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Mulls Memorial
New Bethel
New Camp Creek
New Covenant
New Hope
New Jerusalem
New Prospect
Norman's Grove
Northside
Oak Grove
Oak View
Patterson Grove
Patterson Springs
Peach Street
Peoples
Plains View
Pleasant City
Pleasant Grove
Pleasant Hill
Pleasant Ridge
Polkville
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"Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their efforts. For if either falls, his companion can lift him up; but pity the one who falls without another to lift him up. Also, if two lie down together, they can keep warm; but how can one person alone keep warm? And if someone overpowers one person, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not easily broken."

Ecclesiastes 4:10 – 12

In my ministry at the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association, I am frequently challenged by a question, "What does the association do?" This is often posed in the context of a conversation regarding a church's involvement. I understand the question. Churches are made up of voluntarily organized individuals who sacrifice their time, talent, and treasure to maintain a church building, pay a pastor (or church staff), as well as fund the outreach and "inreach" ministries of the church for the glory of God, and in our current world the challenge to maintain that ministry is difficult enough! So, why then would a church give their collective time, talent and treasure to an organization if it does not provide a benefit to the church?

My answer is biblical – because just as the church is stronger as a body of many believers working **together** to fulfill God's call (1 Corinthians 12), our churches are better **together** as an association that works to support, strengthen, and serve our churches as they expand the kingdom of God together, rather than on their own. **Together** we have hosted trainings for special needs ministries, youth ministries, and children's ministries in our churches. **Together** we have developed leaders through special speakers and programs. **Together** we have supported churches in need of help when they are without a pastor or struggling under the pains of decline. **Together** we have served the community through utility assistance, emergency food distribution, and the annual Toy Store event. **Together** we have connected out churches to the nations, as well as challenged them to serve locally with the gospel. **Together** we have supported our pastors as they serve our churches. **Together** we have done a lot, because that is what the association does!

On October 25, we will celebrate this collective service to our Lord as we gather for our annual meeting. The meeting will begin at 4 PM at the Tucker Student Center on the campus of Gardner Webb University. We hope you can join us for this great afternoon of celebration for all God has done in our churches in the past year. Then on November 16 and 17, Southern Baptist churches from all across North Carolina will gather in Greensboro, NC for the State Convention's annual meeting to celebrate God's work throughout our state. This is just another reminder of the power and impact of our cooperation as churches for the gospel.

On Monday, November 16, at 8:30 PM, following the last event of the night, the GCCBA will host a meet-up event at Drizzle, a coffee and dessert spot at 2404 Merritt Dr B, Greensboro, NC 27407. For all those attending the Annual Meeting of the Baptist State Convention of NC, we hope this will be a "sweet" time of fellowship with our Cleveland County folks! Come on out and join us on that Monday evening as we celebrate how we are better together than on our own!

