



# RE-VISIONS



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## 2007 CBF/GA General Assembly

*Preaching  
as testimony*

The true expression of the Word as Love

Look for the 2007 CBF/GA General  
Assembly pictures and highlights email  
in your inbox next week.

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**Cooperative Student Fellowship  
At Mercer to Co-Sponsor  
*Cotton Patch Gospel***

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**Macon Little Theatre Presents  
*Cotton Patch Gospel*  
March 30 – April 8**

*(There will be no performances on April 2 or 3.)*

All evening shows begin at 8:00 p.m.

There will be 2 Sunday matinees, April 1 and 8.

The matinee shows will begin at 2:30 p.m.

For more information click [here](#) or call 478-471-PLAY.

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**“Growing Generous Churches,  
Growing Generous Christians”**

## Calendar

**March 15**

**Baptist Women in Ministry  
Distinguished Churchwoman of the  
Year Nomination *Deadline***

Click [here](#) for more information.

**March 15**

**Baptist Women in Ministry  
Sara Owen Etheridge Scholarship  
Application *Deadline***

Click [here](#) for more information.

**March 16-18**

**March Mission Madness  
FBC Eatonton**

A mission weekend for youth.

Participants will stay at  
Rock Eagle Retreat Center.

For more information, visit  
[www.marchmissionmadness.org](http://www.marchmissionmadness.org).

**March 19-20**

**Urban Mission Workshop  
McAfee School of Theology,  
Atlanta**

Workshop Leader:

Ray Bakke.

For more information, email  
[frazier\\_d@mercer.edu](mailto:frazier_d@mercer.edu).

**March 20**

**Opening Doors  
GA Regional Meeting  
FBC Decatur**

For more information contact the  
network coordinator, Jake Hall at

[jhall@shilohnetwork.org](mailto:jhall@shilohnetwork.org)  
or 678-939-8235.

**March 23**

**Michael Talbot Concert  
Episcopal Cathedral of St. Philip,  
Atlanta**

For more information call Jean Stafford  
at 478-477-8706.

**March 23-25**

**March Mission Madness  
FBC Columbus**

A mission weekend for youth.

For more information, visit  
[www.marchmissionmadness.org](http://www.marchmissionmadness.org).



A free, one day, ecumenical conference featuring  
Lynn Miller, Stewardship Theologian.

Co-Sponsored by *The Center for Baptist Studies,*  
*Mercer University, Congregational Life,*  
*Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, CBF Foundation, and*  
*Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia*

**April 16, 2007**

**9:00 a.m.**

Religious Life Center, Mercer University, Macon, GA

The Conference is Free!  
Click [here](#) to Register Now.

Designed especially for Ministers and local church  
stewardship committee members, but all are welcome.

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## Nominations, Scholarship Applications, and Essay Contest Deadlines

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### **Baptist Women in Ministry of GA Distinguished Churchwoman of the Year**

Each year Georgia Baptist Women in Ministry honors  
a woman from our state as Distinguished  
Churchwoman of the Year. Qualifications for this  
award include significant contributions to ministry by a  
Baptist Woman who has experienced a call to ministry  
and is fulfilling that call in a salaried and/or non-  
salaried position. Nominations for this honor are  
reviewed, and the final selection is made by the  
Steering Committee of Baptist Women in Ministry of  
Georgia. Nominations by persons throughout the  
state are welcomed and should include a brief written

**April 1  
CBF/GA Scholarship  
Application Deadline**

Visit [www.cbfga.org](http://www.cbfga.org) for more information and to download applications.

**April 16  
“Growing Generous Churches,  
Growing Generous Christians”  
Religious Life Center, Mercer  
University, Macon**

A free, one-day, ecumenical conference featuring Lynn Miller, Stewardship Theologian. Co-sponsored by The Center for Baptist Studies, Mercer University, Congregational Life, CBF/National, CBF Foundation, and CBF/GA. Click [here](#) for more information.

**April 16-20  
“Intentional Interim Ministry”  
McAfee School of Theology**

This is the second course offered in 2007 for ministers seeking certification for intentional ministry. Sponsored by CBF/National and the Center for Congregational Health. For more information click [here](#).

