn't give in to it. We have the Word of God. We help culture see the truth. It is not us against them. He wants them too. Pastor Michael got saved at age 16 in Earl. His neighbor invited him to a revival, and he thought this would be a good opportunity to see girls he hadn't seen before. He spotted somebody, and they spotted him. The choir was singing, it was hot, they were passing out fans. Rev. Rector came and he wrecked his life. The pastor stopped the choir, God told him that there is somebody here that God wants, so he looked around at everybody. The pastor said his

wife was on her deathbed, but she made him come. God says it's today, even while you were driving here in your car and you asked a question. Pastor Michael thought he was saved or he knew how to play saved. He was grateful for that moment. He wants everyone to know Jesus, drug addict, dealer, prostitute, pimp, trans, bi. God has called us to love them. He is not endorsing sin. He is not trying to make it okay. He believes the Word. He said he wants to be effective in the culture. He again recognized what a wonderful job Miss Annabelle Hamrick did, and he said he knew doors would be opened in her life. He is excited about her journey at Charleston Southern. He said he knows the basketball coach and introduced him to his wife. He said, "God has gifted you, Annabelle." He said that we know what it means when the preacher closes his Bible. He believes what God is doing is transformative. Someone needs help. We can house women and children. We want to partner; we need your help. We are currently \$150,000 under budget. We need volunteers for programs for men and women and VBS for kids. We need your help. The world will not fund what God is doing. Come and see. Thank You.

13. Rev. Jason Ballard, AMS, reminded us about our mission statement, we need to be effective in mission and ministry.

14. Rev. Jason Ballard shared some ways to partner in upcoming events.

13 people are going to Hungary, working in schools teaching English

4 people are going to Baltimore/ vision trip church plants

Shelby Mission Camp always needs volunteers

Senior Rally

Church without Walls, there is information printed - June 2nd and 3rd - all ages

Friday Feed Program

Fair Ministry

15. Rev. Will Davis, pastor at Polkville Baptist Church, Vice Moderator of GCCBA, closed in prayer.

MESSENGERS ATTENDING THE FALL BIENNIAL MEETING October 23, 2023

Beaver Dam: Tom Runyon, Bill Bridges, Melba Bridges, Michelle Hamilton, Danny Hipp, Paula Hipp,

Boiling Springs: Keith Dixon, Diane Rabon, Ashley Sparks

Buffalo: Dustin Mace, Craig Bolton, Dorothy Fitch, Shawn Hendrickson, Frank Hord, Kay Jones, Mark Strang, Shirley Stamey

Calvary: Robert Rash
Carpenters Grove: Patricia Seagle, Richard Seagle
Eastside Shelby: Danielle Clary, Katie Harris, Diane Padgett, Danyel Phelps, Austin Phelps
Fallston: Toby LeRoy
Flint Hill: Shane Kirby, Imogene Hoyle, Donald Jenkins, Linda Wacaster
Grover First: Scott Kierstead, Frances Champion, Clara Lowe
Lawndale: Randy Willis, Cindy McMurry, Stephen McMurry
KM First: Jason Ballard
Mt. Sinai: Tim Trexler, Gaye Tolbert, Steve Tolbert
New Hope: Russ Bradley, Gary Tessneer, Pat Tessneer
Normans Grove: Asilee Miller, Janice Watts, Jill Watts, John Watts
Oak Grove: Jason Allen
Oak View: Judy Gaultney, Henry Fleming, Juanita Fleming
Patterson Grove: Elizabeth Anthony, Carroll Brackett, Phyllis Brackett, Ann McDaniel, Larry McDaniel, Douglas Sparrow, Patsy Sparrow
Pleasant City: Bryan Glisson
Pleasant Ridge: Derek Greene
Polkville: Will Davis, Larry Canipe, Linda Cook, Jack Shytle, Peter Temple
Poplar Springs: Aaron Hinton
Ross Grove: Marcus McGill, Pattie Benfield, Mandy Mauney
Trinity: Michael Frazier, Nicole Mosley, James Toney
Union: Michael Shumate, Edith Shumate
Waco: Everette Grigg, Evelyn Kiser
Westwood Heights: Lee Allen, Nadine Allen, Glenda Greene
Zion: Jim McConnell
Zoar: Jon Jones

Messengers: 81

Non-Messengers: 69

Total: 150

FALL BIENNIAL MEETING PROCEEDINGS OCTOBER 23, 2023—Pleasant City Church

1. 81 Messengers and 69 non-messengers for a total of 150 people gathered at, Pleasant City Church for the 173rd Fall Biennial Meeting of the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association.
2. Special Music was provided by the praise team of Pleasant City led by Rev. Wesley Greene to begin the meeting. The praise team sang *Glorious Day*.
3. Reverend Mike Shumate, pastor of Union Baptist, and moderator of GCCBA, thanked Pleasant City for the wonderful meal. He welcomed everyone. He called to order the 173rd meeting of the GCCBA with a change in the agenda. He also recognized the two agencies that joined us during the meal, South Mountain Baptist Camp, Rob Kaylor and Baptist Children Homes of North Carolina, Jody Yopp. He acknowledged the host pastor.
4. Reverend Bryan Glisson, pastor of Pleasant City, welcomed everyone and stated that he was thankful that we are here. Bryan has been on staff at Pleasant City for 34 years and 25 of those years as lead pastor. Pleasant City was established in 1949 and Maynard Ledford has been serving for 63 years and Irene Smith is the longest member and still is playing the keyboard. The church loves the song that the praise team just shared and when the youth are in here it gets to popping.
5. Reverend Aaron Hinton, pastor of Poplar Springs Baptist Church, read the Great Commission starting with verse 16 and led in prayer.
6. The praise team led in two more songs, *What a Beautiful Name* and *How Great Thou Art*.
7. Rev. Mike Shumate directed everyone to look at the agenda in their report book with a little change of order. He stated that this will be the order of business. He called for a vote to accept the order of business. The vote passed.
8. Reverend Jason Ballard, Associational Mission Strategist for the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association, thanked Pleasant City for being a great host and called for the registration cards.
9. Reverend Jason Ballard, Associational Mission Strategist for the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association, recognized all pastors that were attendance at the meeting. He welcomed the new pastors and staff to come to the stage and introduce themselves. Reverend Randy Willis is the pastor at Lawndale Baptist Church. Reverend Toby LeRoy is the pastor at Fallston Baptist. Reverend Derek Greene is the pastor at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. Reverend Aaron Hinton is the pastor at Poplar Springs Baptist Church. Reverend Matt Sparks is the youth minister at Boiling Springs Baptist Church. Reverend Andrew Renfroe is the youth minister at Pleasant City Church. Reverend Keith Dixon will start in a few weeks as pastor at Boiling Springs Baptist Church, he said he was told he was an old new pastor! We are thankful for all the new pastors and

staff. The minutes tonight are dedicated to Mrs. Jackie Fisher and Dr. Tony Fulbright. Jackie served at First Baptist Kings Mountain and at the Association promoting the teaching and safety for children in our ministries. She made a great impact on those that she met. Her children Dr. Stephen Fisher and Mrs. Cheryl Lovingood were present at the meeting. Tony served several of the churches in our Association and served as interim director at the Association. Tony was a great leader and a great friend.