Jason Ballard

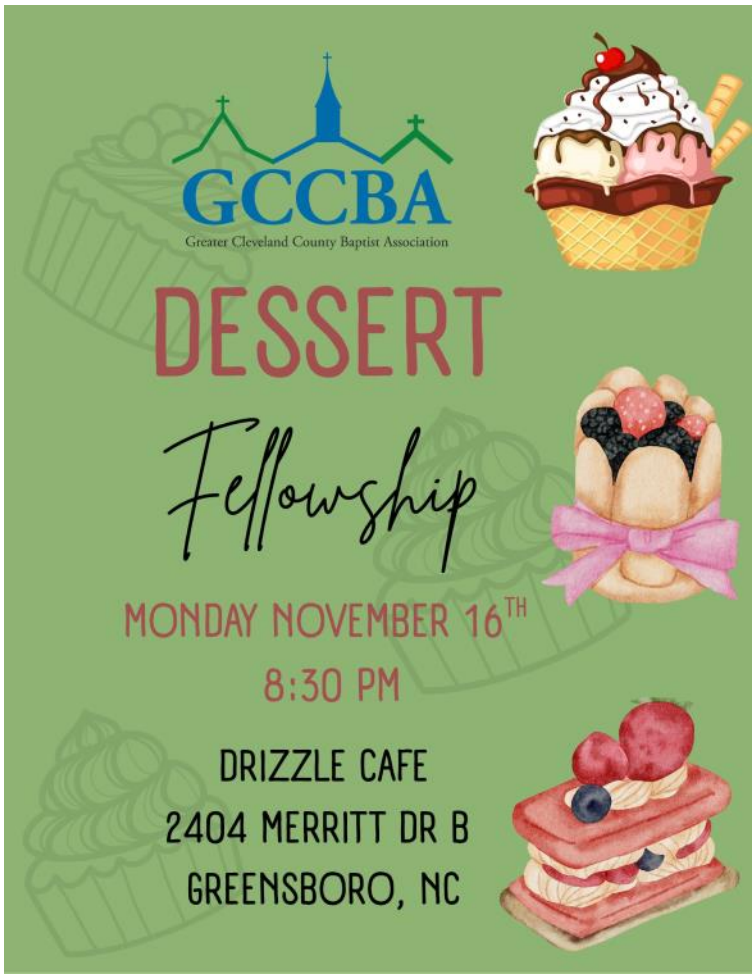
Ministry Support

2027 GCCBA Marriage Conference

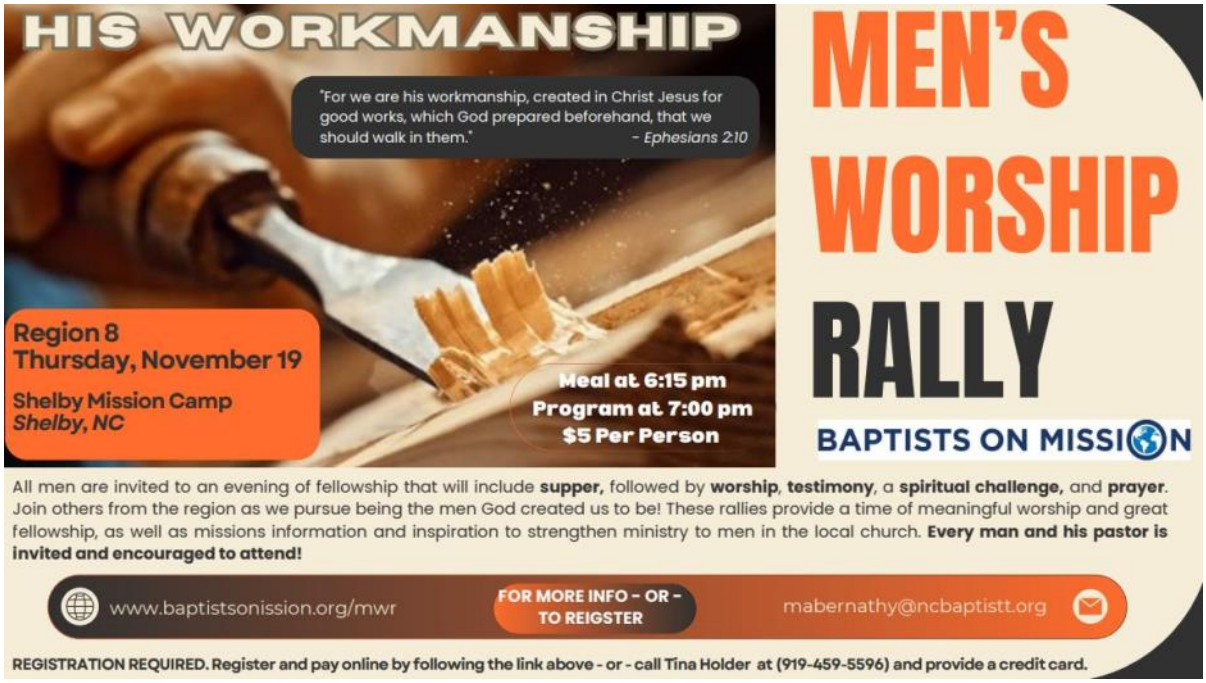
Save the Date: April 9th & 10th at the Legrand Center. To help keep the cost low for those who attend we are asking for churches to help sponsor the conference. Please see the flyer and let us know if you have any questions.



