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REMINDER

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Vocational Opportunities

The Reference and Referral office has recently received the following requests:

- Several churches are looking for part time Minister: Youth (Bibb, Jones, & Monroe County area).
- Several churches are seeking part-time and full-time Ministers to Children (middle Georgia & statewide).
- Two churches are looking for bi-vocational Pastors (Baldwin County area).
- Part-time position for pianist/choir director for a Presbyterian (PCUSA) church in Bibb County.
- Pianist position for a Baptist church in south Macor area.

If you know of any ministers interested in these openings, please email [Alan Mitchell](#).

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Additional Vocational Opportunities

**First Baptist Church of El Dorado, Arkansas seeks Mir
of Ed.** Contact [Ray Higgins](#), CBF of Arkansas, 3 Innwood
Circle, Ste 109, Little Rock , AR 72211. Ph: 501-223-8586

**First Baptist Church of Pensacola, Florida seeks
Associate Minister.** Contact [Barry Howard](#), FBC, 500 No
Palafox, Pensacola, FL 32501. Phone 850-433-5631.

**Fellowship Baptist Church of Edison seeks Bi-vocatic
Pastor.** Send resumes to the church at PO Box 116, Edis
GA 39846.

Harlem Baptist Church seeks Full-time Youth Minister
Send resumes to HBC at P.O. Box 790, DeWayne Smoak
Harlem, GA 30814 or call 706-556-6439.

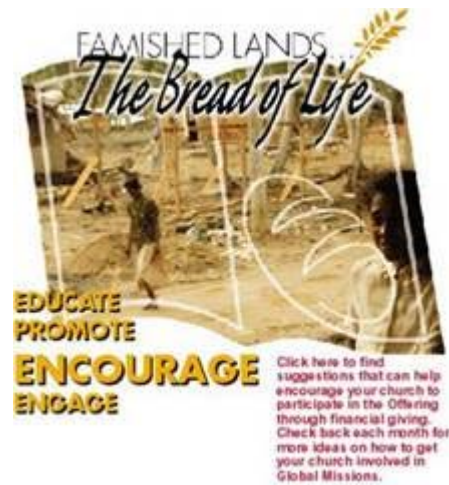
**Shurlington Baptist Church seeks Part-time / Bi-
vocational Children's Minister, and a Part-time / Bi-
vocational Youth Minister.** Email [Shurlington Baptist
Church](#) or contact them at 2270 Shurling Drive, Macon, G
31211. Phone: 478-742-1488.

Missions Opportunities

**If your church would like to connect with
a church affected by Hurricane Katrina ema**

[Michele Deriso](#)
Associate Coordinator, Congregational Life
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PO Box 450329
Atlanta, GA 31145
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770/220-1680 (fax)

Offering for Global Missions 2005-0



It is time to prepare for a joyous Christmas season for the children of Morningstar Treatment Services!

If you can provide a present for some of the 60 children the campus, please email [Nancy Davis](#), Volunteer & Special Events Coordinator.

Upcoming Opportunities

“The weather outside is frightful, and the fire is so delightful..... Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!” With thoughts of Advent, preparations for Christmas and winter fuel prices on our minds, it may be difficult to make plans for summer. Yet I know that those who work with youth are already making plans, because it is that time of year as w

Click on the “Tapestry” photo for more information about the Summer Retreat for Vocational Formation scheduled for July 25-28. Please give these items careful consideration as you and your youth make plans for the coming summer. If you have questions, concerns, or simply need more information; please contact us so that we can be helpful to you.



Grace to you during this season of hope, peace, love and joy!

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IN the NEWS

CBF-endorsed chaplains meet needs of hurricane residents, relief workers

(Following is an excerpt. To read in total, visit [CBF-endorsed chaplains..](#))

By Patricia Heys, CBF Communications
November 21, 2005

ATLANTA – As the Gulf Coast continues to recover from hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship endorsed chaplains are working to meet the emotional and spiritual needs of residents and relief workers.

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“CBF chaplains and pastoral counselors have been a presence of Christ with evacuees,” said George Pickle, CBF associate coordinator for chaplaincy and pastoral counsel. “Evacuees have experienced overwhelming grief in the deaths of loved ones, loss of home, community, work, money, material possessions and psychological stability. Chaplains and pastoral counselors have been a vital and essential care presence with evacuees in their journey of grief. We are grateful for their ministry with people in the devastation of the hurricanes.”



