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2006 CBF/GA Fall Convocation

"A Gift Too Good To Keep!"
November 5 & 6
First Baptist Church of Christ
Macon

Guest Speakers:



Rob Nash,
CBF National
Global Missions Coordinator



Bill Underwood,
Mercer University

Calendar

Aug. 29
Northwest Georgia
Ministers' Conference
Heritage Baptist Church,
Cartersville
11:00 a.m.

For more information contact
froebuck@mfire.com,
706-232-3229.

Sept. 7
Candler School of Theology BBQ
5:00 p.m.

Annual event for those enrolled in
the Baptist Studies Program.
For more information, email
dparnell@cbfga.org or call
478-742-1191 (ext. 28).

Sept. 7
Conference on
"Church and State in the
2006 Elections"
Mercer University, Macon
A morning with
J. Brent Walker of the
Baptist Joint Committee on
Religious Liberty.
For more information, visit
[Center for Baptist Studies](http://www.cbfa.org).

Sept. 7-9
Growing in the Spiritual Life
Peachtree Road United Methodist
Church, Atlanta

Growing in the Spiritual Life is a 3-
day conference for people from all
churches, denominations, or with no
church affiliation. For more
information, visit
www.growfaith.com.

Sept. 11-13
Spiritual Formation Regional
Pastors' Retreat,
Kavanaugh Life Enrichment
Center,
Louisville, KY

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

President

For additional information including, schedule, hotel options,
and speaker biographies, click [here](#).

In the News

English camps enlighten Haven Fellowship Church members



Arabella Petrovics, Barbara Bicskei, Kitti Udvardi, and Zoltan Bogdan leading a lesson on Gypsy culture on "Roma Day" at the Gandhi School in Pecs, Hungary. Photo courtesy of Haven Fellowship Church.

By Courtney Hodges
CBF Communications

ATLANTA – Nine members of Haven Fellowship Church in Conyers, GA, recently traveled to Pecs, Hungary, to volunteer with one of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's field personnel Tammy Stocks and Global Service Corps member Penny Mann for a cross cultural, life-changing experience.

The students worked with 24 Roma youth at the Gandhi School. English lessons were taught using songs like "Old McDonald Had a Farm," recreation activities included the electric slide, chicken dance, egg and spoon race, and limbo. Party decorations centered on themed days like "Texas Day" and "Roma Day."

For the full story click [here](#).

Smyth & Helwys Announces Custom Publishing Program

MACON, Georgia – August 15, 2006 – Smyth & Helwys today announced the launch of a new program designed to help churches and organizations access professional publishing and design services. The service is available immediately.

Sept. 15-16
“Is It That Time Already?”
Ardmore Baptist Church
Winston-Salem, NC

This is a comprehensive seminar on retirement planning sponsored by the Church Benefits Board of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Center for Congregational Health. For additional information, see the attached flyer by clicking [here](#).

Sept. 16
North Macon/Forsyth
Teacher Training Event
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Macon

A Sunday School teacher training event for teachers of Adults only. For more information, email ncopeland@cbfga.org or call 478-742-1191 (ext. 27).

Sept. 16
11-on-11
Macon

Sponsored by *Current*
An exciting opportunity for groups of seminary students, college and single's ministries, and church-wide fellowships to engage in missions in a very intentional way. The Macon 11-on-11 site is only one of many.

For more information, email dparnell@cbfga.org or call 478-742-1191 (ext. 28).

Sept. 22-24
Clothed with the Sun:
Writing Autobiography as
Spiritual Journey
An Experiential Prayer Retreat
Whispering Winds
Mountain Retreat
Elijay

For more information and to register, download the information and registration forms [here](#).

Sept. 23
Mission's Musings with James
and Robbie Francovich
First Baptist Church of Forsyth
Come hear about their developed ongoing ministry with the Banjara Gypsies in Hyderabad, India.

The service offers churches and organizations the ability to access affordable design and publishing services for a wide variety of individualized projects, including custom hymnals, church histories, redesigns for church websites, logos, newsletters, or even specialized curriculum resources or books.

“Increasingly, churches are celebrating their unique gifts, ministries and settings,” explains David Cassady, executive vice president and publisher of Smyth & Helwys. “Now, when a church needs a unique book, hymnal or resource, they have a place to turn where they can get professional consulting and production skills. Smyth & Helwys has already helped multiple churches create custom hymnals, church histories, and even special stewardship curriculum materials.”

For more than 15 years Smyth & Helwys has published for the local church. Unlike a local print shop, the company brings a solid understanding of ministry to design projects.

For full story click [here](#).

New Opportunities

“Is It That Time Already?”
Sept. 15-16
Ardmore Baptist Church
Winston-Salem, NC

This is a comprehensive seminar on retirement planning sponsored by the Church Benefits Board of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Center for Congregational Health. The program will include presentations from Jack Causey and Les Robinson to help you navigate the transition to retirement.