If you are coming to the Baptist State Convention in Greensboro we would love for you to join us for a Dessert Fellowship on Monday night!



All men are invited to an evening of fellowship that will include supper, followed by a time of worship, testimony, a spiritual challenge, and prayer. We'll highlight mission opportunities, as well as some men's ministry resources that can be used in the local church. Join others from the region as we pursue being the men God created us to be! Meal begins at 6:15 pm. Program is from 7:00-8:30 pm. Cost is $5 per man, and helps cover the cost of the meal. Every man and his pastor is encouraged to attend! Registration is required.



Pastoral Health

Ministers Conference
Monday, November 2, 2026
11:30 am
Guest Speaker: William Woods, Trail Life USA

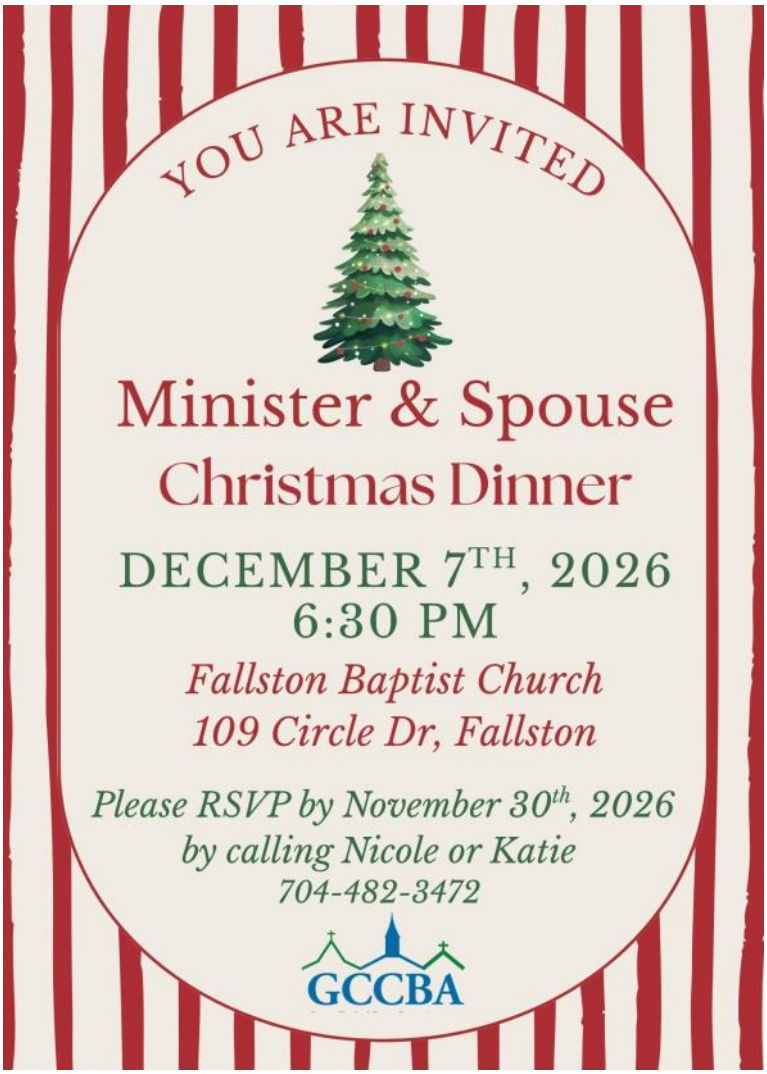
KM/Grover Pastors Fellowship
will meet at the Wendy's in Blacksburg
on Thursday, November 5th, at 8:30 am

Lattimore Pastors Fellowship
will meet at the Bulldog Quik Snak, Thursday,
November 19th, at 8:30 am

Pray for these couples on their special day in November:

Hope Community - Skip and Jena Allen - 6th
Mulls Memorial– Jimmy & Amy Black - 18th





We have a few spots available for our Minister & Spouse Retreat. Please let us know if you would like to attend. This is open for all church staff and we will have child care available during the sessions.



