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Calendar

Register **NOW!**

For The
CBF/National
General Assembly
June 22-23

Even if you do not need a room!



Your Registration Is Needed.
PLEASE Support The Host State of Georgia With Your Attendance!

There Is No Charge to Attend the General Assembly.

Special Emphasis

**THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS:
TOMORROW'S MODERATE BAPTISTS**
First Baptist Church, Decatur, GA
May 4-5, 2006

Register for the University Campus Conference
(www.centerforbaptiststudies.org/conferences/registration.htm)

Directions to First Baptist Decatur

Recommended Hotels

(www.centerforbaptiststudies.org/conferences/hotels.htm)

CBF News Item: Conference to Promote Collegiate Ministry Among Moderate Baptists

(www.thefellowship.info/News/060201collegiate.icm)

Sponsored by: **Leadership Development**, National Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Terry Hamrick, Coordinator
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia, E. Frank Broome, Coordinator
The Center for Baptist Studies, Mercer University, Walter B. Shurden, Executive Director

PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE: 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 missions to the college campus.

April 8
Claypool Classic
Mercer University - Atlanta
(details in this issue)

April 20-22
Upper Room Ministries
Companions in Christ
(details in this issue)

April 22
Baptist Women in
Ministry Spring Meeting
New Heights Baptist Church,
Macon, GA
10:30 a.m. worship
Luncheon, business meeting, and
awards presentation after worship.
Email [Karen Pennings](mailto:Karen.Pennings@kap1003@yahoo.com)
(kap1003@yahoo.com)
or call 478-714-0380 or 478-633-
1527 for additional information.

April 24-25
"Spiritual Formation in
Congregational Life": A
Theological Discussion
For information or to register email
[Dawn Hall \(dmhall@wfubmc.edu\)](mailto:dmhall@wfubmc.edu)
or call 336-716-9722.

May 4-5
The University Campus:
Tomorrow's Moderate Baptists
First Baptist Church of Decatur
Begins 1:30 p.m. (May 4)
Concludes 12 noon (May 5)
Co-sponsored by the Center for
Baptist Studies, CBF/National,
and CBF/GA. Email
[Devita Parnell](mailto:dparnell@cbfga.org)
(dparnell@cbfga.org) or
[Bruce T. Gourley](mailto:Bruce.T.Gourley@Mercer.edu)
(Gourley_BT@Mercer.edu)
for information.

May 19-24
Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist
Atlanta, GA
(details in this issue)

June 1 - 3
Baptist History and Heritage
Society Annual Meeting

"I think this is one of the most important conferences in which the Center for Baptist Studies has been involved. I believe that the issue we are discussing at the conference is critical for the future of moderate Baptists. If we in the moderate movement do not come to understand that the American campus is one of the world's biggest and most significant mission fields, the moderate movement will be in real trouble in the years ahead. To see the entire program, go to www.centerforbaptiststudies.org and click 'Conferences.'

Come join us! May 4-5 at First Baptist Church, Decatur, GA.

Buddy"

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Walter B. Shurden
Executive Director
The Center for Baptist Studies
Mercer University, Macon, GA
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Opportunities

Celebration of Passover **Interfaith Task Force of CBF/GA**

In addition to the letter that CBF/GA is sending to Georgia temples/synagogues/congregations, the Interfaith Task Force of CBF/GA would like to encourage your congregation to send personal greetings to your local Jewish community's temple or congregation on the celebration of Passover. Visit [the CBF Georgia Website \(www.cbfga.org\)](http://www.cbfga.org) and click on sample Passover letter for a letter that you may use. Passover is the 8-day observance commemorating the freedom and exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. A time of family gatherings and lavish meals called Seders, the story of Passover is retold through the reading of the Haggadah. With its special foods, songs, and customs, the Seder is the focal point of the Passover celebration. Passover begins on the 15th day of the Jewish month of Nissan. As the Jewish day begins at sundown the night before, for the year 2006, the first night of Passover will be April 12th.

