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Missions



S.O.S. "Serve on Saturday" Disaster Response

You are invited to one more S.O.S "Serve on Saturday" disaster response in Macon. Click [here](#) for more information. Between twenty and forty-five people have served each week during the past three weeks. **R.S.V.P** by emailing Scott Ford at sford@cbfga.org on or before **Thursday, June 5 by 5 p.m** (R.S.V.P. helpful but not required).

A Note of Thanks

Mere words can not express just how grateful and thankful my mother and I are for your church[s] assistance in the removal of the debris in her back yard. If not for the love of your church, reaching out and extending a helpful hand, there is no telling how long all of that debris would have remained in the back yard.

Please extend this thanks to your church fellowship.

Vanessa



Long Term Disaster Response Efforts

All are welcome to organize a disaster response trip. The people of Macon and surrounding areas need help. Click [here](#) for more

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information about organizing a trip from near or far.

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Calendar

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2008

June 15-20

[*The Memphis Sessions*](#)

Memphis, TN

June 19-20

[*CBF General Assembly*](#)

[*Embrace the World: Building Bridges*](#)

Memphis, TN

August 2

Hispanic Health Fair
Iglesia Bautista El Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd Baptist Church), Newnan

September 8-10

[*Forum on Youth Ministry*](#)

[*Balance at the Big Top*](#)

Simpsonwood Retreat Center, Duluth

Taliaferro Summer Camps

As you pray, please remember that several CBF/GA individuals and church groups will be serving the people of Taliaferro County during the weeks of June 9-13 and 16-20.

Congregational Life

Attention Youth Ministers

CBF/SC, CBF/AL, and CBF/GA are excited to announce the first ever tri-state Youth Minister Retreat. This event will be a wonderful opportunity for youth ministers from these three states to network with one another. The retreat will focus on community building and providing resources for youth ministry. The theme this year is *Balance in the Big Top*. We will focus on how to balance the demands of life and ministry in the church. Please see the details below.

When: September 8-10

Where: Simpsonwood Retreat Center, Duluth, GA

Cost: \$100

To register, download a registration form [here](#) or contact Nikki Hardeman at 478-742-1191, ext. 26 or nhardeman@cbfga.org. **The deadline to register is Friday, July 25, 2008.**

ReCharge

A Youth Fall Retreat Experience

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia is excited to be sponsoring *ReCharge: A Youth Fall Retreat Experience*. This new event developed out of a conversation among a few youth ministers who were looking for something to provide their youth in the fall. While this is the first event of this type sponsored by CBF/GA, we are hoping it will be an annual one. The theme for this year's retreat will be *Sabbath Keeping*. The students will experience a well-balanced schedule of worship, fellowship, and playtime.

When: October 17-19, 2008

Where: The Swamp in Union Point

Cost: \$80.00

To learn more and register, visit www.rechargecbf.org. If you have questions, contact [Nikki Hardeman](#).

September 13

[Current:](#)

[Simultaneous Mission Project](#)

October 17-19

[Recharge](#)

A Youth Fall Retreat Experience

The Swamp, Union Point

November 9-10

[CBF/GA Fall](#)

[Convocation](#)

First Baptist Church, Augusta

Mission Opportunities



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Newsletter Archives

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Leaving Church by Barbara Brown Taylor

We expect professionalism to be enabling and empowering. With appropriate education, we believe that we can function effectively and feel confident in our actions. Many professionals, in fields as varied as health care and ministry, report that they have sought professional credentials in response to a personal calling, a spiritual impetus to serve.

To read more of this book review by Georgia Cox, click [here](#).

CBF/GA Resources

Worship Resources

Check out our [resource page](#). We have added a new section called [Worship Resources](#). Browse the contents to find resources for your worship services. If you want to add your own to the collection, please send the electronic file to [Nikki Hardeman](#).

Web Resources

At the CBF/GA office, we are working to improve the resources we offer through our webpage. Please send me your favorite websites that you use as you minister. The websites can relate to any number of topics including Bible study, children and youth, grief, music, worship, and topical information, etc. This list could go on and on. Send your favorite web resources to [Nikki Hardeman](#) so that we all can gain resources from each other.

CBF/National

State Meetings at CBF/National General Assembly

Please join us for the state meeting at the CBF/National General Assembly in Memphis. The meeting will be held from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, in the Cotton Row room at the Cook Convention Center.

At 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, attendees are encouraged to gather in the state meeting room for a time of prayer and discernment on the direction of CBF. This is part of a year-long process by CBF/National's Coordinating Council. More information can be found [here](#).

Missional Stories

CBF is developing a resource called *Glimpses of Missional Faithfulness* that will debut at the General Assembly in 2008. The resource will tell the stories of churches that are engaging the missional journey and exhibiting glimpses of missional faithfulness. Contact [Rick Bennett](#) at 770-220-1605 to share your stories and ministries. Click [here](#) for more information.



