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Calendar

New CBF/GA Website Just Launched



After much hard work and anticipation, CBF/GA would like to announce the launch of its new website which can be found at www.cbfga.org. The new website is easy to navigate and gives you the opportunity to learn more about what CBF/GA has to offer. Some of the new features include search bars, drop down menus, and a catalog of resources. We hope the new website will serve to better meet your needs.

In the News

Cartersville, GA, church continues relief work in Alabama

By Jo Ann Branton
CBF Communications

CARTERSVILLE, Ga. – Gwen Landry's house held 50 years of memories, but they were washed away by a five-foot storm surge from Hurricane Katrina. In the months since Katrina ravaged Bayou La Batre, Ala., Landry, 64, has watched

July 16-20
SOULfeast 2006
Lake Junaluska, NC

Aug. 14-17
Session 1
Young Leader's Program
Durham, NC

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

Aug. 20-25
CBF Boot Camp for Church
Starts
Baptist Theological Seminary
Richmond, VA (BTSR)

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

Aug. 22
McAfee School of Theology
Founder's Day Convocation
Cecil B. Day Hall, Mercer Atlanta
Campus

Speaker: Dr. R. Kirby Godsey,
former Mercer University President.

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](#).

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
Retreat,

volunteers put her home back together piece by piece.

Billed as the "Seafood Capitol of Alabama," Bayou La Batre is a shrimping community of approximately 2,300 people, which is located an hour southwest of Mobile, Ala. Three FEMA trailers housed Landry and members of her extended family as they awaited repairs on two houses. The threat of mold from the water damage meant their houses, like many others in Bayou La Batre, had to be gutted.

Heritage Baptist Church members Barbara Bentley, Karen Rhodes, Candy Smith, and pastor Bob Ballance made the 400-mile trek from Cartersville, Ga., to Bayou La Batre in early May. This was the second hurricane-related relief effort the team had made.

"Right after Katrina hit, we went to Biloxi, Mississippi," Rhodes said. "It was heartbreaking. They were in dire need and suffering greatly."

Landry has watched her home take shape little by little. Volunteer groups have gutted the inside of the home and rebuilt the walls and rooms.

"Bob [Ballance] was a miracle worker for her," Rhodes said. Ballance fit the new kitchen sink into the too-large hole that had been cut earlier and completed the installation of a new refrigerator and stove.

While Ballance worked inside the house, the women worked on the exterior. Smith and Rhodes cleaned the vinyl siding, nailed loose sheets of siding back to the house, and painted shutters. They also cleaned out a large planter and created a flower bed for Landry. Bentley cleared an overgrown hedgerow on the property line and did other yard work.

"When it gets to the nitty gritty, we all want the same things," Smith said. "We want comfort, to feel loved and cared for. We want to feel that we can all work together. No matter what your situation is at home, when you get [to Bayou La Batre], everyone is working together."

The Heritage Baptist work group met Landry's daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The mission trip turned into a community affair as a Vietnamese neighbor and some Mennonite volunteers working nearby also helped.

"We get to know and more deeply appreciate one another," Ballance said. "We also are reminded that we are instruments of God's peace and grace to others in their times of need. Being with people in their pain and when they are most vulnerable opens the door for conversation and meaning-making that goes way beyond what is possible on any ordinary day in their lives or ours."

CBF is a fellowship of Baptist Christians and churches who

**Kavanaugh Life Enrichment
Center,
Louisville, KY**

To register visit [the fellowship](#).

For information, email

[Rick Bennett](#)

(rbennett@thefellowship.info)

or call 770- 220-1605.

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 [Devita Parnell](#).

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 [Diane Frazier](#).

share a passion for the Great Commission and a commitment to Baptist principles of faith and practice. The Fellowship's mission is to serve Christians and churches as they discover and fulfill their God-given mission.