Jack Brown

Jack Brown, a CBF-endorsed chaplain for the Carl Vinson Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Dublin, Ga., spent two weeks in Texas working with evacuees from Hurricane Rita. Brown volunteered through the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is operating shelters in Waco and Marlin, Texas – the federal shelters even operated by the VA. Brown was one of the

chaplains working at the federal shelter in Marlin.

The shelter, which was formerly a VA medical center, housed approximately 150 evacuees – mainly residents of Beaumont and Port Arthur. Brown provided pastoral care to the residents and staff, leading Sunday chapel services and devotions, arranging for a Catholic priest to conduct Mass and visiting with residents and doing informal counseling.

“One woman said that the shelter was like a bridge over troubled water,” Brown recalled. “I thought the shelter as a bridge was really an appropriate metaphor. That’s what we were trying to be – a safe place, a bridge of safety. Our desire was to hold them until they had a place to go that would be safe.”

Brown, who has participated in disaster preparedness

training with the VA and Red Cross, was also involved in other aspects of the shelter. Along with his fellow chaplain they arranged recreation and transportation needs, as we organized donations. For more information about CBF chaplaincy and pastoral counseling, contact George Pickle 770- 220-1617 or gpickle@thefellowship.info or visit [CBF Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors](#).

Visit [CBF-National](#) for all the latest news updates

Resources

Baptist History and Heritage Society

Final Sale of the Year on Books and Booklets
(15 percent discounts on all items)
No limit on quantities you can order

TWO BOOKS

Courage and Hope: The Stories of Ten Baptist Women Ministers (\$15.30); *Women Deacons and Deaconesses: 4 Years of Baptist Service* (\$17.85); and EIGHT BOOKLET: THE BAPTIST HERITAGE LIBRARY. For additional information or to order email [Charles Deweese](mailto:Charles.Deweese).

Educating Toward Meaningful Faith

Jan Turrentine
11-25-05

What is marriage, and who has the right to define it? Who has the right to go to war? Do Christians and Muslims worship the same God? Questions like these form typical Sunday morning discussion fare for adults in the Faith and Issues class at [Smoke Rise Baptist Church](#) in Stone Mountain, GA. A diverse group, the class is open to anyone who likes to explore current events and issues from a Christian perspective, according to Kathy Dobbins, minister of adult education and outreach. Dobbins and church member Richard Swindle facilitate the class.

Visit [Welcome to Ethics Daily.com!](#) for the complete article by Jan Turrentine.

Event Reminders

2005

- **Dec. 2 (8:00 PM)**
Dec. 3 (10:30 AM)

Southern Folk Advent 2005

When Shall I See Jesus? Featuring: [Brooks Holifield](#),

Preacher; [Steven Darsey](#), Music Director; [The Meridian Chorale](#); and [The Sonny Houston Band](#). There is no admission charge; no tickets are required; seating is not reserved. A free-will offering will be taken. For more information and directions, visit [Southern Folk Advent 2006](#)

Other programs for Advent are scheduled on **Sunday, December 11, at 10:30 AM and on Sunday, December 11, at 4:00 PM**. Both at Glenn Memorial UMC. Email [Steven Darsey](#) for details.

- **Dec. 8**

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- **Dec. 12**

Family Ministry 101

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church

Atlanta, Georgia.

Presented by Baylor University's Center for Family and Community Ministries. Family Ministry 101 is the first of three levels of educational opportunities (workshops) for professional clergy and lay leaders working in family and community ministries in congregations as a part of a newly created family ministry certification program; more information is available at [Center for Family and Community Ministries](#).

2006

- **2006-2007 Institute for Preaching and Pastoral Renewal**

[Candler School of Theology](#)

Develop Preaching Skills.....Find Pastoral Renewal.....Learn Experientially

A year-long program of continuing education for clergy that involves three phases:

An introductory seminar (January 9-12, 2006, at Candler in Atlanta, GA)

An educational pilgrimage to the Holy Land (April 17-28, 2006)

A seminar blending reflection on the Holy Land with text-to-sermon planning and preparation

(January 8-11, 2007, at Candler in Atlanta, GA)

Enrollment is limited to 20 people. Due to generous funding from The Holy Land Institute for Pastoral Renewal, Inc., participant cost is \$1,000.