10. Rev. Mike Shumate directed everyone to page 12 to read the resolution. He noted that this includes the dedication of the minutes to Mrs. Jackie Fisher and Dr. Tony Fulbright. He asked for a motion and a second. Both were given. The vote carried.
11. Rev. Mike Shumate directed everyone to the Leadership Team report on page 1. He asked for any questions on the report. There were none.
12. Mrs. Debby Wease, treasurer for the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association, stated the balance as of October 23, 2024. She said there is a contributions statement from churches and profit and loss in the report book. She thanked the churches for their generosity. She stated that GCCBA has a great group of churches. She said others will update on the remodel and the budget.
13. Reverend Will Davis, pastor of Polkville Baptist Church and vice-moderator for the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association, presented the budget. He thanked the Business Affairs Team and GCCBA Staff for praying and planning the budget. There was a motion. A second was not needed. There were no questions. The budget passed.
14. Rev. Will Davis also presented the Enlistment Team report that was printed on page 9 of the report book. He also thanked the Enlistment Team for praying and working on this report. He thanked all of those who are serving on any Associational team. A motion was given, no second was needed. The report passed.
15. Rev. Jason Ballard introduced our Baltimore Mission Partnership. He introduced Reverend Charlie Brown, with East Baltimore Graffiti Church to come and share his heart.
16. Rev. Charlie Brown thanked Jason for coming to Baltimore, he thanked Pleasant City for the meal and the worship. Rev. Brown read from Philippians 1. He thanked God for the faithful support toward the Baltimore partnership as such with Jeff Johnson and FBCKM. Baltimore is a great city to have dinner downtown, a night on the beach and the best crab cake you will ever eat! Rev. Brown thought he might sound like a travel agent instead of a church planter. He referenced Annie Armstrong and stated that he is a pastor because of Annie's visionary leadership. Annie was also born and buried in Baltimore. Rev. Brown talked about his community, in Baltimore, homelessness, addictions, and prostitution are some of things he sees in the outreach center. He said he was 48 years old when God said it was time to go and plant a church. He first was introduced to Graffiti Church in New York while visiting his

daughter. After meeting Rev. Taylor, he saw how the pastor loved people like Jesus did. Rev. Taylor asked if he would like to plant a church in Coney Island, and Rev. Brown thought that would be great, Nathan hotdogs! His wife wanted to pray about this move. God did not give the green light to plant at Coney Island. Charlie and Diane continued to pray. As the Lord spoke to Diane and He disciplined Charlie, they ended up in Baltimore in a tough neighborhood that is 97% African American in 2014. They were received with love and curiosity. They were able to purchase a 100-year-old vacant building. God began His work at this center with Celebrate Recovery meeting in the building. This area is very challenging with high murders, youth violence, and opioid overdose. God has called us to love these people. He talked about Barry who buried his wife an alcoholic, and Reggie in and out of jail, who both have professed, confessed, and baptized. North Carolina Baptists have been faithful to support this mission with coming to help with sports camps, tutoring, and serving meals. The church feeds every Friday, because many just do not have enough. Charlie loves to share with the people in his community, Toshay got pregnant in seventh grade, but she stayed in school and finished and is now going to college, another one lost his adult son to an opioid overdose at 22 years old but then was saved by God. A Baptist pastor buys an abandoned liquor store that will add around 10,000 square feet that comes with a lot of projects. He has had a lot of support from North Carolina Baptists. They also have a missionary apartment. We are very thankful to be a part of this community and continue to get to share Jesus. Why did God send a 48-year-old pastor? Because this community needed some love. We love Baltimore and the churches that are in the city, and they are reaching a different community. Both Charlie and Diane are NAMB church planter missionary. He is thankful that there are more churches that are partnering, many of my new friends are beating addictions, and Celebrate Recovery is still sharing Jesus. We didn't just plant a church, but we planted our life!

17. Rev. Jason Ballard thanked Rev. Charlie Brown for being the hands and feet of Christ.
18. Rev. Ballard also shared that the renovation is going well, and it will hopefully be completed in the next two weeks and Jason will get to move his office out of the storage closet. This project has been blessed by all the support. We will share an open house date soon! Some other announcements are: the Church Health Checkup was well received, we will have a mission team going to Baltimore this summer, and the minister's and spouse retreat was a great success in February. He thanked Rev. Casey Norkett, the Great Commission Catalyst for the Baptist State Convention for attending our meeting tonight. Jason thanked everyone for taking time to be at the meeting and Pleasant City for being a great host. He asked us to especially remember Rev. Wayne Brazwell, pastor at Oak View who was on his way to the hospital and Rev. Harold Fite, pastor at Waco, who is in transition to his Heavenly home.
19. Reverend Toby LeRoy, pastor of Fallston Baptist Church, closed our meeting with prayer.

MEMBERS DECEASED October 1, 2022– September 30, 2023

***Information collected from 2023 Annual Church Profile**

BATTLEGROUND COMMUNITY: Mr. Darryl Crawford

BEAVER DAM: Dorothy Arrowood, Ralph Mauney, Goldie McSwain, Fred Robinson, Kenneth Walker, Janice Cable, Johnny Jamison

BETHLEHEM: Karen Vinsett, Roger McDaniel, Ray Herndon, Dean Spearman, Marjorie Bess, Faye Horton, Darrell Forbes, Helen McDaniel, Colleen Tate

CALVARY: Robert Alan Gates, Mary Beth Cabiness, Maude Lawing, Mary Jo Turner

CAMPS CREEK: Annie Randolph, Christine Holt, Hubert Byars, Ednar Allison, Francis Ivey

CRESTVIEW: Nell Buff, Marty Osborne, Zula Owens, Frank Buff, Lisa Hamby

DAVID: Gail Thrift Hooks, Delores Patterson, Jake Greene, Dian Champion, Tonya Jackson, Wiley Allen

EASTSIDE SHELBY: Sharon Holt, Janet Eckard, Forrest Bridges, Lib Coffey, Linda Martin, Glen Chambers, Nancy Gibson, Ray Bridges, Mike Davis, Richard Wynnberry

ELIZABETH: Christian Greene, Gerald Norman, Bob Piper, Stan Hallam, Barbara Isaacs, Franklin Sweezy, Mack Poston, Bob Bush, Edna Overcash, Harold Eaker, James Hamrick, Matthew Surbeck, Linda Buckalew, Conni Willis, David Shockey, Forrest Hoppes, Margaret Wilson, Brenda Bush, Floy Walker

FAITH: Mr Marty Bridges

FALLSTON: James Deal Sr, Joyce Meade

FLINT HILL: Claude Gamble, Ron Willis, Cleo Blanton, Sherrill Ledbetter, Dot Hyde, Keith Biddix, Joyce Lail, Bill Marsh

KINGS MTN FIRST: Marty Bridges, Joanne Brooks, Elaine Brown, Helen Bullock, Sherran Cameron, Becky Cook, Jackie Fisher, Paul Fulton, Ed Gardner, Paul Hord, June Lee, Shirley McMurry, V Moss, Don Reece, Linda Rome, Charlie Summers

MT. SINAI: Johnny Fortenberry, James Neider, Maude Poston, Lester Wolfe, Phil Putnam, Patricia Putnam

NORMANS GROVE: Bonnie Cook, Edgar Brackett, Coreen Brackett, Brenda McNeilly

NORTHSIDE SHELBY: Mike Mellon, Mary Hartsell, Becky Brackett, Bill Gamble

OAK GROVE: Nancy Ross, Joe Bell, Margaret Horn

PATTERSON GROVE: John Scism, Terry Putnam, Gene Putnam, Vernie Norkett, Robert Scism, Moffett Scism, Tommy Patterson

PLAINS VIEW: B.J. McSwain, Kenneth Ramsaur, David Hawes, Ellis Costner, Blary Gene Brittain, Michael Lineberger, Mary Hartman, Mike Goforth, Martha Brittain, Ronnie Philbeck

PLEASANT CITY: Mike Frady, Pat Bachelor, Rick Alexander, Joy Frazee, Gay Anthony, Betty McIntyre, David Mellon, Keith Anthony

PLEASANT RIDGE: Robert Fryar, Mary "Judy" Jones Delozier, Wayne Brevard Hunt, Kenneth Joe Bowen, James Ray Crowe, James Emmett Stepp

POLKVILLE: Ruth Creach, Mary Pruet, Bobby Tallent, Annie Sue Greene

POPLAR SPRINGS: Mrs. Elnora Hamrick Eskridge, Mrs. Barbara Ann Kale, James Steven Hamrick, Mrs. Daphine Eunice Hamrick, Brent Jones McSwain, Kent Easter Russ, James Carr Johnson

UNION: Mary Harris, Hal Heafner, Lou Della Hill, Alfred Richard, Danny Scott Heavner

WACO: Mrs. Joyce Earl, Mrs. Judy Thompson, Mrs. Louise Barrett, Roger Stroup

WESTWOOD HEIGHTS: Mary Bell, Carolyn Mauney, Myrtle Carpenter, Kaye Cantrell.