Pastors Anniversaries for November:



Boiling Springs:
Keith Dixon, 3 year
David:
Brian Taule, 12 years
Double Shoals:
Brian Johnson, 19 years
Joy Christian:
DeNorris Byers, 17 years
Kings Mountain Second:
Dennis Pruitt, 11 years
Peach Street:
Bobby Steen, 14 years
Polkville:
Will Davis, 7 years
Union:
David White, 1 year

Community Engagement

Christmas Toy Store Applications
Christmas Toy Store Applications will be
November 19th 9-11 am & 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the GCCBA office.





GCCBA FOOD PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS:

Spaghetti sauce
spaghetti noodles
peanut butter
jelly
crackers
cereal
macaroni and cheese
Canned Meat
Toiletries: toilet paper, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, clothes
detergent



The pantry always needs everything, but the items listed are what we go through the fastest!

Compassion Ministry Report

Assistance Type: September 2026	
Food	12
Power	22
Other	3
Total Assisted Units:	39





Community Engagement



Christmas Toy Store

GCCBA Toy Store will take place on December 8th at the Shelby Mission Camp. If you would like to volunteer to help at the Mission Camp please contact Katie. Donations for the Toy Store are due to the GCCBA office by December 3rd or can be dropped off at the Shelby Mission Camp on December 7th. If dropping off toys at the camp please call 704-472-0104 to make sure the camp is open before you bring them.

Suggestions for toy donations to the GCCBA toy store:

For younger children (0-4): picture books, pull toys, squeeze toys, riding toys, educational toys
For girls (5-7): dolls, tea set, storybooks, board games, puzzles, coloring books/crayons, radios, purses, writing/drawing pads, riding toys, dress up clothes
For boys (5-7): trucks & cars, model car kits, throw games, bats & gloves, storybooks, remote cars, baseballs, board games
For boys & girls (8-10): board games, DVD's, electronic games, books, cd players, bats, gloves, baseballs, football, basketballs
For older boys and girls (11-12):
jewelry, jewelry boxes, makeup, perfume, vanity cases, curling irons, hair dryers, craft kits, jewelry making kits, watches, board games, card games, DVD games, basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, cameras, tackle box, fishing gear, diaries/journals, clips/barrettes, hats, skateboards, photo albums, mp3 players

- Cost of gifts should be around $15 (up to $20 for older children)
- Please no toys that promote violence

Friday Feed the Hungry

We are excited that in 2026 First Baptist Church, Shelby will be managing the Friday Feed the Hungry Lunch program which they will call The Gathering. If you would like to help provide food for the ministry, please contact the church office at 704-482-3467 or click this link https:grasshoppersignup.com/s/x1wkdu



Block Party Trailer

The schedule for the trailer fills up fast for the so please remember to call soon to reserve your date. The cost of the trailer is $100 and includes all supplies needed to use the popcorn, snow cone, and cotton candy machine. After your event we would love to know the impact on the community you served, so please share your stories with us.

The trailer will not be available during November, December, & January due to repairs.



GCCBA OFFICE
Thursday, November 26 for Thanksgiving



Congregational Health



Pray for churches who are seeking a pastor.

Beaver Dam ~ Buffalo ~ Christian Freedom ~ Crestview ~ Faith ~ Fallston ~ Lattimore ~ New Bethel ~ Oak Grove ~ Waco

Boiling Springs:

Boiling Springs Baptist Church, Boiling Springs, N.C. Is accepting resumes for a **full-time combined position of Minister of Youth & Associate Pastor.** A job description is available upon request at the church, by mail or by email. Please send resume with a cover letter to: Boiling Springs Baptist Church, P.O. Box 917, 307 S. Main St., Boiling Springs, NC 28017-0917, Phone: 704-434-6244, Fax: 704-434-2990
Email: info@boilingspringsbaptist.org. The position has a primary focus on youth ministry while also providing pastoral leadership and support to the broader church body. This position will develop relationships with students and families, lead biblical discipleship, equip volunteers, participate in worship and pastoral care and assist with the ongoing ministry and administration of the church. The ideal candidate will have a genuine love for Jesus Christ, a heart for students and families, a commitment to biblical teaching and a desire to build relationships across generations within the church and community.