**Breman Jewish Heritage Museum of Atlanta
Presented copy of the DVD
*Theologians Under Hitler***



On May 17, 2006, CBF of Georgia's Interfaith Task Force and Smoke Rise Baptist Church presented the William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum of Atlanta with a copy of the DVD *Theologians Under Hitler*. The Breman Museum is dedicated to collecting, preserving, interpreting, and teaching about Jewish history, in particular the Holocaust and the experience of Jews in Georgia. Through its exhibitions, programs, and archives, the Museum celebrates Jewish culture and explores the universal themes of human dignity and respect for others. The DVD, a documentary produced and directed by Methodist minister Steve Martin of Vital Visuals, Inc., is about Christian acquiescence to and support for Nazi Germany in the 1930s and highlights three Protestant theologians – Paul Althaus, Emanuel Hirsch, and Gerhard Kittel.



Pictured above (front row) are Lili Baxter and Eve Goldstein,

**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"
Mercer University, Macon**
Workshop Leader:
Dennis Burton,
Certified Conflict Consultant,
Director of Missions, Union Baptist
Association,
Monroe, NC. For more information,
visit
[Mercer's calendar of events.](#)

**Nov. 5-6, 2006
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. 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
Retreat
Ignatius House, Atlanta**

representatives from the Breman Museum, (back row) Wayne Martin, Chair – CBF/GA Interfaith Task Force and member, Smoke Rise Baptist Church, Stone Mountain, Kathy Dobbins, Minister of Adult Education and Outreach, Smoke Rise Baptist Church, Devita Parnell, CBF/GA Associate Coordinator for Congregational Life.

**Louisiana church seeks to join Fellowship after
connecting with
Hurricane relief volunteers.**

To get the full story visit
[www.thefellowship.info/News/060707Ducre.icm.](#)

Vocational Opportunities

Associate Pastor for Spiritual Formation

Wieuca Road Baptist Church
3626 Peachtree Road N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30326

Forward resumes to the Spiritual Formation Search Committee
by July 20, 2006

Or
Email resumes to kdewittk@wieuca.org.

New Opportunities

New to Mercer?!

The Cooperative Student Fellowship (CSF) is a new organization at Mercer University this year. College is a very important time period for spiritual growth, and it is the goal of CSF to help students mature in all aspects of their relationship with God. If you know any students who will be 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 them this summer. You can email their information, including email and mailing addresses, to dparnell@cbfga.org.

BTSR's School of Christian Ministry

The School of Christian Ministry is the continuing education division of Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. We provide a variety of interactive web-based ministry exploration and development courses for laity and clergy. We also offer on-site learning opportunities for those interested in a road trip. I invite you to visit our webpage, www.btsr.edu/scm to see descriptions of our courses and workshops.

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

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.now-serving.org
or email [Devita Parnell](mailto:Devita.Parnell@merc.edu) 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 [Diane Frazier](mailto:Diane.Frazier@merc.edu)
(frazier_d@merc.edu).

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.

Mission Opportunities

Argentina Women's Build

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is sponsoring a **Women's Build in Argentina** this November 10th-19th with Habitat for Humanity of Latin America. A Women's Build means women do all the work on the construction of a house!! For more information contact Valerie Burton at valerie@alabamacbf.org.

"Bags of Hope"

CBF of Louisiana gathers and delivers fully supplied book bags for distribution in East Carroll and Tensas parishes as part of Together for Hope. Last year LA churches gathered and distributed around 400 bags to students in the two parishes and made a significant impact in the lives of struggling families. They could easily distribute twice that many this year and still not fully meet the need.

For additional information contact John Daugherty at
cbfla@cox.net.

For more information, email [Scott Ford \(robertscottford@mac.com\)](mailto:robertscottford@mac.com).

March 23-25
March Mission Madness
FBC Columbus

A mission weekend for youth.
For more information, email [Scott Ford \(robertscottford@mac.com\)](mailto:robertscottford@mac.com).

April 19-20
Urban Mission Workshop
McAfee School of Theology,
Atlanta

Workshop Leader: Ray Bakke
For more information, email [Diane Frazier \(frazier_d@mercer.edu\)](mailto:frazier_d@mercer.edu).

April 30 - May 02
Session 4
Young Leader's Program
Thomasville, NC

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