ZION: Mrs. Janice Cabaniss, Betty Sue Cabaniss, Mr. Harold Eaker, Mrs. Donnis Baynard

ZOAR: Dorothy Hollifield, Avis Clary

Associational Mission Strategist Report—Fall 2023

I can't believe it's been a year since I last reported on the work of the GCCBA in our annual book of reports. Even though a lot has happened since then, it still seems like only last week, but in truth many things have been happening.

Following our 2022 Fall Biannual Meeting, we conducted the Greatest Treat Festival in the Shelby City Park and followed that up with our holiday traditions of the Pastor's Christmas dinner and the annual Toy Store event. I, along with the GCCBA "dream team" of Katie Harris and Nicole Mosley, look forward to these events again this fall. I hope your church can join us for the 2023 Greatest Treat Festival on October 29. I also hope your pastor can join us with their spouse on December 4th.

Last year, winter saw us launch our first ever, Restore Retreat Pastors and Spouses at Ridgecrest. It was an amazing time with 50 attendees and the outstanding leadership of Dr. Sandy Marks of the Baptist State Convention of NC as we examined the challenges of pastoral health and spent time encouraging and praying for each other. We look forward to an even larger crowd this coming February 15th – 17th, as we host the second annual Restore Retreat for Pastors and Spouses, and we hope that many of you will send your pastors and their spouses to this vital time of refreshing encouragement for ministry.

In April, we held our second Deacon and Leader Training event of my tenure here at the GCCBA and were excited to host Dr. Jeff Iorg of Gateway Seminary as he shared from his book, *The Case for Antioch*. Many were encouraged as we explored the challenge of being a New

Testament church in a modern world. I am excited to share that Dr. Iorg will be with us once again in April 2024 to share again in our Deacon and Leadership Training event.

As spring turned toward summer our attention moved toward new efforts to explore. In May, I was privileged to lead a small group of pastors to Baltimore, Maryland to explore a possible partnership with the Baltimore Baptist Association. It was an exciting trip as we got to see the impact that an association is making in a challenging city. We will welcome several representatives to our Fall Biannual Meeting this year who are church planters, pastors and leaders from Baltimore and I am excited to hear what God is doing to bring our hearts together as we search for strong partners in mission.

In fact, summer took on this same focus as we first launched a new weekend missions experience with our local partner, the Shelby Mission Camp. On the first weekend in June, 80+ participants from our churches joined us for Church Without Walls – a weekend missions experience that challenged participants to see themselves as missionaries in their everyday contexts and then sent them out to serve in local areas of need. We look forward to our second annual Church Without Walls event early next summer as we continue to develop opportunities for our churches to engage their members in missions.

Following Church Without Walls, the GCCBA took another bold step into mission partnerships by sending two teams into Hungary to lead English Speaking Bible Camps. These two teams spent a week teaching English and the Bible and interacting with a local church and pastor as we explored the call to the ends of the earth. I am excited to announce that we will return next July to serve in these same schools as we further the efforts of sharing the Gospel and supporting the local church. I hope many more can join as we expand our efforts into additional schools as we seek to join our partners Baptist on Mission and Hungarian Baptist Aid in planting churches in these secular cultures.

As summer turned to fall, we turned our attention to our Fall Deacon/Leader training and welcomed Terry Long of the Baptist State Convention of NC to lead us into a deeper discussion of church revitalization at the "Church Health Checkup." I am still working through all the efforts of the many deacons and leaders who attended this hugely successful event and I can't thank each of you enough for your participation in this (even if we did run out of mashed potatoes.)

So, as we enter the time for another Fall Biannual meeting, I am encouraged by the new vision that has come out of our re-visioning teams work over the past year. As I shared recently with our leadership team – the new vision of the GCCBA is "to build and rebuild healthy churches" by resourcing and equipping our churches in 6 key areas that are at the heartbeat of what we do. Those six areas are Pastoral Health, Congregational Health, Mission Partnerships, Community Engagement, Ministry Support and Leadership Development. In the coming year, I will endeavor to not only unpack and explain these areas of emphasis, but we as a staff are developing our calendar and all our plans around this theme to strengthen the health of our churches.

If you look around our world and our country, many might say it is a scary time to be a Christian, or at least a scary time for churches, but if you look in Cleveland County, I think it's an exciting time to see God working. Thank you for allowing me to serve you and your churches. Thank you for investing in each other and the cause of the Gospel. And thank you, Lord Jesus, for your leadership as we seek to follow you. I pray we all may experience the excitement of living for our Lord and seeing Him live through us in our communities and outside our walls.

In His Service,

Jason Ballard

Associational Mission Strategist

MISSIONS TEAM LEADER - October 2022- September 2023

Greatest Treat Festival

We held our annual Greatest Treat Festival on October 30th, 2022 at Shelby City Park. Those who attended had a wonderful time seeking the Greatest Treat and learning that it is Jesus and His love for them.

The 2023 Greatest Treat Festival will be held at Shelby City Park on October 29th. A report will be given in the next Book of Reports.

Christmas Toy Store

Last December, we helped 169 children during our Christmas Toy Store. We were excited to be able to once again allow the parents to come in and pick out the toys for their children. I am so thankful for the many volunteers who work endless hours to serve these families. This year, our Toy Store applications will be taken on November 28th from 2 pm to 4 pm at the GCCBA Office. Our Toy Store will take place at the Shelby Mission Camp on December 12th. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering.

School Prayer Walks

We are continuing to help partner schools and churches to host Back to School prayer walks and have enjoyed watching these turn into lasting partnerships. We are excited to watch these partnerships grow as the churches use creative ways to share God's love with the teachers and students. We continue to have schools in the county that are looking for local churches to partner with, so please let me know if your church is interested in establishing one.

Fair Ministry

We were so grateful to be able to once again minister to the workers that come to the Cleveland County Fair. This year we held a lunch on set up day where we served 175 lunch bags. We also handed out toiletry bags to the families. On the second Wednesday of the fair, we held a breakfast for the fair workers where we served the meal and several volunteers had the opportunity to sit down and talk with the workers.

Summer Missionary

This year Addison Wease & Maggie Deviney served as our Summer Missionaries. Addison is a student at Shelby High School and Maggie is entering her Sophomore year at Montreat College. Both ladies helped in our office by answering the phones, helping clients with food, and assisting our churches with VBS and other summer activities. We also were blessed to have Abbey Smith complete her GWU internship in our office. Abbey also did a great job helping our churches with VBS and helping in our assistance office.

Share the Light and Heat Relief Energy Programs:

The Duke Energy Share the Light Program assists customers that have Duke Energy electric service. We appreciate these funds from Duke Energy that allow us to help their customers with utility payments. Because of the recent changes to this program we are no longer able to use these funds to help clients with other power companies.

GCCBA Office Building Update:

At the time of the writing of this report the work on the upstairs renovation is being completed. We are planning to have an open house sometime in December.

Hungary Mission Trip:

Thirteen people from 4 different churches traveled to Hungary in July to host English speaking Bible Camps at different schools. During these camps we were able to teach English, American Culture, and Bible classes to the students. We are excited for the opportunities that are available for ministry in Hungary.

