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**Hispanic Health Fair**

Thank you! Many thanks are extended to those who led the Hispanic Health Fair last Saturday, August 2. About two hundred people attended the Health Fair facilitated by sixty-five leaders from eleven congregations. [Read More & View Photos.](#)

**Sunday School Training**

FBC Eatonton  
August 9, 2008

Karen Massey, from the McAfee School of Theology, will be the keynote speaker. There will be training for adult, youth, and children's Sunday School teachers. Anyone is welcome to attend. For more information or to register, please contact Tim Deborde at [tdeborde@firstbaptisteatonton.org](mailto:tdeborde@firstbaptisteatonton.org) or 706-485-3331.

**Congregational Life**

**Youth Ministers Retreat: September 8 - 10  
Room Still Available**

The Youth Ministers Retreat is quickly approaching and so is the deadline to register. To get more information about the retreat and to download a registration form, click [here](#). The cost is only \$100! If you have any questions, contact [Nikki Hardeman](#).

**ReCharge**

***A Youth Fall Retreat Experience  
Deadline to Register is August 15!***

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## Calendar

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2008

August 9

[Sunday School Training](#)

FBC Eatonton

September 8-10

[Forum on Youth Ministry Balance at the Big Top](#)

Simpsonwood Retreat Center, Duluth

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

**Newsletter Archives**

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia is pleased 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](http://www.rechargecbf.org). If you have questions, contact [Nikki Hardeman](#).

### **A Book Review: The Four Things that Matter Most: A Book about Living, by Ira Byock**

The four things that matter most are conversation elements between two people who are in a significant relationship. They can be expressed as four heart tasks: 1. Ask for forgiveness, 2. Give forgiveness, 3. Thank the other, and 4. Tell the other that we love him or her. To continue reading, click [here](#).

## Missions

### **Eleven-on-11 Missions**

Deadline Approaching: Churches and individuals, you are invited to coordinate a mission service project in your own area on Saturday, September 13, 2008. Eleven-on-11 is sponsored by *Current*, the CBF young leaders network. [Read More](#).

### **Korean Exchange Student**

Deadline Approaching: Churches and individuals are invited to consider hosting a Korean Exchange Student from mid-August 2008 through May 2009. [Read More](#).

### **Passport Liberia Guest Speaker**

This summer several groups from Georgia and beyond attended Passport Youth Camps, where the mission offering benefited the students and ministry of Ricks Institute in Liberia. It just so happens that Associate Coordinator for Missions, Scott Ford, was one of six Americans who helped lead Passport Liberia last January. If you would like Scott to share Passport Liberia stories and photos with your congregation, missions group, youth group, and/or children, please call Scott at 478-742-1191, ext. 28 or email [sford@cbfqa.org](mailto:sford@cbfqa.org).

### **Taliaferro Camp Photos**

Visit [www.tcamps.org](http://www.tcamps.org) to see recently posted Taliaferro Summer Camp photos. Many thanks are expressed to the individuals and churches that led summer camp and to everyone who financially supports CBF/GA. Sharing your time, talents, and resources is what makes camp happen. [Read More and View Photos](#).

Click [here](#) for past issues of *Visions* and *Re-Visions*.



### **Disaster Response**

**Last Call:** New Heights Baptist Church of Macon is still very interested in hosting Disaster Response groups willing to serve in long-term response efforts in Central Georgia. [Read More](#).

## **CBF/National**

### **In Sympathy**

CBF/GA extends sympathy to Cecil Sherman and family in the passing of his wife, Dorothy "Dot" Sherman.

For more information, please click [here](#).

### **Vestal Responds to Assembly Workshop Questions**

Click [here](#) for an article concerning Daniel Vestal's response to questions about the workshops by John Killinger at CBF/National's General Assembly.

### **New Book from Upper Room Ministries**

A new spiritual formation/missional resource by Daniel Vestal, Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, offers a vision for spiritual and missional transformation. You can learn more about by visiting [Being the Presence of Christ: A Vision for Transformation](#). Be sure to download the free congregational study guides available on the webpage - a gift from CBF Congregational Life and Upper Room Ministries.

As always, please let us know how CBF Congregational Life can help resource your ministry by contacting Rick Bennett at [rbennett@thefellowship.info](mailto:rbennett@thefellowship.info).

## **Partners**

### **Substance Abuse Training**

The Andy Anderson Institute of Morningstar Children and Family Services presents *Healing the Brokenness of Addictions*. This is substance abuse and dependency training for clergy, other pastoral ministers, counselors, social workers, and therapists. Click [here](#) for a brochure

### **New from Smyth and Helwys**

Using the same voice read in the *Formations* commentary series, Cecil Sherman writes an autobiography focusing on his work as husband, father, pastor, and administrator. He shares the history of his ancestors to his work at the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. Dr. Sherman writes of his struggles through the days of his pastorates, the kindnesses of his churches, and his role in the 1980s SBC political controversy.

An inward look at a man known for his discernment and intellectual expeditions, *By My Own Reckoning* is a book to be studied and incorporated into the reader's own life. Click [here](#) for more information.

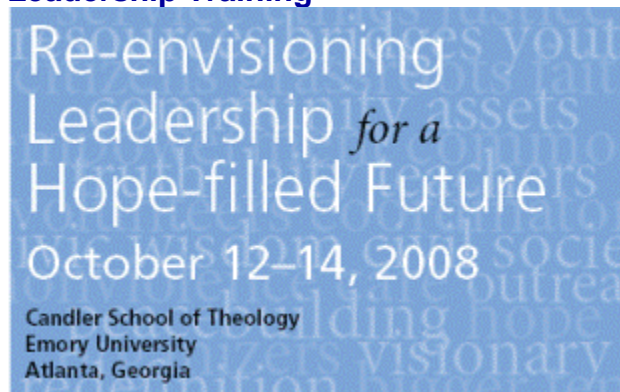
### Grant Opportunities from the Louisville Institute

The Louisville Institute is a Lilly Endowment-funded program based at Louisville Seminary supporting those who lead and study American religious institutions. The fundamental mission of the Louisville Institute is to enrich the religious life of American Christians and to encourage the revitalization of their institutions, by bringing together those who lead religious institutions with those who study them, so that the work of each might inform and strengthen the other. If you want to learn more about this opportunity, click [here](#).

### New BTR Courses

The Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond's (BTR) School of Christian Ministry announces upcoming continuing education opportunities. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Leadership Training



Our religious and civic communities stand in need of effective leaders with vision and character. Candler School of Theology is responding to this need by gathering scholars, activists, ministers, educators, and citizens of all ages to re-imagine leadership in our current context. Click [here](#) to read more. **If you would like to attend this conference as a part of a group at the discounted rate, contact Nikki Hardeman at 478-742-1191, ext. 26 or [nhardeman@cbfga.org](mailto:nhardeman@cbfga.org).**

### Financial Update

Budget Receipts as of 7/31/08

Year to Date:	\$88,174.68
Requirement:	\$102,933.34
Over/Under:	(\$14,758.66)
Month to Date:	\$42,661.90
Monthly Req.:	\$51,466.67
Over/Under:	(\$8,804.77)

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