Buffalo:

Buffalo Baptist in Shelby, NC is seeking a **full time pastor** who God is calling to serve our church and community. We are a conservative Southern Baptist congregation who is seeking a dedicated, energetic, and caring pastor who will preach the true word of God. The pastor will lead 3 services each week (Sunday morning, Sunday night, Wednesday night). Our pastor will be a man of the highest Godly character with God guided leadership and vision. He will have a minimum of 5 years of ministry experience with a seminary degree. Please submit resumes including details of spiritual journey and calling by God to be a pastor to: Pastor Search Committee c/o Buffalo Baptist 108 Buffalo Church Rd, Shelby NC 28150.

Calvary:

Calvary Baptist Church of Shelby, NC is looking for a **part-time Minister of Music (M.o.M).** The M.o.M will work with the Pastor to follow the Holy Spirit's lead in developing and implementing God's vision for worship at Calvary. The person must have a knowledge and appreciation for both "traditional" and "contemporary" worship music but must not be bound by either. For more information, please contact Pastor Rob (robert@visitcalvaryonline.com)

Crestview:

Crestview Baptist Church in Shelby, NC is seeking a **pastor**. We are a member of the Southern Baptist Convention reaching out to our community with the love of Jesus Christ. We value all ages and generations of our congregation and strive to serve each other with kindness and good will. There is a great opportunity for growth in our church that we are looking forward to developing with the right leadership. Our ideal candidate should be skilled in teaching/preaching God's word in a manner that challenges membership to grow in their faith. The candidate should be a good leader and roll model as described in I Timothy 3, be available and approachable, and be willing to serve the membership and community in a way that brings honor and glory to our Lord, Jesus Christ. Crestview 704.487.7485 - 1090 Old Boiling Springs Rd., Shelby 28152 https://www.crestviewbaptistshelby.com/

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Dover:

Dover Baptist Church is seeking an experienced, **part-time pianist**. Responsibilities include Sunday morning worship service and Sunday evening choir practice. The pianist will also play for specially scheduled activities and funerals/ weddings when needed. Dover offers competitive pay and paid vacation/sick time. Resumes may be sent to Dover Baptist Church, Attention Ashley Smith: 1501 Shelby Rd. Shelby, NC, 28150. Applicants may also contact Ashley Smith @ 704-472-9730 or email at doverbaptistshelby@gmail.com.

Double Springs:

Double Springs Baptist Church is currently seeking a **full-time (or possibly part time) Children and Youth Ministry Leader**. A background in Christian Education studies or a related field and experience working with children and youth is needed. A strong Biblical faith and willingness to work with the Pastor, Children and Youth Councils as well as other staff members is an important element for this position. The position s available January 1, 2027. If interested please submit resume to: Double Springs Baptist Church, Attention: Personnel Committee 1130 Double Springs Baptist Church Road, Shelby, NC 28150

Eastside:

Eastside Baptist Church is seeking a full time, dependable, organized, and friendly **Church Secretary** to serve as an important part of our church staff. This position combines daily office administration with financial responsibilities and requires someone who is detail-oriented, trustworthy, and able to work independently while providing a warm and welcoming presence to our congregation and community. Resumes with cover letters may be submitted at Eastside Baptist Church 1165 Wyke Road, Road, Shelby, NC 28150 or via email to office@eastsidebaptistshelby.org

Minister of Music & Senior Adults

Do you have a heart for worship and a passion for serving others? Eastside Baptist Church is seeking a Christ-centered leader to guide our music ministry and build meaningful relationships with our senior adults. We're looking for someone gifted in music, passionate about traditional and contemporary worship, and committed to encouraging others in their faith. Help us lead worship, build community, and care for our church family! To apply: Submit your resume and references to office@eastsidebaptistshelby.org or mail to Eastside Baptist Church, 1165 Wyke Road, Shelby, NC 28150, Attn: Personnel Committee. Please share this post to help us find the right person for this ministry!