Church Without Walls:

In May we held our first Church Without Walls Missions weekend. Over 75 children, teens, and adults participated in a weekend of worship and doing missions in Cleveland County. Eleven churches in our association participated in this mission weekend.

Ministers & Spouses Retreat:

In February we held our first annual Ministers and Spouses Retreat at Ridgecrest Conference Center. Sandy Marks from the Baptist State Convention was our guest speaker for the weekend. We had 21 ministers and their spouses attend the retreat. We enjoyed worship, fellowship, and spending time resting and enjoying time together. We are excited to host the 2024 Ministers & Spouses Retreat on February 16-18th.

Senior Rally:

In April we hosted our annual Senior Rally at Poplar Springs Baptist. Renea Henderson, aka the Bag Lady, entertained us as we enjoyed a wonderful meal and fellowship with one another. Over 125 people from 27 churches attended the Rally.

Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch

We are currently serving 40-50 people each week. I want to thank the churches who have been faithful to provide food and volunteers to help with this ministry. We are in the process of signing up groups to help for several more open dates in 2023. Please see Katie if you are interested.

Block Party Trailer

Our block party trailer is a wonderful ministry tool for our churches to use. The trailer has popcorn, cotton candy, and snow cone machines. It also includes games, Bibles, and a sound system. In order to sign up to use the trailer, please call our office.

Facebook/Website:

We continue to use Facebook and our website (www.gccbba.org) to communicate with the community on upcoming events and ministries in which they can be involved. If you have events you would like to advertise, please send them to Katie or Nicole.

Community Ministries Report

Number of families assisted from October 2022-September 2023

Food: 148

Clothes: 6

Medicine: 6

Utilities: 250

Dental: 2

Other: 7

Counseling: 314

Upcoming events:

Greatest Treat Festival October 29th, 2023 @ 4-6 pm Shelby City Park
Toy Store Applications: November 27th @ Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association Ministers & Spouse Christmas Dinner December 4th @ 6 pm

I want to thank our churches for their willingness to partner with each other to serve our community. Working together we are more effective in reaching our community for Christ.

Serving together,
Katie Harris

Church History Notes 2022 – 2023

Battleground Community: Battleground Community Church celebrated our fifth year of being an autonomous local church on October 1, 2023. As of September 18, 2023, we have also officially started renovations for our church building and new worship center.

Buffalo: Four families did a baby dedication this year. Also, we started a partnership with Washington Elementary School as a part of our

outreach ministry. We supplied backpacks, school supplies, and offered our services throughout the school year.

Calvary: 2 Baby dedications- Morgan Fletcher in June and Raif Renfroe in July

David: 85th Church Anniversary

Eastside, Shelby: Eastside is Partnering with five local Churches in building a Habitat House.

Fallston: New Building (Family Life Center), New Pastor (Toby LeRoy), Food Pantry, Clothes Closet being set up now.

We also have ministries of WINGS and Operation Christmas Child, Mary Martha Ministry Meals (Bereavement meals for church family).

Kings Mountain: Church voted to restore Worship Center 100-year-old-stained glass windows at a project cost over \$110,000. Project fundraisers have raised over 75% of funds needed. Window restoration will be complete by October 31, 2023.

Mt Sinai: Mt Sinai Celebrated 175 years of existence on the weekend of May 7th. Numerous guests were in attendance for the event. Mission PA Trip June 24-July 2.

Patterson Grove: John Hayes was ordained as minister on 8-27-23. Rick Henderson & Rick Hord were ordained as deacons on 9-24-23.

Polkville: Rodeo Polkville June 16-17, 2023 - funds are used to support mission efforts carried out by the church. There is also evangelism happening at the actual rodeo. This past year Don Sunshine and his team of evangelists helped coordinate this for the church. Monthly Clothing Closet for babies/preschoolers - is available every 3rd Saturday of the month to select available clothes as well as get diapers and wipes. Food Pantry -available during office hours and by appointment Operation Christmas Child - church packs boxes but also serves as a pickup site. Park Ministry—church runs the concession site at ballfield - has the opportunity to interact with community - funds help community outreach efforts as well as other mission and ministry efforts. Women At the Well - women's program in October 2022 for both church and community - serves as outreach to the community Participation in local Christmas parades - Casar and Polkville - gave out church invitations and did outreach Goodie bags for local businesses - used this as platform to share about the church as well as reason for Christmas Neighborhood goodie bags - Went door to door handing out treat bags and invitations for church as well as church information. Easter Day Camp - April 2, 2023 - invited community as well as church members. Shared the Easter story through stories, crafts, music, and recreation. Building ramps - Brotherhood helped build 2 ramps for those in need. Mission funds - funds were provided for several to go on mission or continue with missions while on site sent support for Doyle Elliott family who serves as missionaries in Central Asia, support was provided for a Gardner-Webb University student to go on a mission trip during spring break, funds were provided to help send a nurse on mission to Kenya, Africa. Mission funds were also used to donate to Filter of Hope which helps provide clean water for those in other countries.

Poplar Springs: The church ordained Aaron Hinton to the Gospel ministry in a service of installation on August 6, 2023. Rev. Hinton began service as pastor on August 1, 2023. Poplar Springs Baptist Church celebrated its 125th anniversary on September 17, 2023

Waco: This is the 180th year of Waco Baptist Church

Leadership & Business Affairs Teams Report Fall 2023

1st Quarter Meeting

The Leadership and Business Affairs teams met on January 17th for their 1st quarter meeting. GCCBA Moderator, Rev. Mike Shumate opened the meeting with devotion and prayer. He allowed the team members to share what God had been doing in their church community. Jason Ballard updated the team on a letter being sent to the NC Baptist on Missions concerning their offer of land at the Shelby Mission Camp for the purpose of building a new associational office. During the last meeting, it was determined that the future of the association does not include building a new building. Knowing that the Shelby Mission Camp has plans to use this land for further development for ministry purposes it was voted on and decided that we would send a letter to the Baptist Men. Katie Harris gave an update on the Community Assistance office that a change was made to the hours to include closing on Wednesdays so that the staff is able to meet, plan, and complete other work. Jason Ballard gave an update on the Revisioning Team, he is in the process of putting together the team that will have 2 people per church group on it. The team will be made of laypersons and ministers, he hopes to have the committee complete soon. The teams discussed a building renovations proposal to renovate the upstairs. At the time we are continuing to save money for capital improvements and are looking toward doing these renovations in the near future.

2nd Quarter Meeting

The teams met together for their 2nd quarter meeting on April 6th. Jason Ballard gave a report that the Revisioning Team is meeting and sub committees had been formed to look and gather information and data about our association. They will continue to meet and work through this process. Jason also informed the team that it has been determined that we need to proceed with replacing the roof on the office building and address a water issue in the basement. The team discussed and approved bids for these projects. Jason Ballard and Katie Harris gave a report from the February Ministers & Spouses retreat, and updated the team on upcoming events like the Deacon/Leadership Training, Church without Walls, Baltimore Vision Trip, and the Hungary mission trip.

3rd Quarter Meeting

The team met together for their 3rd quarter meeting on August 24th. Jason Ballard gave an update that we would like to move forward with the quote for the renovations for the upstairs of the building. The

offices have been relocated downstairs and renovations, if approved, will begin next week. Jason Ballard updated the team on the plan to pay for the renovations. Katie Harris gave an update on upcoming mission and ministry projects including the Fair Ministry and Greatest Treat Festival. Jason Ballard shared the agenda for the Fall Biannual Meeting that will be held on October 23rd at Pleasant City Church in Shelby. The teams voted to accept the meeting agenda.