For additional information, see the attached flyer by clicking [here](#).

Oct. 2-3
A Theological Discussion
“A Theology of Ministerial Leadership”
William E. Hull and David W. Hull
Knoxville, TN

This theological conversation on ministerial leadership will seek to help ministers develop and practice the kind of leadership that fosters "ministerial excellence." The resource persons for this event will be Dr. William E. Hull and Dr. David Hull.

The format for the event will include large group presentations and small group discussion times with peers and the discussion leaders.

For more information email pastorfb@bellsouth.net or call 478-994-5240.

Sept. 24-26
2006 Mercer Preaching Consultation
King & Prince Resort
St. Simons Island

Visit [The Center for Baptist Studies](#) Mercer University for details.

Oct. 2-3
A Theological Discussion
"A Theology of Ministerial Leadership"
William E. Hull and David W. Hull
Knoxville, TN

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

Registration deadline is Sept. 1.

Oct. 8-10
Candler School of Theology
Fall Conference

"Faith, Politics, and Policy"
For more information, visit [Candler Fall Conference](#).

Oct. 12-13
Conference on Ethics in Ministry
McAfee School of Theology,
Atlanta

Speaker: Tony Campolo
For more information, email frazier_d@mercer.edu.

Oct. 16-18
Session 2
Young Leader's Program
Thomasville, NC
For more information, visit [Center for Congregational Health](#).

Oct. 26
"Negotiating Conflict in the Congregation"
Religious Life Center,
Mercer University, Macon
Workshop Leader:
Dennis Burton,
Certified Conflict Consultant,
Director of Missions, Union Baptist Association, Monroe, NC.

For more information, visit [The Center for Congregational Health](#).
Registration deadline is Sept. 1.

Resources

Baptist Center for Ethics Announces Release of New Global Poverty DVD and Guide

Educate, equip, and empower your church to address global poverty with a new DVD and guide from the Baptist Center for Ethics.

The DVD features footage and photographs of hunger relief and development efforts, as well as interviews with Baptists addressing global poverty. Accompanying the DVD is a four-session, online Bible study.

Click [here](#) to preview a clip from the DVD and download a free excerpt from the accompanying Bible study material.

Click [here](#) to read the full press release.

You can save 10% on the regular \$43.95 price by ordering now.*

*All orders placed after August 25 are subject to the full price of \$43.95.

Don't Forget These Events

Northwest Georgia Ministers' Conference
Tuesday, August 29
Heritage Baptist Church, Cartersville
11:00 a.m.

Lunch following in the Fellowship Hall.
This affiliate of CBF/GA includes all ministers, not just pastors.
Reservations for lunch are necessary.
For more information email froebuck@mfire.com or call 706-232-3229.

"Church and State in the 2006 Elections"
September 7
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Religious Life Center, Mercer University, Macon
A morning with J. Brent Walker of the Baptist Joint Committee on Religious Liberty.

For more information, visit [Mercer's calendar of events](#).

Nov. 5
Coordinating Council Meeting
CBF/GA Fall Convocation
Chapel, First Baptist Church of
Christ, Macon
3:30 p.m.

Nov. 5-6
CBF/GA Fall Convocation
"A Gift Too Good to Keep!"
First Baptist Church of Christ
of Macon

Speakers: Rob Nash, CBF
National Global
Mission Coordinator,
and Bill Underwood,
Mercer University President.
For more information, visit
www.cbfga.org.

Nov. 10-19
Argentina Women's Build
Sponsored by CBF National
Women will do all of the
construction on a house in
Argentina. For more
information contact Valerie
Burton at valerie@alabamacbf.org.

Nov. 12-15
Youth Worker Summit
Walt Disney World® Resort
Lake Buena Vista, FL
For more information, visit
www.youthworkersummit.org/.

Dec. 29 - Jan. 02
Antiphony
"Call and Response"
Hyatt Regency, Atlanta
For more information, visit
www.antiphonyonline.org.

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Jan. 8-10
Spiritual Formation Regional
Pastors' Retreat
Ignatius House, Atlanta
To register visit [the fellowship](#).
For information, email
rbennett@thefellowship.info

Co-sponsored by The Center For Baptist Studies, Mercer
University and CBF/GA.
For more information visit, [The Center For Baptist Studies](#).

Mission's Musings
with James and Robbie Francovich
September 23
FBC of Forsyth
(see schedule of events below)



James and Robbie Francovich (pictured above) are missionaries to Hyderabad, India, and have developed an ongoing ministry with the Banjara Gypsies.

6:00 p.m. – Dinner
6:40 p.m. – Moment of Praise
7:00 p.m. – Hear from James and Robbie Francovich

To make reservations for the meal, please call FBC Forsyth at
(478) 994-5240 or email us at pastorfb@bellsouth.net.
Childcare available upon request.