Candler School of Theology **Fall Conference** **"Faith, Politics, and Policy"** **October 8-10, 2006**

Speakers Include:
Jim Wallis, Sojourners
James Forbes, Riverside Church, NYC
Jim Towey, White House Director of
Faith Based and Community Initiatives
Bishop Minerva Carcano,
Desert Southwest Conference, United Methodist Church
Susan Pace Hamill, University of Alabama School of Law
Robert Franklin, Candler School of Theology

Washington, DC

Visit [Baptist History and Heritage Society Annual Meeting](http://www.baptisthistory.org/annualmeeting.htm) (www.baptisthistory.org/annualmeeting.htm) for additional information.

June 11-16

June 18-23

Touching Taliaferro With Love (TTWL) Day Camp

For additional information email [Jimmy Lewis](mailto:jlewis@cbfga.org) (jlewis@cbfga.org).

June 22-23

CBF/National General Assembly

Georgia World Congress Center
Atlanta, GA

Visit [the fellowship](http://www.thefellowship.info/) (www.thefellowship.info/) to pre-register.

June 25-28

Summer Retreat for Vocational Formation "Tapestry"

www.healthychurch.org/

Intricately Woven--Wonderfully Made
(Psalm 139)

A vocational formation retreat for high school juniors and seniors.

Contacts:

Beth Kennett
Ph.: 336-227-0287

or

[Dawn M. Hall](mailto:dmhall@wfubmc.edu)
(dmhall@wfubmc.edu)
Ph.: 336-716-0459.

June 26-30

TTWL Baseball Camp

For additional information email

[Jimmy Lewis](mailto:jlewis@cbfga.org)
(jlewis@cbfga.org).

June 28-July 01

PASSPORTkids!

Wesleyan College
Macon, GA

Visit [PASSPORTkids!](http://passport-kids.org)
(<http://passport-kids.org>).

August 20-25

Guest speakers, Candler faculty members, and state legislators will guide conference participants through a critical and strategic look at the church's role in shaping public policy and international relations.

For more information visit [Candler Fall Conference](http://www.candler.emory.edu/ABOUT/fallconference06/) (www.candler.emory.edu/ABOUT/fallconference06/).

Fellowship partner on religious liberty announces essay contest for high school students

By Emilee Simmons

Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty Communications

WASHINGTON, DC -- To engage high school students in church-state issues and to generate interest from a wide range of Baptists, the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty has launched the 2006 Religious Liberty Essay Contest.

Open to all Baptist high school students in the classes of 2006 and 2007, the contest offers a grand prize of \$1,000 and airfare and lodging for two to Washington, DC. Second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$100. For details visit:

<http://www.thefellowship.info/News/060315essay.icm>.

Upper Room Ministries

Companions In Christ® Training Event

1908 Grand Ave.

Nashville, TN

April 20-22

(3:00 p.m. Thurs. to 12:00 p.m. Sat.)

This training provides leaders of children and adults with an in-depth experience in Companions in Christ® resources and trains them in the distinctive leadership skills called upon when leading formational groups. The Companions in Christ series from Upper Room Ministries brings a transforming small-group experience to congregations. Most in-depth Christian studies offer knowledge about scripture, prayer, or other areas of faith. The Companions in Christ series invites participants into a deeper experience of the Christian life. As the journey unfolds participants discover classic and contemporary spiritual practices that form rather than inform the participants and encourage them in inner and outward expressions of their faith.

To Register

Visit: www.companionsinchrist.org

Phone: 1-800-972-0433

For event information

Call: 615-340-7525

Email: companions@upperroom.org



CBF Boot Camp for Church Starts
Richmond, VA
(details in this issue)

September 11-13
Spiritual Formation Regional
Retreat, Kavanaugh Life
Enrichment Center, Louisville, KY
To register visit [the fellowship](http://www.thefellowship.info/)
(www.thefellowship.info/).
For information email [Rick Bennett](mailto:RickBennett@thefellowship.info)
(rbennett@thefellowship.info)
or call 770- 220-1605.