4th Quarter Meeting

The teams met together on October 10th. Moderator Mike Shumate opened with prayer and a short devotional thought then turned the meeting over to Vice Moderator Will Davis. Will reported that the Enlistment Team had worked to fulfill the open leadership roles in the Association. They had great responses from the people they asked to serve. He also shared the proposed budget from the Business Affairs Team. The teams voted to accept the Enlistment Team Report and proposed budget. Jason Ballard reported that we are now 7 weeks into our 9 week renovation project and that things are moving along nicely. Tentative plans are to have an open house in December. He reported that the Revisioning Team has met and formulated the final statement on the revisioning process. The team looked at the mission of the association, why that is our mission, and how we are reaching it. Further evaluation will be done in the future. Katie Harris gave an update on the fair ministry. She reported that they served 175 bagged lunches to the workers on set up day, and breakfast to 50 workers on the Wednesday of the fair. She also reported that the Greatest Treat Festival is on October 28th, Toy Store applications are on November 28th, with the Toy Store being on December 12th. Jason Ballard reported that we are preparing for our 2nd annual Ministers/Spouses retreat in February, we will be having a follow up to our Church Health Check up Leadership Training in January followed by our Spring Leadership/Deacon Training in April.

Respectfully Submitted,

Business Affairs and Leadership Teams

Moderator: Rev. Micheal Shumate

Vice-Moderator: Rev. Will Davis

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the churches of the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association have been blessed by God through another year of cooperation and service;

And whereas, the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association is now meeting in its 173rd Fall Biannual Meeting;

And whereas, Pleasant City Church in Shelby, has been a gracious host for the 2023 Fall Biannual Meeting;

And, whereas, Shelby Mission Camp was a gracious host for the 2023 Spring Biannual Meeting;

And, whereas, the Moderator, Rev. Mike Shumate, Vice-Moderator, Rev. Will Davis, Clerk-Treasurer, Debby Wease, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, Charlene Frazier, and Parliamentarian, Roger Harris have provided loving and spiritual leadership for the Association;

And whereas, the Associational staff, Rev. Jason Ballard, Katie Harris, and Nicole Mosley have worked diligently throughout the year and in preparation for this meeting;

Let it be resolved that the messengers of the 173rd Biannual Meeting of the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association express our appreciation to all who have made this year a fruitful time for Baptists in Cleveland County and have made this Associational meeting a harmonious session;

Let it be further resolved that the minutes of the 173rd Biannual Meeting be dedicated to Doctor Tony Fulbright and Mrs. Jackie Fisher. Doctor Fullbright served more than 17 churches as Pastor and interim Pastor, as well as Interim Associational Missionary for the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association. Jackie was a long time active member of First Baptist Church where she recently retired as the Preschool Director. Her heart's desire was to minister to everyone she met.

Let it be further resolved that the messengers of the churches of the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association pledge continued cooperation with the Associational leadership and with all of the churches of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Business Affairs Team

**Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association Inc.
Custom Summary Report
January through December 2023**

	<u>Jan - Dec 23</u>
INCOME	
INCOME- Restricted	178,559.92
INCOME- In/Out	18,325.00
INCOME Budget	
Contributions	
Churches	385,524.86
Foundations	34.27
Contributions - Other	<u>10.00</u>
Total Contributions	385,569.13
VI. OPERATIONS	
Interest Income	0.67
REIMBURSEMENT	1,070.55

Total VI. OPERATIONS	<u>1,071.22</u>
Total INCOME Budget	<u>386,640.35</u>
Total INCOME	<u>583,525.27</u>
EXPENSE	
EXPENSE - Restricted	380,139.06
Expense - In/Out	<u>20,887.42</u>
Total EXPENSE	401,026.48
EXPENSE - Budget	
I. MISSIONS	
B. OIAM	153.40
C. Mission Trip Expense	<u>5,203.50</u>
Total I. MISSIONS	5,356.90
III. ORGANIZATION & EDUCA MINIS	
A. Association Council	28,046.02
B. Media & Audio Visuals	<u>1,032.62</u>
Total III. ORGANIZATION & EDUCA MINIS	29,078.64
IV. LOCAL MINSTRIES	
A. EMERGENCY & RELIEF	232.32
D. Toy Store	1,192.59
E. Counseling	5,775.00
G. Greatest Treat Festival	<u>3.81</u>
Total IV. LOCAL MINSTRIES	7,203.72
V. LEADERSHIP DEVELOP & SUPPO	
B. Lunch for Volunteers	377.56
D. Books	<u>303.48</u>
Total V. LEADERSHIP DEVELOP & SUPPO	681.04
VI. OPERATION, BAPTIST CENTER	
1. BUILDING EXPENSE	
A. Utilities	5,597.89
B. Telephone service	8,532.02
C. Belwood Utilites	171.17
D. Building Maintenance	13,092.78
F. Insurance	<u>7,588.00</u>
Total 1. BUILDING EXPENSE	34,981.86

2. OFFICE EXPENSE

G. Beacon & Postage	3,146.12
H. Paper & Office supplies	3,581.16
I. Office equipment/Contracts	10,886.41
J. Payroll Expense	266.14
K. Accounting	305.00
L. Staff Lunches	1,015.11
M. Lunch for Committee Meetings	1,154.94

Total 2. OFFICE EXPENSE 20,354.88

Total VI. OPERATION, BAPTIST CENTER 55,336.74

VII. CONVENTIONS/TRAVEL EXP

NC Baptist Convention	136.10
AMS CONFERENCE	170.00
NC Missions Conf	135.00
Admin Assist Confer	265.00
Staff Mission Trip Expense	3,235.87
Conventions, Continuing Ed, etc	398.55
Meals	125.66
Staff Development	115.00

Total VII. CONVENTIONS/TRAVEL EXP 4,581.18

VIII. ASSOC. MISSIONARY EXP

Monthly Fellowships	294.06
Books	296.26
Pastor Lunches	894.71

Total VIII. ASSOC. MISSIONARY EXP 1,485.03

IX. PERSONNEL

A. EXPENDABLE INCOME

Christmas gift	949.70
Housing & Utilities	27,000.00
Salary	147,898.08

Total A. EXPENDABLE INCOME 175,847.78

B. BENEFITS

Hospitalization	28,868.73
Retirement	14,317.92
Social Security & Medicare	7,992.75

Total B. BENEFITS	51,179.40
Summer Worker	7,225.00
1. MILEAGE	
Clerk Treasurer-travel	675.96
Staff	<u>5,233.96</u>
Total 1. MILEAGE	<u>5,909.92</u>
Total IX. PERSONNEL	<u>240,162.10</u>
Total EXPENSE - Budget	<u>343,885.35</u>
Total Expense	744,911.83

Contributions from Churches January through December 2023

Allen Memorial	1,123.00	2,116.00	1,100.00	2,429.00	6,768.00
Battleground	62.50	62.50	62.50	125.00	312.50
Beaver Dam	3,358.50	3,358.50	3,358.50	3,358.50	13,434.00
Bethany	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bethany Hispanic	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bethel	450.00	450.00	300.00	600.00	1,800.00
Bethlehem	2,907.82	4,361.73	4,361.73	5,815.69	17,446.97
Boiling Springs	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	1,500.00	8,250.00
Buffalo	1,606.43	1,532.78	1,481.93	1,563.96	6,185.10
Calvary	150.00	130.00	110.00	220.00	610.00
Camps Creek	1,173.84	1,061.46	823.22	1,856.45	4,914.97
Carpenters Grove	400.00	800.00	0.00	400.00	1,600.00
Casar	0.00	0.00	624.00	0.00	624.00
Christ Covenant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Christian Freedom	100.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	550.00
Christopher Road	150.00	150.00	100.00	200.00	600.00
City of God	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	600.00
Crestview	1,346.86	1,896.46	1,621.76	2,621.81	7,486.89
David	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00	720.00
Double Shoals	1,200.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	3,900.00
Double Springs	1,110.00	1,110.00	740.00	1,480.00	4,440.00
Dover	268.26	628.60	403.46	1,536.41	2,836.73