**April 28  
BWIM of Georgia  
Spring Meeting  
Singing in Harmony:  
A Homecoming  
Peachtree Baptist Church  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Business Meeting 11:30 a.m.**  
If you have questions, please call Nikki Hardeman at 706-291-6850.

**April 28  
The Way of the Child  
One-Day Training Event  
Central Presbyterian Church,  
Atlanta**

To register click [here](#). For more information contact Janice Neely at 1-877-899-2780, ext. 1792 or email [jneely@gbod.org](mailto:jneely@gbod.org).

**April 30-May 2  
Session 4  
Young Leader’s Program**

summary of the woman’s call, qualifications for ministry, and a letter of recommendation.

All nominations should be received in writing by **March 15, 2007**. The recipient of the Churchwoman of the Year Award will be honored during the Annual Spring Meeting of Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia. Please mail or email all nominations to:

Karen Pennings  
3130 Brookwood Dr., Apt. B  
Macon, GA 31204

[kap1003@yahoo.com](mailto:kap1003@yahoo.com)

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**Baptist Women in Ministry of GA  
Sara Owen Etheridge Scholarship Award**

Each year Georgia Baptist Women in Ministry awards \$500 to a Baptist woman who is currently studying at the Master’s or Doctoral level. To receive the scholarship the student must be a current or past resident of Georgia and have completed at least 30 hours in a theological-studies program. Applicants may attend a Baptist or non-Baptist institution. The deadline for applications is **March 15, 2007**. The scholarship will be awarded at the Annual Spring Meeting of Baptist Women in Ministry.

For more information or to receive an application, please contact Carolyn Jones at [carolynejones@cox.net](mailto:carolynejones@cox.net). To download the application, visit [www.cbfga.org](http://www.cbfga.org) and click on calendar.

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**CBF/GA Scholarships**

CBF/GA is accepting applications for:

- Seminary Scholarships (students enrolled in any Master’s level degree program).
- Undergraduate Scholarships (rising seniors in college).

Completed applications must include a form, three references, and an essay.

To download a seminary scholarship application form click [here](#). To download an undergraduate scholarship application form click [here](#). For more information contact Devita Parnell at 478-472-1191, ext. 28, or [dparnell@cbfga.org](mailto:dparnell@cbfga.org). Application deadline for 2007-2008: **April 1, 2007**.

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**Thomasville, NC**

For more information visit the [Center for Congregational Health](#).

**May 15**

**Coordinating Council Meeting**  
CBF/GA office, Macon  
10:00 a.m.

**May 21**

**Baptist Joint Committee**  
**2007 Religious Liberty Essay**  
**Contest Deadline**

For more information click [here](#).

**June 11-15**

**Touching Taliaferro With Love**  
**Summer Camp**

For more information or to volunteer contact Ann Peisher by calling 706-549-7032 or emailing [apeisher@uga.edu](mailto:apeisher@uga.edu).

**June 18-22**

**Touching Taliaferro With Love**  
**Summer Camp**

For more information or to volunteer contact Ann Peisher by calling 706-549-7032 or emailing [apeisher@uga.edu](mailto:apeisher@uga.edu).

**June 25-29**

**Touching Taliaferro With Love**  
**Baseball Camp**

For more information or to volunteer contact Ann Peisher by calling 706-549-7032 or emailing [apeisher@uga.edu](mailto:apeisher@uga.edu).

**June 27-29**

**CBF/National**  
**General Assembly**  
**Washington, DC**  
[Register Now!](#)

**July 17-20**

**Alleluia! Church Music Conference**  
**Baylor University**

Presented by Baylor University Center for Christian Music Studies. For more information visit [http://www.baylor.edu/christian\\_music/](http://www.baylor.edu/christian_music/).

**Aug. 1-3**

**Baptist History Celebration**  
**First Baptist Church, Charleston, SC**

**Baptist Joint Committee**  
**2007 Religious Liberty Essay Contest**  
**Sponsored by the Religious Liberty**  
**Council**

The goals of the Religious Liberty Essay Contest are to engage high school students in church-state issues and to generate student interest from a diverse cross-section of Baptist Joint Committee supporting bodies.

*Essays are due **May 21, 2007.***

For more information click [here](#).