First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain:

First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain, a conservative SBC church, is seeking a **Children's Pastor** to lead and shepherd children and their families. Candidates must demonstrate a clear calling to children's ministry, a passion for the gospel, and hold (or be nearing) a master's degree in ministry. Ordination (or pursuit of it) is preferred. A minimum of three years of church staff experience in children's or family ministry is required. The ideal candidate will have strengths in leadership, teaching, discipleship, and volunteer development, and be committed to inclusive ministry (including special needs) and strong child safety practices. This role requires a lifestyle of Christian integrity and servant leadership. Background checks will be conducted. Compensation is commensurate with experience and includes salary, bonuses, housing allowance, insurance, retirement, and professional development. Resumes sent employment@fbckm.com

New Bethel Baptist Church:

Minister of Music Position

New Bethel Baptist Church (Lawndale, NC) is in search of a Minister of Music who will serve the congregation in a part-time capacity by encouraging spiritual growth of the community through leadership in the gift of music. It will be this minister's responsibility to create and provide leadership for a ministry that contributes to a worshipful environment that both utilizes and develops the musical gifts of volunteers. In order to best serve the needs of the congregation, this minister will seek to blend traditional styles of music with new and emerging styles of worship. Further, the minister will use her/his musical gifts in vocal and instrumental performance to lead the congregation in worship. In the pursuit of these goals, the minister will work alongside, and under the supervision of, the senior pastor in order to fulfill the mission of the congregation – "Knowing Christ and making Him known". Interested candidates should send a resume or CV, statement of faith, and cover letter as an attached document to nbbclawndale@gmail.com

Congregational Health

Northside:

Northside Baptist is in need of a **pianist** for Sunday morning and Wednesday nights. Please call Gary Barnett for more details 704-466-6734

Oak Grove:

Oak Grove Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking a **Permanent Part-Time Music Minister**. The candidate should be comfortable leading contemporary and traditional music. Responsibilities include Sunday mornings and other times as needed, collaborating with the pastor and selecting music for weekly services and special occasions. There is an opportunity here to grow the worship experience by forming a choir or praise team. Please send resumes to Oak Grove Baptist Church 1022 Oak Grove Road Kings Mtn., NC 28086 or ogbc1022@gmail.com (Atten: Worship Ministry Team)

Oak Grove Baptist Church, located in the Oak Grove community of Kings Mountain, NC is seeking a **pastor**. This is a Southern Baptist Church, established in 1897, with a rich. history of ministry. We are excited to welcome the one God is calling to grow and continue this ministry. While we are not putting restrictions on God's choice for us, we believe his choice will have some theological training, believe the Bible to be the infallible and inerrant word of God, and will share the love of Christ with others. He will work with the current staff and any new staff that is added and lay people to strengthen our commitment to God and His teachings in this community and the world. Oak Grove Baptist Church abides by the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message. Interested applicants may send resumes to Oak Grove Baptist Church 1022 Oak Grove Road Kings Mtn., NC 28086
or ogbc1022@gmail.com (Atten: Pastor Church Committee)

Patterson Grove:

Patterson Grove Baptist Church is seeking a **Part-time Children's Ministry Director**. If interested, send resume to personnel@pgbckm.org

Patterson Grove Baptist Church | Kings Mountain, NC is seeking a **part-time Director of Music** to help lead and develop the music ministry of our church.

Patterson Grove Baptist Church in Kings Mountain, North Carolina, is seeking a **part-time Pianist/Keyboardist** to serve as an important part of our church's worship ministry.

To Apply: Interested candidates should submit a résumé or request additional information from the Patterson Grove Baptist Church Personnel Team at personnel@pgbckm.org. Full job listing is posted on the GCCBA Website.