	Jan - Mar 23	Apr - Jun 23	Jul - Sep 23	Oct - Dec 23	TOTAL
Eastside KM	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Eastside Shelby	4,625.01	4,625.01	4,625.01	4,624.97	18,500.00
Elizabeth	4,391.43	9,120.33	6,864.02	12,336.62	32,712.40
Emmanuel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Faith	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fallston	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	7,000.00
Flint Hill	901.27	3,162.80	2,870.07	4,174.32	11,108.46
Getsemani	160.75	282.70	349.75	327.80	1,121.00
Green Bethel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grover First	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hope Community	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Immanuel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Joy Christian	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
KM Baptist	150.00	233.33	150.00	150.00	683.33
KM First	8,125.55	12,763.92	13,158.66	17,154.67	51,202.80
KM Second	249.99	166.66	249.99	249.99	916.63
Lattimore	750.00	500.00	750.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
Lawndale	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	1,500.00
Lily Memorial	71.13	70.61	69.75	74.43	285.92
Living Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mount Sinai	0.00	1,925.00	1,925.00	3,850.00	7,700.00
Mulls Memorial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Bethel	2,458.00	0.00	0.00	1,229.00	3,687.00
New Camp Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Covenant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Hope	3,304.97	3,104.57	3,066.22	5,176.93	14,652.69
New Jerusalem	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Prospect	0.00	300.00	600.00	300.00	1,200.00
Normans Grove	606.25	554.26	577.92	521.92	2,260.35
Northside	500.01	500.01	500.01	500.01	2,000.04
Oak Grove	1,202.59	1,676.81	1,715.43	2,280.06	6,874.89
Oak View	1,069.86	309.12	1,643.16	1,009.66	4,031.80
Pathway	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Jan - Mar 23	Apr - Jun 23	Jul - Sep 23	Oct - Dec 23	TOTAL
Patterson Grove	3,824.76	3,824.76	3,824.76	3,824.72	15,299.00
Patterson Springs	0.00	75.00	75.00	150.00	300.00
Peach Street	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Peoples	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Plains View	0.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	450.00
Pleasant City	1,986.28	3,459.85	4,014.84	5,711.46	15,172.43
Pleasant Grove	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
Pleasant Hill	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,025.00	4,025.00
Pleasant Ridge	2,000.01	2,000.01	2,000.01	2,000.01	8,000.04
Polkville	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	5,000.00
Poplar Springs	1,935.98	3,291.71	1,888.19	7,848.63	14,964.51
Ross Grove	0.00	750.00	0.00	750.00	1,500.00
Sandy Plains	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shelby First	5,599.98	5,599.98	5,599.98	5,599.98	22,399.92
Sunrise	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Temple	186.00	238.00	207.00	202.00	833.00
Trinity	0.00	1,000.12	999.96	1,999.92	4,000.00
Union	300.00	200.00	300.00	400.00	1,200.00
Victory	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Waco	230.03	185.87	187.43	284.39	887.72
Wallace Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Washington Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Westover	1,542.80	1,270.40	611.10	1,027.50	4,451.80
Westview	446.68	517.30	407.35	901.13	2,272.46
Westwood Heights	1,875.00	1,875.00	1,250.00	2,500.00	7,500.00
Zion	0.00	2,750.00	2,750.00	5,500.00	11,000.00
Zion Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Zoar	1,012.76	1,315.16	1,278.54	1,596.05	5,202.51
	72,244.30	96,836.32	87,626.25	128,767.99	385,474.86

2023 BUDGET MISSIONS

A. Serve NC	1,000
B. Partnerships/Mission Trip expense	12,500

The funds budgeted above are used to support the mission endeavors and partnerships of the GCCBA. We like to have international and national partnerships, as well as short term mission projects in other areas.

The funds also help us plan Association-wide opportunities for people to participate in affordable and meaningful mission trips. Through these mission trips, persons from any of our churches, regardless of size, can work alongside sister church members in sharing the Gospel.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Associational Missionary’s Discretion Fund 500
- B. Ministry Promotion 1,000

The funds budgeted above allow the association to meet special needs that arise and promote ministries and training opportunities in various mediums.

ORGANIZATIONAL & EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES

- A. Associational Council 27, 500
- B. Media & Audio Visuals 1,500

The funds budgeted above are used by our Associational Council for the ministries and training opportunities that are planned during the year. The areas represented are WMU, Men’s Ministries, Music, Sunday School, Discipleship, Youth, Sr. Adult, Ministers Conference/Learning Community and Deacon training events.

Media resources and studies are purchased and maintained through funds listed above. Many of the training opportunities are available on our website, in English and Spanish. People across the globe are being blessed!

LOCAL MINISTRIES

- A. Emergency & Relief 10,000
- B. Jail & Prison 800
- C. Toy Store 4,500
- D. Counseling 15,000
- E. Block Party Trailer 2,000
- F. Greatest Treat Festival 4,000

The funds above give us the ability to touch basic needs of many in our county. These ministries provide hope for adults and children of all walks of life. The funds reflect only a portion of the needed resources to meet a growing need. Individuals, churches, organizations, corporations, and foundations contribute faithfully to touch lives daily.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT

- A. Volunteer Appreciation 1,000
- B. Ministers’ Conferences/Orientation/Seminars 1,300
- C. Books 500
- D. Thrive Cohorts 500

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

E. Law Enforcement Support 500

The funds above provide leadership the opportunity to attend conferences and acquire resources that help them grow spiritually and professionally. This is important in the ever-changing times we live in. These funds also help us say "Thank You" to the many volunteers who serve Christ in a tremendous way throughout the year.

OPERATIONS - BAPTIST CENTER & BELWOOD

Building Expense

A. Utilities 5,500
B. Telephone 10,500
C. Belwood Utilities 500
D. Building Maintenance /improvements 15,000
E. Belwood Building Maintenance 500
F. Insurance 7,500

Office Expense

G. Beacon & Postage 4,000
H. Paper & Office supplies 4,000
I. Office Equipment Contracts 17,500
J. Payroll Expense 410
K. Accounting 1,100
L. Staff Lunches 1,000
M. Lunch for Committee Meetings 1,000

The funds above provide everything from copy paper for the Beacon to insurance and maintenance for the Baptist Center on Wyke Road and the Mission & Ministry Point in Belwood. God has blessed us with beautiful and functional facilities for which we are grateful.

CONVENTION-CONFERENCE/TRAVEL EXPENSE

A. NC Baptist Convention 300
B. SBCAL 1,100
C. AMS Conference 500
D. NC Missions Conference 200
E. Admin Assistant Conference 300
F. Staff Retreat 200
G. Staff Mission Trip Expense 5,000

H. Conventions, Continuing Ed, Staff Development	500
I. Meals	500

The funds above provide our Associational Staff the opportunity to attend conferences and retreats, for them to learn, network, and share with the Association.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY EXPENSES

Pastor Meals	1,800
Books	500

The funds above allow the Associational Missionary the opportunity to fellowship with pastors and to offer support.

PERSONNEL

Associational Missionary Salary	60,060
Housing & utilities	24,008
Retirement	3,276
Insurance	10,500
Christmas gift	300

Mission Team Leader Salary	57,261
Retirement	6,552
Christmas gift	300

Administrative Assistant Salary	54,881
Retirement	5,254
Life	100
Christmas gift	300

Summer Worker	5,000
SS and Medicare	8,560

MILEAGE

Clerk-treasurer	800
Speaker	500
Staff	6,000

TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2024 417,162

This budget is a faith budget. The ministries of the GCCBA are dependent upon the mission offerings of our churches and individuals who desire to partner together to reach this county and beyond with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We thank you for your encouragement, prayer, and financial gifts.

We encourage your church to promote and give to the North Carolina Missions Offering each September. This offering is vital to the ministry of Baptist Men, and the GCCBA. Approximately 8% of the total given to the NCMO from Cleveland County comes directly to the GCCBA for ministry.

