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Katrina

CBF Situation Report 08/30/05
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Assessments today (Tuesday) have shown the catastrophic nature of the aftermath of Katrina. We are not a search and rescue operation, so we will wait for the all-clear from local authorities to enter impacted communities. Our focus will be on assisting Lynn Hawkins, Coordinator for CBF Louisiana and Steve Street, Coordinator for CBF Mississippi to establish a volunteer operation center in each state. Mart Gray, Coordinator of CBF Alabama has determined that there is not a need for such a center in Alabama and they will turn their attention to the other states. The purpose of the volunteer centers will be to offer services in basic debris removal and temporary weatherproofing to CBF communities. The first option for staging areas will be in a community where there is a CBF church or partner. Church members, their neighbors and adjacent communities can be served. It will be up to the State Coordinator and local pastors to decide on any expansions based on available resources.

Timothy Wood is in position to control the flow of volunteers and GIK based on assessed needs and invitations from the State Coordinators. A green light from the State Coordinators or their designee will be required before dispatching volunteers or GIK. All inquiries for volunteers and GIK should be directed to Timothy.

Donations are being requested for deposit in CBF Global Missions Hurricane relief account #17004 and can be done online or by mail.

Advance teams are in place to assist the States in establishing the centers:

The MS Team will be led by Ken Corcoran from FBC Columbus, GA. He will be assisted by Tommy Deal CBF Florida, Patrick Mahoney of New Hope Baptist Florida and John Mitchell CBF Alabama. This team can leave as early as Friday, Sept 2.

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Staging areas discussed include Jackson, Meridian, and Hattiesburg.

The LA Team will be led by Paul Thibodeaux, CBF field staff based in Atlanta. He will be assisted by Phil and Diann Whisnand, CBF field staff currently in TX. Also invited to assist are Jim Rich, Darrell Smith, and Rick Sample, all CBF field staff currently based in the States. This team can leave as early as Monday, Sept 5. Staging areas discussed include Baton Rouge and Houma. It will be weeks before New Orleans is accessible.

There will be enough work to last many years in these communities. Each team leader will work with the State Coordinators to determine exit strategies as part of the operation start up. A mentoring process will be used to develop capacity for disaster response in each CBF church selected as a staging area, so volunteer participation from these churches is crucial. Each response takes on a life of its own and we should be prepared to flex and learn as we go.

Prayer for the victims is our first response of love followed by what we can do practically to help based on who we are and what we have.

Katrina hits Gulf states; Fellowship responds

By Sue H. Poss
CBF Communications

Job Opportunity

MINISTER OF CHILDREN
Elam Baptist Church
Gray, Georgia
Email [Gary Thomas](mailto:Gary.Thomas@cbf.org) or call 478-986-3794

- Full-time position
- College graduate with seminary education.
- Experience working with children, experience and/or training in children's ministry desired.
- Demonstrated commitment to personal Christian growth and exhibition of a positive, cooperative spirit. Must also demonstrate an ability to work well with people of all ages.

Upcoming Opportunities

- **Remember September 11th**
Join *Current*, an organization of young Baptists in participating in a mission project to do something constructive in light of the destruction of 9/11. On this day, they are sponsoring 11 different mission projects in 11 different states

This year's site project will be at the **Shepherd's Inn**, the men's

emergency shelter of the Atlanta Union Mission.

Saturday, September 10th

We will plan to meet in the parking lot of Peachtree Baptist Church at 9:30 am. We will be finished with the project at 1:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. Plan to wear clothes you can get really, really dirty! We'll be cleaning, organizing and serving a meal at the shelter. Questions? Email [LeAnn Gunter](#), project coordinator, or call 678-457-6126.

- **Higher Ground: Camp Meeting Services**

September 23 and 24, 2005

Salem Camp Ground
3940 Salem Road
Covington, GA 30209.

Leon Burrows, preacher

The Meridian Chorale, Steven Darsey, Music Director
The Voices of Inner Strength, Maury Allums, Director
Information: Visit [Meridian Chorale's](#) website or email [Steven Darsey](#) or call 404 525 4722.

- **Interim Ministry for Today's Church**

Oct. 24 – 26, 2005

McAfee School of Theology, Room 225
Atlanta Campus

A three-day course filled with practical, generalized tools for guiding congregations through the interim time. The course also contains some key elements important to Intentional Interim Ministry. This course is required to register for Intentional Interim Ministry Training.