Sept. 24-26
2006 Mercer Preaching
Consultation
King & Prince Resort
St. Simons Island, GA
Visit the [The Center for Baptist](http://www.centerforbaptiststudies.org/)
[Studies, Mercer University](http://www.centerforbaptiststudies.org/)
(www.centerforbaptiststudies.org/)
for details.

Oct. 8-10
Candler School of Theology
Fall Conference
(details in this issue)

Nov. 5 - 6, 2006
CBF/GA Fall Convocation
First Baptist Church of Christ
of Macon

Dec. 29, 2006-Jan. 02, 2007
Antiphony
(www.thesamuelproject.org/)

2007

January 8-10, 2007
Spiritual Formation Regional
Retreat
Simpsonwood
Conference Center
Atlanta, GA

To register visit [the fellowship](http://www.thefellowship.info/)
(www.thefellowship.info/). For
information email [Rick Bennett](mailto:RickBennett@thefellowship.info)
(rbennett@thefellowship.info)
or call 770- 220-1605.

Saturday, April 8, 2006
Mercer University – Atlanta Campus
3001 Mercer University Drive
8 a.m. Registration
9 a.m. Race
Register online

(<http://theology.mercer.edu/calendar/ClaypoolClassicFlyer.pdf>)

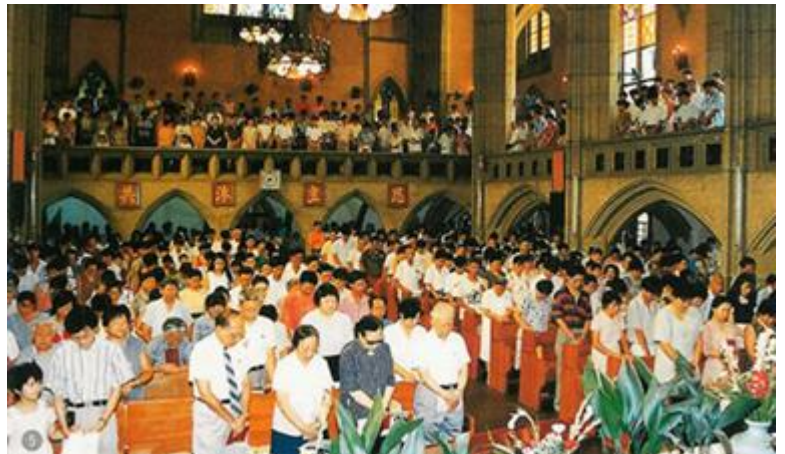
An event to celebrate the life of a beloved faculty member in the McAfee School of Theology. Dr. John R. Claypool will always be remembered as an outstanding teacher, author, mentor, preacher, and counselor. The Claypool Classic sprang from an idea of Brett Baddorf, a third year theology student, who wanted to create a special tribute to commemorate the powerful legacy that Dr. Claypool has left behind.

CBF Boot Camp for Church Starts
Baptist Theological Seminary
Richmond, Virginia (BTSR)
August 20-25

This year the focus will be on *Church Planting* in big cities and urban settings. A limited number of scholarships available for room and board. These scholarships will be awarded on a first come first serve basis through the state or regional office.

Arrangements for room and board should be made through Jim Peak at BTSR. Email jpeak@btsr.edu or call 804-204-1230.

Fellowship partners to bring **Bible in China exhibition to U.S.**



By Courtney Hodges
CBF Communications

ATLANTA – The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is partnering with the China Christian Council (CCC) to bring an exhibition on the Bible

in China to three U.S. cities this spring and summer.

Originally showcased in August 2004 at an event in Hong Kong that drew more than 20,000 visitors, "A Lamp to my Feet, a Light to my Path" China Bible Ministry Exhibition will debut on American soil at the Crystal Cathedral in Los Angeles, Calif., April 27 - May 4.

Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta, will host the exhibition **May 19 – 24**, and tour will conclude at St. John the Divine Cathedral in New York, June 6-15. **The Atlanta exhibition will kick off with a special address by former President Jimmy Carter on May 19.**

"The point is to build relationships and offer encouragement to the church in China," said Anita Snell, CBF Global Missions associate coordinator for field teams in Asia and the Fellowship's representative on the exhibition planning team. "They also have encouragement to offer us as the church in the USA. We are Christian brothers and sisters, and we need each other."