**KINGS MOUNTAIN /GCCBA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HISTORICAL TABLE 1851 – 1950
(on file at Associational Office)
Listed Below: 1951 – 2022**

	<u>HOST CHURCH</u>	<u>KEY NOTE SPEAKER</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>
1951	Pleasant Hill Poplar Springs Temple & Kings Mtn.	J.R. Cantrell	J.W. Suttle	Lawrence Roberts
1952	Lattimore Bethany Norman's Grove	Homer O. Baker	J.W. Suttle	Lawrence Roberts
1953	Calvary New Buffalo Shelby First	Harlan Harris	C.C. Crow	Lawrence Roberts
1954	KM Second Lawndale Oak Grove	Burley S. Turner	C.C. Crow	Lawrence Roberts
1955	Zion Pleasant Ridge New Prospect	John E. Lawrence	C.O. Greene	Lawrence Roberts
1956	Sandy Plains Polkville Eastside (Shelby)	Oscar Funderburke	C.O. Greene	Lawrence Roberts
1957	Gardner-Webb College Boiling Springs	Harold House	E.B. Hicks	Lawrence Roberts
1958	Elizabeth Shelby Second	T.W. Estes	Oscar Funderburke	Lawrence Roberts
1959	Fallston New Bethel	Roger Smith	Oscar Funderburke	Lawrence Roberts
1960	Pleasant Ridge	J.E. Lawrence	Oscar Funderburke	Lawrence Roberts
1961	Zoar	J.A. Bracy	Horace Easom	Lawrence Roberts
1962	Kings Mtn. First	B.L. Kincaid	E.M. Smith	Lawrence Roberts
1963	New Hope	Leonard Thomas	E.M. Smith	Leroy Sisk
1964	Waco	D.A.B. Wood	James Holder	Leroy Sisk
1965	Lawndale Zion	Coy Dellinger	James Holder	Judy Blanton
1966	Double Springs	Joseph T. McClain	James Holder	Billy G. Washburn
1967	Shelby First	Norman Brown	C.A. Kirby, Jr.	Hugh Borders
1968	David Patterson Grove	James Stamey	C.A. Kirby, Jr.	Joseph Cabaniss
1969	Bethlehem Patterson Springs	W.J. Yeamen	James Stamey	Joseph Cabaniss
1970	Elizabeth	Cline Borders	James Stamey	Joseph Cabaniss

	<u>HOST CHURCH</u>	<u>KEY NOTE SPEAKER</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>
1971	Casar			
	New Bethel	Mac Evington	Russell Fitts	Joseph Cabaniss
1972	Poplar Springs &			
	Boiling Springs	Jospeh Sanders	Russell Fitts	Joseph Cabaniss
1973	Shelby First	Richard Plyler	Roland Leath	Joseph Cabaniss
1974	Kings Mtn. First &			
	Kings Mtn. Second	Russell Fitts	Roland Leath	Joseph Cabaniss
1975	Grover & New Hope	Fred Mauney	Carlos Young	Joseph Cabaniss
1976	Elizabeth	Max Linnens	Carlos Young	Joseph Cabaniss
1977	Polkville	C.A. Kirby, Jr.	William McDaniel	Joseph Cabaniss
1978	Pleasant Ridge &			
	Shelby First	Gene Watterson	William McDaniel	Joseph Cabaniss
1979	Eastside (Shelby)	Charles McMillian	Daniel H. Jolly	Joseph Cabaniss
1980	Patterson Grove	Earl Redding	Daniel H. Jolly	Joseph Cabaniss
1981	Bethel	Wilson Padgett	Marion Adams	Joseph Cabaniss
1982	New Hope & Bethlehem	C.O. Greene	Marion Adams	Joseph Cabaniss
1983	Beaver Dam & Mt. Sinai	Clyde Chapman	Alton Martin	Joseph Cabaniss
1984	Elizabeth & Waco	Joel Jenkins	Broadus Heatherly	Joseph Cabaniss
1985	Polkville & Union	Richard Plyler	Broadus Heatherly	Joseph Cabaniss
1986	Kings Mtn. First &			
	Macedonia	J.A. West	Wade Dellinger	Joseph Cabaniss
1987	Eastside (Shelby)	William Poe	Billy Cooper	Joseph Cabaniss
1988	Pleasant Hill &			
	Patterson Springs	James Lambert	Jeff Brendle	Joseph Cabaniss
1989	Double Springs &			
	Pleasant Ridge	Fred Lunsford	Jeff Brendle	Jimmy Green
1990	Pleasant Grove &			
	Elizabeth	Roland Leath	Joseph Cabaniss	Jimmy Greene
1991	Zion &			
	Polkville	Dan Wallace	Joseph Cabaniss	F.Garver/R.Bingham
1992	Oak Grove &			
	Kings Mtn. First	Leland Kerr	Russell Fitts	Recca Bingham
1993	Westview &			
	Putnam Memorial	Sam James	Russell Fitts	Recca Bingham
1994	Grover &			
	Patterson Springs	Roy Cooper	Jim Brackett	Recca Bingham
1995	Flint Hill &			
	Sandy Plains	John Sloan	Jim Brackett	Recca Bingham
1996	Ross Grove &			
	Elizabeth	Chris White	Mary Lou Causby	Recca Bingham
1997	Fallston &			
	Polkville	Lewis Myers	Mary Lou Causby	Recca Bingham
1998	David			
	Macedonia	Steve Scoggins	Keith Dixon	Recca Bingham

	<u>HOST CHURCH</u>	<u>KEY NOTE SPEAKER</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>
1999	Zoar			
	Bethel	Nelson Searcy	Keith Dixon	Recca Bingham
2000	New Hope			
	Patterson Springs	Chris Schofield	Glenn Walker	Recca Bingham
2001	Double Springs			
	Boiling Springs	James Royston	Glenn Walker	Pat Jones
2002	Ross Grove			
	Elizabeth	Raymond H. White	Marvin Gobble	Pat Jones

GREATER CLEVELAND COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HISTORICAL TABLE 2003 - Present

2003	Double Shoals			
	Zion	Tony Fulbright	Marvin Gobble	Pat Jones
2004	Patterson Grove			
	Bethlehem	Keith Dixon	David Blanton	Pat Whitley
2005	Putnam			
	Westview	Associational Staff	David Blanton	Pat Whitley
2006	Oak Grove			
	Grover First	Neal Eller	Jim Kilby	Pat Whitley
2007	Poplar Springs			
	Beaver Dam	Mark Millman	Jim Kilby	Pat Whitley
2008	Elizabeth			
	Ross Grove	Mark Millman	Richard Stroup	Pat Whitley
2009	Polkville			
	Lawndale	Jason & Cindy Kerr	Richard Stroup	Pat Whitley
2010	People's	Mark Millman Aaron Jazwiak		
	Second Baptist KM		Tony Fulbright	Pat Whitley
2011	Eastside, Shelby	Mark Millman		
	Dover		Tony Fulbright	Pat Whitley
2012	Bethany			
	New Hope			
	David	Lester Evans	Tim Hendricks	Pat Whitley
2013	Shelby Mission Camp			
	Pleasant Ridge			
	Calvary	Milton Hollifield	Tim Hendricks	Pat Whitley
2014	Northside, Shelby	Tim & Lyn Tuggle		
	Buffalo	Neal Eller	Jerry Welch	Pat Whitley
	Pleasant Grove			
2015	Gethsemane	Tony Fulbright		
	Double Shoals	Bob Lowman	Mike Frazier	Pat Whitley
	Fallston			
2016	Eastside, KM	Mark Millman	Mike Frazier	Pat Whitley
	Patterson Grove	Mary Dupree		
	Bethlehem	Wesley Smith		