Registration deadline: September 26.

- **Construction volunteers needed for tsunami relief in Sri Lanka, Thailand**

<http://www.thefellowship.info/News/050818Construction.icm>

- **An Invitation to India!**

Dec. 29, 2005 – Jan. 15, 2006

Tentative Schedule:

Dec. 29, 2005 depart from Atlanta

Dec. 31, 2005 arrive Trivandrium, India

Dec. 31 - Jan. 01, 2006 rest in Trivandrium

Jan. 02 train travel to Kottayam and Tea Plantations

Jan. 03 – Jan.12 medical clinics at Tea Plantations and pastors' school at India Baptist Theological Seminary.

Jan. 13 return to Trivandrium via train

Jan. 15 return to Atlanta

Cost - \$2,300.00 for airfare (high end estimate)

\$850.00 for room and board (high estimate)

Total - \$3,150.00 - do not let cost be a reason for not going on this trip....

There continues to be a strong need for a medical mission in the Tea Plantations of Kerala, India. At the present time Kunjumon Chacko sees the need for at least six medical clinics in this one particular area. Some physicians who have previously been in

this area know the need is tremendous, as this is a place where unemployment is rampant. There is also a need to continue to train pastors throughout India who relate to India Baptist Theological Seminary.

For additional details email [Bill Ross](#)

Resource Update

AN INTRODUCTION TO BAPTISTS

A single, small publication that provides a general introduction to Baptists. The booklet provides insight into the Baptist vision of Christianity by presenting snapshot views of six major aspects of the Baptist experience: origins, history, priorities, identity, conflicts, and contributions. Intended readers include Baptists who would like to sharpen their understanding of the Baptist soul and non-Baptists who desire basic information on Baptists. To be released in September, 2005.

PRE-PUBLICATION PRICE: Catalog price will be \$2.50 per copy. Orders for 10-99 copies received prior to September 15, 2005, will be available for \$2.00 per copy. Purchase 100 or more copies by September 15 for \$1.75 each. Handling and shipping costs will be added to all orders.

TO ORDER: Email [Charles Deweese](#) or call 615-371-7938.

ACACIA RESOURCES

WORSHIP RESOURCE FOR OBSERVING SEPTEMBER 11

A free resource designed to help congregations thoughtfully observe the anniversary of September 11 as they worship. September 11 falls on a Sunday this year. Available as a [downloadable](#) PDF file, the 22-page [resource](#) includes five pastoral prayers, hymn suggestions, three litanies, and two sermon outlines, each produced originally for this package and contributed by a diverse group of leaders of moderate Baptist churches.

IN the NEWS

[Atlanta Fellowship church continues partnership with Baptists in Ghana](#)

By Matt Rich
CBF Communications



Peachtree team member Susan Jones helps as a Ghanaian woman learns to write her name. Matt Rich photo



Peachtree Associate Pastor LeAnn Gunter preaches at Sankor Baptist Church in Ghana. Matt Rich photo

**CBF-endorsed pastoral counselors
receive top awards from AAPC**

By Patricia Heys
CBF Communications

ATLANTA – Three pastoral counselors endorsed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship were recently honored by the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. Andrew Lester, James Pruett, and Ronald King received national awards at the 2005 AAPC conference in Fort Worth, Texas.



Ron King (the executive director of The Pastoral Institute in Columbus, Ga.), left, receives the Distinguished Program Leadership Award from American Association of Pastoral Counselors executive director Douglas M. Ronsheim.

**Children's Ministry Network Gathering
FBC Griffin
August 23**



Participants from around the state came together to share the latest from their church's ministry to children.

Congratulations!!

Scott Harrell, former Associate Pastor for Faith Development at FBC Marietta, has been called as pastor of Rocky Creek Church near Forsyth.

I.W. Bowen, retired pastor of Rocky Creek, is available for interim and pulpit supply opportunities. Please call 478-994-0887 or email idub@forsythcable.com.

Reminders

- **September 15**
Convergence Application deadline
 Location: The Calvin Center, Hampton, GA
 Cost: \$1,175 (includes housing, meals, and tuition)
 Scholarship assistance available for Georgia participants through CBF of Georgia. Email [Devita Parnell](mailto:Devita.Parnell@cbf.org) or call 478-742-1191 ext. 28.