Pleasant Hill:

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

Poplar Springs:

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

Sunset Forest:

Sunset Forest Baptist Church in Gastonia NC is looking for a **music ministry leader.** We are open to all styles and genres of music and any musical talent is a plus. This is a part-time position. We are also open to current music ministry students. Interested applicants please contact Pastor Jeff Hicks @ 704-913-2390 or email @ ranlochief@att.net

Trinity Baptist:

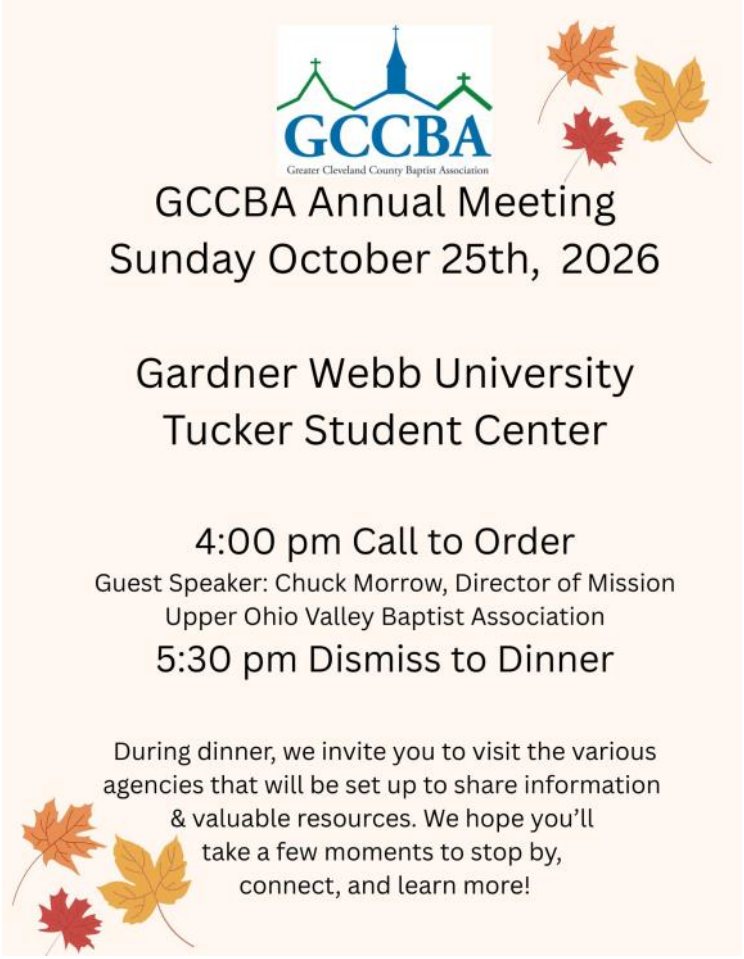
Trinity Baptist Church of Mooresboro North Carolina is seeking a **qualified Church Organist**. Job would require Playing for Sunday morning worship and Wednesday night choir practice. If anyone is interested or know someone who is interested leave a message on the church office phone. 704-434-6012 or email trinitybaptistchurchnc@gmail.com

Westwood Heights:

Westwood Heights Baptist Church at 650 Dellinger Rd/Shelby, NC is seeking a **part-time secretary, organist, and pianist**. For more information, please send a letter of interest to the following email: whbc.churchoffice@gmail.com

Zoar Baptist:

Zoar Baptist Church is seeking a **part-time Administrative Assistant** to join our staff. The Administrative Assistant is directly responsible to the pastor for organizing the tasks and functions of the church office. In addition to general office duties, this individual will assist church staff and leadership in carrying out ministry work. A working knowledge of Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, and general bookkeeping skills is desired. 15hrs/wk with paid holidays, vacation and sick days. Please submit resumes by Email to: Personnel@ZoarChurch.com



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1– Time Change!
2— Minister's Conference, GCCBA, 11:30 am
5– Grover/KM Breakfast, Wendy's, Blacksburg, 8:30 am
11—Veteran's Day**,** GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED
19–Lattimore Minister's Fellowship at Bulldog Quick Snack, 8:30 am
Toy Store Applications, GCCBA, 9-11 am or 2-4 pm
26– Happy Thanksgiving, GCCBA OFFICE CLOSED