David Sapp, pastor of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, and others key leaders at the church are part of the team planning and organizing the Atlanta event.

"The explosion of Christianity in China in recent years is absolutely amazing," Sapp said. "This is the first time, as I understand it, that Chinese Christians have reached outside of China to the international community. They are trying to build friends in the Christian world. It's a major development for Chinese Christians to have the opportunity. As a part of our mission commitment, we wanted to be in a place of responding to that and encouraging that."

The exhibition will highlight the Bible ministry of Chinese churches in varying stages and will communicate the spreading of the gospel and the establishing of churches in China.

According to CCC materials, "the purpose of the exhibition is to bear witness to how Chinese Christians love God's Word, how the good news in the Bible has been spread in China, and how Christ's body has been built up under the consistent guidance of the Word."

The exhibition will include six galleries: "The Early History of the Bible in China," "Bible Publication after 1980," "Bible Distribution after 1980," "Bible Ministries for National Minority Churches," "The Bible and Church Life," and "Christian Art Works."

The U.S. tour is the result of meetings in February and August 2005 between CCC representatives and Carter, evangelist Billy Graham, pastor and bestselling author Rick Warren, and others.

"I just hope that American Christians understand how important this is and what a major overture it is for the Chinese Christian community," Sapp said. "We are proud to be a part of that."

Admission to the exhibition is free. For more on the Atlanta schedule, visit www.bibleexhibitatl.org or call 404-591-4346.

Vocational Opportunities

**Part-time or Bi-vocational Minister of Music
Haddock Baptist Church**

(located between Gray and Milledgeville)

Contact Ron McClung, Pastor
478- 932-5470, or 478- 932-5897

Or mail resume to
180 Ethridge Rd.
Haddock, GA 31033-5470.

**Associate Pastor for Emerging Ministries
First Baptist Church
Shreveport, LA**

This minister will have primary responsibility for reaching, discipling, and ministering to young adults, married and single, and will supervise children and youth age-group ministers. The candidate should possess skills in preaching, teaching, and administration and should have a knowledge and passion for ministering in the emerging culture. A full ministry description can be found at www.fbcshreveport.org. Mail resumes to Gene Hendrix at 543 Ockley Dr. Shreveport, LA 71106 or email gene@fbcshreveport.org.

Help Needed

Andrew P. Stewart Center, Atlanta, GA

We are looking for people to...

Bring a volunteer youth group for one week to work with us for the Summer Day Camp. Your jobs will include: teaching Bible studies, assisting with arts and crafts, going on a field trip with us, and taking us to the pool. If interested, contact Brittany Mackey (bnmnr@mindspring.com) or phone 404-522-0942. Available weeks are June 19, June 26, July 3, and July 10th. All plans will be sent—you will need to implement the plan.

In The News

**[Christian educators gather in Charleston
for 6th annual True Survivor conference](#)**

Jenkins of Johns Creek receives Naish Award
By CBF Communications

CHARLESTON, SC – More than 100 Christian educators gathered at Providence Baptist Church in Charleston, SC, to participate in the True Survivor 6 training conference, March 6-8. Coming from churches across the country, Christian educators joined for training, inspiration, and fellowship. Sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Congregational Life Initiative, the conference featured

challenges from Ivy Beckwith, author of *Post Modern Children's Ministry*, and Dave Odom, president of the Center for Congregational Health in Winston-Salem, NC. Bo Prosser, coordinator for Congregational Life, facilitated conversations around the keynote challenges.

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An annual highlight is the presentation of the Jack Naish Distinguished Christian Educator Award. This award, in memory of the long-time Christian educator, is presented to an educator who has distinguished himself or herself in the model of excellence and quality Christian education. **This year's recipient was Jill Jenkins, minister to children and families at Johns Creek Baptist Church in Alpharetta, GA.**

..... For complete article visit
(www.thefellowship.info/News/060328survivor.icm).
