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Calendar

Lewis Resigns as Missions Coordinator

Following five years of service as the Missions Coordinator for CBF/GA, Jimmy Lewis returns to the pastorate. We are grateful for his service, and we look forward to working with him as he assumes his duties as pastor of First Baptist Church, Jasper.
—Frank Broome



NOW!

**CBF/National
General Assembly
June 22-23**

Even if you do not need a room!



SPECIAL EMPHASIS
**Companions in Christ One-Day
Multi-Track Training Event**

Saturday, June 24
(following CBF/National General Assembly)
Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

A three-track leader preparation event for *Companions in Christ, The Way of the Child: Helping Children Experience God, and Companerismo en Cristo*. To register visit

www.upperroom.org/companions/eventsone.asp.
Cost is \$100 (includes breaks, lunch, and set of books). For more information email Devita Parnell at dparnell@cbfga.org.

May 19-24
Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist
Atlanta, GA

[Fellowship partners to bring Bible in China exhibition to U.S.](#)

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

June 1 - 3
Baptist History and
Heritage Society Annual Meeting
Washington, DC

Visit [Baptist History and Heritage Society](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.

Updates Available for General Assembly Events:

Hispanic Church Start Initiative to hold anniversary
celebration:

www.thefellowship.info/News/060511Hispanic.icm

Registration open for Theological Education
dinner at General Assembly:
www.thefellowship.info/News/060503theoeddinner.icm

To view the GA schedule, click here:
www.thefellowship.info/documents/2006GASchedule.pdf

Your Registration Is Needed.



*The following event is immediately prior
to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Assembly*

Invitation to Sabbath: A Clergy Day Apart
Wednesday, June 21, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Wieuca Road Baptist Church
Atlanta

Too many demands on an already demanding
schedule results in burnout. The joys of church
leadership can seem like a distant memory, trapped
in a do-loop of getting things done. If this sounds all
too familiar, please join us for a day set aside for you.
It's a day to reflect, a day to allow the Living Word to
move within you. Anyone seeking Sabbath is
welcome. The day will consist of presentations,
periods of silence and solitude, and small group
interaction. Lunch will be catered, and there will be
plenty of time for reflection and prayer.

The keynote presenter of the day is Fil Anderson,
executive director of Journey Resources, based in
Greensboro, NC. He's a frequent speaker at
conferences, offers individual spiritual direction, and
directs retreats and workshops around the country. A
graduate of the University of North Carolina at
Wilmington and Fuller Theological Seminary, he also

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>).

July 16-20
SOULfeast 2006
Lake Junaluska, NC

Aug. 14-17
Session 1
Young Leader's Program
Durham, NC
[www.healthychurch.org/program.asp?](http://www.healthychurch.org/program.asp?permanent_id=-1&id=12)
[permanent_id=-1&id=12](http://www.healthychurch.org/program.asp?permanent_id=-1&id=12)

Aug. 20-25
CBF Boot Camp for Church Starts
Baptist Theological Seminary
Richmond, VA (BTSR)
Arrangements for room and board
should be made through Jim Peak at
BTSR. Email jpeak@btsr.edu or call
804-204-1230.

Sept. 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:rbennett@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](http://www.centerforbaptiststudies.org/)
Mercer University
(www.centerforbaptiststudies.org/)
for details.

completed the Graduate Program in Spiritual Guidance at the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation in Bethesda, MD. Fil worked with Young Life for twenty-five years serving as area director and regional director before becoming national director of training. He's the author of *Running on Empty: Contemplative Spirituality for Overachievers*. He and his wife Lucie live in Greensboro, NC, with their three children.

Worship leader for the day is Paula Clayton Dempsey, pastor and Director of Advent Spirituality Center. She has more than 25 years of experience in the field serving as a pastor and campus minister. She trained with Contemplative Outreach in Centering Prayer and has also trained in Group Spiritual Direction at the Shalem Institute in Bethesda, MD. She's been an integral part of the Advent Spirituality Center for more than 10 years.

To register for the event send a check for \$50 to Advent Spirituality Center, P.O. Box 191, Mars Hill, NC 28754.

For more information email
adventcenter@verizon.net or call 828-689-8320.

Hot Off the Press!

Click here to view the
June/July 2006 issue of



(www.cbfga.org/library/JuneJuly2006Final.pdf).