We hope that you will come as we celebrate and grow in our
understanding of missions together.

2006 Mercer Preaching Consultation
September 24-26
King & Prince Resort
St. Simons Island

Co-sponsored by The James and Carolyn McAfee School of
Theology and the Center for Baptist Studies, Mercer University.
Visit [The Center for Baptist Studies](#),
Mercer University for details and to register.

Reference and Referral

or call 770- 220-1605.

Jan. 16
Coordinating Council Meeting
CBF/GA office, Macon
10:00 a.m.

Jan. 26-27
2007 Retreat for
Moderate Ministers and Spouses
Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain
For more information contact Huey
Bridgman at 706-561-6638 or
hbridgman@knology.net; or Jim
Ross at 706-342-2177 or
jeross3@aol.com.

Jan. 29-31
Session 3
Young Leader's Program
Thomasville, NC
For more information, visit
Center for Congregational Health.

Feb. 2-3
Now Serving Atlanta
McAfee School of Theology,
Mercer University, Atlanta
A 2-day missions event for college
students. Visit www.nowserving.org
or email dparnell@cbfga.org for
more information.

Feb. 7-10
Current Retreat
"Let Justice Roll"
First Baptist Church of Austin, TX
Registration cost is \$110 for
ministers and lay leaders, \$55 for
seminary students.
For more information,
visit the Current website.

Feb. 19-20
Self Preaching Lectures
McAfee School of Theology,
Atlanta
Speaker: Tom Long.
For more information, email
frazier_d@mercer.edu.

March 2-3
Coordinating Council Meeting
CBF/GA General Assembly
Smoke Rise Baptist Church,

Calling all churches! Calling all churches!

Please be on the look-out for vacant staff positions in Georgia churches. These vacancies may be in your church or a church you know of. These churches were last seen looking for pastors as well as ministers of music, youth, children, education, or other candidates. Approach with caution, armed with the information that CBF/GA has hundreds of résumés for all staff positions. Also, please contact the Reference and Referral Office of CBF/GA (at the address below) if you encounter any churches fitting the description. A spiritual REWARD is being offered.

Alan Mitchell
Reference and Referral
amitchell@cbfga.org

Other Opportunities

The Cooperative Student Fellowship (CSF) Mercer University

CSF will help students mature in all aspects of their relationship with God. If you know any students who are attending Mercer University this fall and may be interested in being involved with CSF, please pass their contact information on to us so that we can contact. You can email their information, including email and mailing addresses, to dparnell@cbfga.org.

Mission Opportunities

A Call For Volunteers to Help African American Churches in New Orleans

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, in partnership with *Baptist Builders International*, is assisting at least five African American Churches and their pastors in New Orleans to restore their worship facilities and pastors' homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina. We are not limited to helping Baptist churches and, as the Lord provides, will help others. We do have some financial resources for the purchase of materials, **but urgently need volunteers as soon as possible**. Are you willing to share a week of your life to help some Christian friends who are in turn trying to help their communities?

Download more information [here](#).

People and Places

Stone Mountain

Date and time to be announced.

March 2-3

**CBF/GA General Assembly
Smoke Rise Baptist Church,
Stone Mountain**

Speaker: Anna Carter Florence,
Assistant Professor of Preaching
and Worship at Columbia
Theological Seminary.

March 16-18

**March Mission Madness
FBC Eatonton**

A mission weekend for youth.
Participants will stay at
Rock Eagle Retreat Center.
For more information, email
robertscottford@mac.com.

March 19-20

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

Workshop Leader: Ray Bakke.
For more information, email
frazier_d@mercer.edu.

March 23-25

**March Mission Madness
FBC Columbus**

A mission weekend for youth.
For more information, email
robertscottford@mac.com.

**April 30 - May 02
Session 4**

**Young Leader's Program
Thomasville, NC**

For more information, visit
Center for Congregational Health.

May 22

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

June 27-29

**National General Assembly
Washington, DC**

Aug. 14

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

**A Note of Thanks From CBF/GA Sponsored
PassportKids Campers**



Pictured above left to right Alison Adams, Miranda McCanna
and Mary Boling.

"Thank you CBF/GA!! We had a wonderful time at
PassportKids!!!"

These girls attended camp with Bannister Creek Baptist Church
through scholarships given by CBF/GA.

Congratulations to Robert B. Setzer, Jr.

Robert B. Setzer, Jr., senior pastor of First Baptist Church of
Christ, Macon, Georgia, will be honored by the congregation at
a reception on August 27, 2006, celebrating the tenth
anniversary of his pastorate.

FBC Morrow Announces New Pastor

Thomas Quisenberry began his new ministry serving as the
pastor at the First Baptist Church of Morrow on Sunday,
August 6, 2006.

Nov. 4-5
Coordinating Council Meeting
CBF/GA Fall Convocation
First Baptist Church, Savannah
Date and time to be announced.

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