Visit [Convergence](http://www.convergence.org) for more information and to receive registration information or email [Dawn Hall](mailto:Dawn.Hall@convergence.org) or call 336-716-9722.

Dates for Convergence:

Level 1 - October 17-20, 2005
 "The Leader's Self-Awareness"

Level 2 - January 23-25, 2006
 "Leadership Settings"

Level 3 - March 6-8, 2006
 "Leadercraft Skills"

Level 4 - May 8-10, 2006
 "Leadership Synthesis"

- **September 18-20**
Mercer Preaching Consultation
 King and Prince Resort, St. Simons Island
 Speakers: Dr. Gardner Taylor and Dr. John Claypool.
 For more information, call Truett Gannon at 678-547-6457.
- **October 1**
Application Deadline STUDENT.GO

SPECIAL PROJECT:

Gypsy Travelers: From the Nile to the Ganges.

Interviews held in October

Orientation Nov. 11-13, 2005

Application Download: www.destinationmissions.net

WHERE: Romania, Egypt, and India among Gypsies

WHEN: December 16, 2005, thru January 2, 2006

FOR MORE INFO: Contact [Robbi Francovich](mailto:Robbi.Francovich) or visit

www.banjara.gypsyministries.com

- **Saturday, October 1, 10 - 2 pm**
CBF of Georgia Choir Rehearsal
Briarcliff Baptist Church, Atlanta
For more information email [Carey Huddlestun](mailto:Carey.Huddlestun) or call 404-633-6103.

Join the statewide choir to sing during the CBF of Georgia Fall Convocation! For any interested clergy or lay person.

- **October 11**
The Fall Workshop for the McAfee Institute for Healthy Congregations
McAfee School of Theology campus in Atlanta
"Understanding Congregations: Traditional, Contemporary, Emergent." Featured speaker will be Chris Seay, pastor of the emergent Ekklesia congregation in Houston, Texas.

Registration cost is \$39 for registrations by October 1.

Contact [Larry McSwain](mailto:Larry.McSwain) or call 678-547-6442.

- **October 16-21**
Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation (sponsored by CBF)
Camp Sumatanga, Alabama
Contact [Mary Jayne Allen](mailto:MaryJayne.Allen) or phone 423-265-2257 or
Contact [Rick Bennett](mailto:Rick.Bennett) or phone 770-220-1605.

- **October 21**
Church Restart Conference
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Pass-a-Grille Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, Fla.
Featuring consultant Bill Easum
For more information or to make event and hotel reservations,
email [Jeremy Lewis](mailto:Jeremy.Lewis) or call 770- 220-1651.
Reservation deadline is Oct. 1.

- **October 24-25**
Like a Mustard Seed: Supporting and Celebrating Small Church
Leadership, Samford University, Birmingham, AL
For more information visit www.samford.edu/groups/rcpe.

- **October 28-29, 2005**
Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia Fall Retreat
The Calvin Center, Hampton
Speaker: Alica Kirkpatrick-Bremer
Email [Darlene Flaming](mailto:Darlene.Flaming) or call 478-746-0492.

- **Nov. 13-14**
CBF of Georgia Fall Convocation
First Baptist Church of Griffin
Speaker: Millard Fuller

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- **February 4, 2006**
Now Serving: Atlanta 2006
9:00 am – 7:30 pm
Mercer University, Atlanta

McAfee School of Theology and CBF of Georgia team up to sponsor this one-day **collegiate mission event** in Atlanta. Students will experience a variety of mission sites around the city. The day concludes with dinner and worship. The band, *Timber*, and Amy Shorner, preacher, will lead in worship. Cost of \$5 includes meals and t-shirt.

Contact [Ryan Clark](#) or [Devita Parnell](#) for more information.

- **February 8-11, 2006**
Current Retreat
FBC Decatur, Georgia
Current is a group of young Baptist ministers, leaders, and divinity students who seek to connect young Baptists through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. *Current* hosts an annual retreat, a simultaneous missions project, and annual gatherings at the CBF General Assembly.
For more information, visit [Current](#) on the web.

- **March 17-19, 2006**
March Mission Madness
First Baptist Church of Warm Springs

March 24-26, 2006
March Mission Madness
First Baptist Church of Morrow

MMM is an Annual Weekend Missions Retreat sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia and attended by church youth groups and their adult chaperones. Email [Scott Ford](#) or call 678-386-5449 for additional information.