Memphis Sessions

mixing the voices of blues and hope - June 15-20

First missional experience created just for college and graduate students in conjunction with the CBF/National General Assembly

Sharing in meaningful service, discussions, and music; involving a Christian response to poverty

Cost: \$195 (covers housing, most food, cost of mission projects and programming)

To learn more, click [here](#).

Grant Makes Church Census FREE to CBF Churches

The Church Census is a powerful tool developed by the Baylor University School of Social Work. It is a standardized survey instrument that provides an in-depth profile of congregational family life. Beyond the U.S. census, the Church Census captures the strengths, challenges and stressors, and faith experiences of your church members. Participating churches will receive a comprehensive, computer-generated analysis, which can serve as a foundation for family ministry planning. Normally the Church Census costs five hundred dollars; however, through a recently secured grant, CBF churches can now receive this service at NO COST.

Congregational leaders will have the opportunity to get detailed information during a workshop offered at the Fellowship's General Assembly in Memphis, TN, on Friday, June 20, from 3:15 p.m. to 4:25 p.m. For more information, contact Rick Bennett at 770-220-1605 or rbennett@thefellowship.info.

General Assembly Luncheon for Those Interested in Spiritual Formation

Being Transformed and Transformative: An Approach to Personal Spiritual Formation for Christian Educators

Join ministers of spiritual formation and others interested in nurturing

spirituality within their local congregations for lunch and an inspiring presentation by Dr. Timothy Brock. Dr. Brock serves as assistant professor of Christian education at Campbell University Divinity School and will address the pertinent topic of how ministers and laity can help their congregations redefine Christian education in terms of spiritual formation. To read more about this event and to make reservations, click [here](#) or contact Howard Williams at howardwilliams@weatherly.org.

Position Openings

Database Administrator Position Open

CBF/National is looking for a qualified individual to fill the position of database administrator. Click [here](#) for more information.

Church Seeking Minister

Augusta Heights Baptist Church of Greenville, SC, is seeking a staff minister to develop a ministry of outreach, Christian education, and faith development with children, youth, and their families. Candidates should have a suitable degree and a passion for reaching out to the community through family ministry. Additionally, they must be energetic, enthusiastic, and possess excellent communication skills. Send resume to Staff Search Committee, 3018 Augusta Street, Greenville, SC 29605 or ahbc@charter.net.

For more information, visit <http://www.augustaheights.org> or click [here](#).

The Center for Congressional Health Seeks New President

Founded in 1992, the Center assists congregations and their leaders in becoming healthier communities of faith through Interim Ministry, Leadership Development for Clergy, Consulting Services, and Faith and Vocation resources. The Center is based in Winston-Salem, NC, and is a division of the School of Pastoral Care, North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc.

The ideal candidate will have demonstrated abilities to lead the not-for-profit organization collaboratively (1) to meet the ever-changing needs of its diverse clients, (2) to set strategic direction, (3) to design and implement new services as needs arise, (4) to strengthen and/or establish relationships with stakeholders, (5) to ensure sound financial management, including fundraising and providing services, and (6) to manage operations effectively. Experience in a ministry role and as a consultant is strongly preferred. Masters degree is required; earned doctorate and ordination preferred. Candidate should be Protestant and able to work within the Baptist theology and the organization of the Baptist Hospital system.

Qualified candidates should send resume and cover letter to mbengel@bellsouth.net.

Partners

Baptist History and Heritage Resources

The Baptist History and Heritage Society is celebrating four hundred years of Baptists with discounts on their key resources. Click [here](#) for more information.

Baptist Women in Ministry Announce the 2008 Addie Davis Award Recipients

In 1964 Addie Davis was the first Southern Baptist woman ordained to the ministry. Baptist Women in Ministry gave the first awards in honor of Addie Davis in 1998. This year's recipients are Bailey Edwards Nelson and Caroline Lawson. To read more, click [here](#).

Spiritual Formation Retreat for Clergywomen

This fall, September 29 through October 1, CBF Congregational Life will offer its first spiritual formation retreat for clergywomen. Led by some of CBF's most exceptional female leadership, the retreat will take place in a magnificent setting on the outskirts of Atlanta! For more information about the leadership, the retreat center, or the schedule (still under development), click [here](#). From there, follow the links to register for the event. Be sure to register sooner rather than later. There are only forty-eight spots available. The cost is \$125.

Faith in 3D

Dare. Discover. Dream. *Faith in 3D* is open to grades six through twelve. The event will be held on January 16-19, 2009, at the Walt Disney World Resort. Registration opened April 1, 2008. Click [here](#) for more information.

Financial Update

Budget Receipts as of 4/30/08

Year to Date:	\$547,792.67
Requirement:	\$609,766.63
Over/Under:	(\$61,973.96)
Month to Date:	\$45,327.86
Monthly Req.:	\$55,433.33
Over/Under:	(\$10,105.47)

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