	<u>HOST CHURCH</u>	<u>KEY NOTE SPEAKER</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>
2017	Westwood Heights	Sandy Marks	Shane Kirby	Pat Whitley
	First Baptist Shelby	Brian Upshaw		
	Westview	Patrick Lynch		
2018	Pleasant Hill	Dr. Chris Schofield	Shane Kirby	Pat Whitley
	New Hope	John Gordy		
	First Baptist Grover	Missions Testimonies		
2019	Sandy Plains	Charles Webber	Dale Byrd	Pat Whitley
	Mount Sinai	Chuck Campbell		
	Crestview	Missions Testimonies		
2020	Virtual	Rev. Wesley Smith	Dale Byrd	Pat Whitley
2021	Virtual	Chris Gambill	Tim Hendrick	Pat Whitley
	Pleasant Grove	Leland Kerr		Pat Whitley
2022	Oak Grove	Jason Ballard	Tim Hendrick	Debby Wease
	FB Kings Mountain	Robbie Alexander		Debby Wease
2023	Shelby Mission Camp	Rev. Michael Woods	Mike Shumate	Debby Wease
	Pleasant City	Charlie Brown		Debby Wease

CONGREGATION SUMMARY—GREATER CLEVELAND COUNTY

***Data collected from 2023 Annual Church Profile**

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>TM</u>	<u>OA</u>	<u>SSA</u>	<u>VBS</u>	<u>WMU</u>	<u>BM</u>
Allen Memorial	96	5	34	54	15	18
Battleground Community	70	4	30	0	0	0
Beaver Dam	405	15	138	114	41	57
Bethlehem	417	13	45	100	14	0
Boiling Springs	911	9	145	65	50	0
Buffalo	560	10	102	0	18	17
Calvary	215	0	26	109	0	0
Camps Creek	273	8	85	120	38	60
Carpenters Grove	209	5	64	74	0	0
Crestview	503	7	75	34	15	0
David	358	1	40	77	7	0
Eastside, KM	80	0	22	0	12	0
Eastside, Shelby	614	15	150	44	60	0
Elizabeth	1,261	7	316	165	165	18
Faith	178	0	12	0	0	0
Fallston	306	32	75	60	0	0
Flint Hill	819	0	140	61	53	34

Congregation	TM	OA	SSA	VBS	WMU	BM
Green Bethel Baptist Church	127	0	0	0	0	0
Hope Community	400	0	0	85	0	0
Kings Mountain	69	0	28	0	0	0
Kings Mountain First	1,949	45	488	353	0	14
Kings Mountain Second	67	0	25	0	0	0
Lattimore	200	0	35	0	20	0
Lily Memorial	129	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Sinai	744	10	121	87	60	0
New Hope	396	0	89	64	30	0
Normans Grove	209	8	24	17	14	0
Northside	139	0	42	59	12	0
Oak Grove	364	9	60	25	18	0
Patterson Grove	428	10	93	106	0	0
Peoples	46	0	0	0	0	0
Plains View	90	1	15	60	0	0
Pleasant City	1,753	102	575	447	0	0
Pleasant Grove	87	5	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	256	2	31	0	0	0
Pleasant Ridge	900	3	45	15	10	0
Polkville	137	5	39	79	15	20
Poplar Springs	450	19	165	50	18	0
Ross Grove	162	25	0	0	0	0
Sandy Plains	116	7	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	52	90	0	0
Union	286	2	54	29	6	0
Waco	281	0	18	0	0	0
Westwood Heights	376	4	55	138	14	11
Zion	450	1	78	14	50	25
Zoar Baptist Church	484	2	83	69	0	0
GCCBA	18,370	391	3,714	2864	755	274

Legend: **TM**=Total Membership; **OA**=Other Additions; **SSA**=SS Average Weekly Attendance; **VBS**=Vacation Bible School Enrollment; **WMU**=Total WMU Enrollment; **BM** = Total Brotherhood Enrollment

CONGREGATION FINANCIAL INFORMATION

***Data collected from 2023 Annual Church Profile**

Congregation	TRE	CP	AG
Allen Memorial	\$155,104	\$6,451	\$6,451
Battleground Community	\$503,015	\$1,000	\$250
Beaver Dam	\$503,498	\$34,164	\$14,639
Bethlehem	\$493,733	\$38,028	\$17,285
Boiling Springs	\$681,554	\$12,252	\$9,000
Buffalo	\$363,733	\$7,349	\$6,065
Calvary	\$138,587	\$590	\$585
Camps Creek	\$247,330	\$9,453	\$4,727
Carpenters Grove	\$115,963	\$11,392	\$2,350
Crestview	\$360,537	\$6,000	\$7,071
David	\$198,231	\$720	\$725
Eastside, KM	\$138,648	\$3,500	\$1,500
Eastside, Shelby	\$575,288	\$21,833	\$18,333
Elizabeth	\$2,360,690	\$164,012	\$35,169
Faith	\$53,150	\$600	\$0
Fallston	\$245,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
Flint Hill	\$548,403	\$21,436	\$12,020
Green Bethel Baptist Church	\$124,000	\$0	\$0
Hope Community	\$1,375,474	\$0	\$0
Kings Mountain	\$185,000	\$0	\$600
Kings Mountain First	\$2,640,794	\$194,614	\$51,214
Kings Mountain Second	\$198,378	\$12,000	\$1,000
Lattimore	\$170,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
Lily Memorial	\$59,880	\$0	\$0
Mount Sinai	\$914,495	\$16,500	\$7,700
New Hope	\$352,930	\$28,700	\$11,500
Normans Grove	\$121,412	\$6,785	\$2,262
Northside	\$131,862	\$3,000	\$2,000
Oak Grove	\$170,248	\$6,794	\$3,420
Patterson Grove	\$492,998	\$14,262	\$15,462
Plains View	\$106,941	\$2,400	\$600

Congregation	TRE	CP	AG
Plains View	\$106,941	\$2,400	\$600
Pleasant City	\$2,210,800	\$72,862	\$13,724
Pleasant Grove	\$182,068	\$3,125	\$5,125
Pleasant Hill	\$381,296	\$8,370	\$4,000
Pleasant Ridge	\$374,519	\$3,000	\$8,000
Polkville	\$252,949	\$17,560	\$4,890
Poplar Springs	\$1,008,336	\$23,490	\$11,743
Ross Grove	\$236,855	\$500	\$1,750
Trinity	\$246,074	\$5,000	\$4,000
Union	\$193,307	\$0	\$1,200
Waco	\$119,696	\$888	\$140
Zion	\$425,707	\$4,500	\$11,000
Zoar Baptist Church	\$261,797	\$21,927	\$5,099
GCCBA	\$20,620,280	\$797,057	\$310,599

Legend: **TRE**=Total Receipts (Undesignated, Designated and Other);
CP= Total Cooperative Program; **AG**= Total Association Missions

BAPTISM INFORMATION

***Data collected from 2023 Annual Church Profile**

Congregation	Total Baptisms		
		Eastside, KM	1
		Eastside, Shelby	3
Allen Memorial	6	Elizabeth	23
Battleground Community	3	Faith	3
Beaver Dam	7	Fallston	9
Bethlehem	37	Flint Hill	6
Boiling Springs	4	Green Bethel Baptist Church	3
Buffalo	5	Hope Community	60
Calvary	0	Kings Mountain	0
Camps Creek	9	Kings Mountain First	28
Carpenters Grove	0	Kings Mountain Second	2
Crestview	3	Lattimore	2
David	0	Lily Memorial	2

Congregation	Total Baptisms		
Mount Sinai	12	Pleasant Ridge	1
New Hope	6	Polkville	3
Normans Grove	1	Poplar Springs	7
Northside	0	Ross Grove	7
Oak Grove	0	Sandy Plains	11
Patterson Grove	4	Trinity	3
Peoples	0	Union	4
Plains View	3	Waco	1
Pleasant City	41	Westwood Heights	7
Pleasant Grove	2	Zion	3
Pleasant Hill	0	Zoar Baptist Church	4
		GCCBA	336

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