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**From Our Partners**

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**Mercer Unveils Title and Scope of**  
**New Baptist Hymnal**

**By Mercer University Communications**

ATLANTA — More than 50 Baptist pastors, church musicians, composers, scholars, and laymen from across the United States and Canada gathered at Mercer University's Atlanta campus Feb. 1-2 to begin fine tuning a new Baptist hymnal. Scheduled for release in 2009, the 400th anniversary of Baptists, the hymnal is a collaborative initiative of the Townsend-McAfee Institute Graduate Studies in Church Music at Mercer and the Mercer University Press.

During the opening session, the editorial committee unveiled the official title of the hymnal: *Celebrating*

For more information or to register for the event, go to [www.baptisthistorycelebration.org](http://www.baptisthistorycelebration.org).

**Aug. 14**  
**Coordinating Council Meeting**  
CBF/GA office, Macon  
10:00 a.m.

**Nov. 4**  
**Coordinating Council Meeting**  
CBF/GA Fall Convocation  
First Baptist Church, Savannah  
4:00 p.m.

**Nov. 4-5**  
**CBF/GA Fall Convocation**  
First Baptist Church, Savannah

*Grace: Hymnal for Baptist Worship.*

For full story click [here](#).

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## Upcoming Events

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**The City and the Church**  
**Urban Ministry Workshop**  
**Featuring: Ray Bakke**  
**McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta**  
**March 19-20**

A workshop for pastors, church staff, and lay leaders seeking to understand the urban church in the Atlanta metro context. Click [here](#) to download additional information including workshop schedule. Click [here](#) to download registration form. If you have questions contact Diane Frazier at 678-547-6470 or 888-471-9922 or [frazier\\_d@mercer.edu](mailto:frazier_d@mercer.edu).

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**Opening Doors**  
**GA Regional Meeting**  
**First Baptist Church of Decatur**  
**March 20**

Who opened the doors of ministry for you? For whom will you hold the door and extend an invitation? Join us as we explore the nature of teaching congregations through practices of calling and qualifying young ministers. This event is sponsored by the Shiloh Network. For more information contact the network coordinator, Jake Hall at [jhall@shilohnetwork.org](mailto:jhall@shilohnetwork.org) or 678-939-8235.

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**John Michael Talbot Concert in Atlanta!**  
**Episcopal Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta**  
**March 23, 7:00 p.m.**

The Atlanta Episcopal Cursillo Community will be hosting an evening with John Michael Talbot, a prolific Catholic Christian singer/songwriter known throughout the world for his spiritually meditative compositions. Proceeds benefit Second Harvest and Mercy Corps. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at the Cathedral Bookstore, 404-237-7582 or on-line at [www.itickets.com/events/169926.html](http://www.itickets.com/events/169926.html).

For more information call Jean Stafford at 478-477-8706.

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**Baptist Women In Ministry  
of Georgia Spring Meeting  
Singing in Harmony: A Homecoming  
Peachtree Baptist Church, Atlanta  
April 28, 2007  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Business Meeting 11:30 a.m.**

Please join us for a time of remembering from where we have come and a time to look toward the future. We are excited to have Dorthea Gatlin and Devita Parnell as our preachers for the morning. Please join us and bring someone who you think will benefit from our organization. Keep looking here for more information. If you have questions, please call Nikki Hardeman at 706-291-6850.

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***The Way of the Child*  
One-Day Training Event  
Central Presbyterian Church,  
Atlanta**

**April 28, 2007**  
Check In: 8:30 a.m.  
Training Event: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$55.00

This training event offers leaders the unique opportunity to experience a resource that serves as a balance to informational education by offering a holistic approach to Christian education for children. *The Way of the Child* helps children ages 6-11 embrace all of life, responding to God's call. To register click [here](#). For more information contact Janice Neely at 1-877-899-2780, ext. 1792 or email [jneely@gbod.org](mailto:jneely@gbod.org).

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## **Financial Picture**

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### **Budget Receipts as of 02/28/07**

Year to Date:	\$438,237.41
Requirement:	\$523,821.00
Over/Under:	<\$ 85,583.59>

Month to Date:	\$52,071.87
Monthly Req.:	\$58,202.33
Over/Under:	<\$ 6,130.46>

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