Email ocme@emory.edu or call 404-727-0714 for additional information.

- **Jan. 23-25 FULL – please see other location**

Spiritual Formation Regional Retreat

Montreat Conference Center
Montreat, NC

The retreat is open to senior pastors, including pastors who serve as lone ministerial staff in smaller congregations. **Locations are** Texas, April 3-5; Kentucky, Sept. 11-13; and Atlanta at a date to be determined. Registration is available on a first-come basis. To register online, visit [the fellowsh](#) website. For more information email [Rick Bennett](#) or call 7220-1605.

- **Feb. 4**

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 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. Visit [Now Serving](#) for details. Registration Deadline: January 18th.

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

- **Feb. 8-9**

Dr. Henry Mugabe's Visit to Macon

Sponsored by CBF/GA, The Christianity Department (Mercer), The office of the Minister to the University (Mercer), The Center for Baptist Studies (Mercer), Vineville Baptist Church (Macon), and First Baptist Church of Christ of Macon. Dr. Mugabe is the president of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Zimbabwe. For additional information email [Bruce T. Gourley](#) or call 478-301-5467.

- **Feb. 8-11**

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Current Retreat

FBC Decatur

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](#).

- **Feb. 20-23**

'06 Youth Ministers Retreat for Rest & Renewal

Sponsored by the CBF of North Carolina

Beach Cove Resort

North Myrtle Beach, SC

Worship leader for the event will be John Hendrix, author *Nothing Never Happens: Experiential Learning and the Church*. Email [CBF/NC](#) or call 1-888-822-1944 for additional information. Registration deadline is January 18th.

- **March 3-4**

CBF/GA General Assembly

First Baptist Church of Athens
Guest preacher: Jim Dant

- **March 6-8**

True Survivor VI, Daniel Island (Charleston), SC

A training event for all Christian Educators and age group ministers.

Featuring: Ivy Beckwith, Postmodern Children's Ministry, ; Dave

Odom, Center for Congregational Health. Cost is \$50 per person.

Email [Toni Draper](#) or call 770-220-1654 for additional information.

To register visit [True Survivor](#).

- **March 8-9**

Children's Ministries Network Retreat

Providence Baptist Church, Daniel Island (Charleston), SC
Cost is \$25 per participant.

Email [Cathy Anderson](#) or [Tricia Hays](#) for additional information.

To register visit [True Survivor](#).

- **March 15 DEADLINE for:**

Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia

**DISTINGUISHED CHURCHWOMAN OF THE YEAR
AWARD**

Visit the [CBF/GA](#) website and scroll down to Opportunities details.

Please mail all nominations to:

Nikki Hardeman, c/o First Baptist Church,
P.O. Box 1189, Rome, GA 30162-1189.

- **March 17-19**

March Mission Madness

First Baptist Church of Warm Springs

March 24-26

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 770-860-0473 for additional information.

- **May 4-5**

The University Campus: Tomorrow's Moderate Baptist

First Baptist Church of Decatur

1:30 p.m. (May 4) – 12 noon (May 5)

Co-sponsored by the Center for Baptist Studies, CBF National, and CBF/GA. This conference seeks to act as a catalyst for collegiate ministry among moderate Baptists and to encourage concrete actions at the local church level in the area of college missions. Email [Devita Parnell](#) or [Bruce T. Gourley](#) for information.

- **June 11-16**
Touching Taliaferro With Love (TTWL) Day Camp
For additional information email [Jimmy Lewis](mailto:Jimmy.Lewis).

- **CBF-National**
General Assembly
June 22-23
Georgia World Congress Center
Atlanta, GA
Visit [the fellowship](http://the.fellowship) website to pre-register.



- **June 28-July 01**
PASSPORTkids!
Wesleyan College
Macon, GA
Visit the PASSPORTkids! website for details.
- **June 26-30**
TTWL Baseball Camp
For additional information email [Jimmy Lewis](mailto:Jimmy.Lewis).
- **Sept. 24-26**
2006 Mercer Preaching Consultation
King & Prince Resort
St. Simons Island, GA
Visit the Mercer website for details as they are finalized.