In the News

CBF to unveil new missions education
resources at General Assembly
www.thefellowship.info/News/060510missionsed.icm
By Patricia Heys, CBF Communications

May 2006 trip to Africa

October 2-3
A Theological Discussion
"A Theology of Ministerial
Leadership"

William E. Hull
and David W. Hull
Knoxville, TN

[www.healthychurch.org/program.asp?
permanent_id=-1&id=25](http://www.healthychurch.org/program.asp?permanent_id=-1&id=25)

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](http://www.candler.emory.edu/ABOUT/fallconference06/)
(www.candler.emory.edu/ABOUT/fallconference06/).

Oct. 16 - 18

Session 2

Young Leader's Program
Thomasville, NC

[www.healthychurch.org/program.asp?
permanent_id=-1&id=12](http://www.healthychurch.org/program.asp?permanent_id=-1&id=12)

Nov. 5 - 6, 2006

CBF/GA Fall Convocation
First Baptist Church of Christ
of Macon

Dec. 29, 2006-Jan. 02, 2007

Antiphony

[\(www.thesamuelproject.org/\)](http://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:rbennett@thefellowship.info)
(rbennett@thefellowship.info)

or call 770- 220-1605.

Jan. 29 - 31, 2007

Session 3

Baptist pastors from six churches around the Southeast, traveled to Africa with Pat Anderson. The following pastors participated on the May 1-15 trip:

Craig Sherouse, First Baptist Church, Griffin, GA.

Bill Wilson, First Baptist Church, Dalton, GA.

Bill Ross, First Baptist Church, Athens GA.

Steve Hadden, Bayshore Baptist Church, Tampa FL.

Greg Magruder, Parkview Baptist Church, Gainesville FL.

Dennis Foust, Shades Crest Baptist Church, Birmingham, AL.

Randy Hyde, Pulaski Heights Baptist Church, Little Rock, AR.



Visit this website for their reflections on the journey:

[www.thefellowship.info/globalmissions/
hardplaces/trips/Africa2006.icm](http://www.thefellowship.info/globalmissions/hardplaces/trips/Africa2006.icm).

CBF-endorsed chaplain Batchelor honored as
Hero in Health Care Ethics

By Bob Perkins, Jr., CBF Communications

Gary Batchelor, chaplain for the Floyd Medical Center in Rome, GA, and endorsed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, was recently recognized for his exemplary achievements fostering a culture of ethics. Batchelor was honored with the Heroes in Health Care Ethics Award, presented by the Health Care Ethics Consortium of Georgia, at the organization's annual symposium on April 19, 2006.



Gary Batchelor and George Pickle, CBF's associate coordinator of chaplaincy and pastoral counseling.

**Young Leader's Program
Thomasville, NC**
[www.healthychurch.org/program.a
sp?permanent_id=-1&id=12](http://www.healthychurch.org/program.asp?permanent_id=-1&id=12)

**April 30 - May 02, 2007
Session 4
Young Leader's Program
Thomasville, NC**
[www.healthychurch.org/program.asp?
permanent_id=-1&id=12](http://www.healthychurch.org/program.asp?permanent_id=-1&id=12)

Visit this website for complete article:
[www.thefellowship.info/News/060512
Batchelor.icm](http://www.thefellowship.info/News/060512Batchelor.icm).

Vocational Opportunities

**Full-Time Summer Minister
To Youth & Children**
(Summer 2006)
New Heights Baptist Church
158 Lamar Road
Macon, GA 31220
478-757-2240 or 478-731-7837

Duties include: working with the Youth and Children's Councils in preparing and implementing the Youth and Children's program of activities for the Summer of 2006; organizing activities; some Bible teaching; and involving the youth and children in leading worship. Applicant needs to be a self-starter, a hard worker, and someone who enjoys a challenge!

**Administrative Assistant for
Calling Congregations
The Fund for Theological Education**
Attn: Lisa Newman
825 Houston Mill Rd.
Ste. 250
Atlanta, GA 30329

Position will provide assistance and organizational support for Calling Congregations. To receive a detailed job description email Kevin Spears at kspears@thfund.org or call 404-727-1458. Letters of interest and resumes can be mailed to the above address. Deadline for applications: June 2, 2006.

Other Opportunities

Young Leaders' Program

The Young Leaders' Program is designed to help prepare the next generation of ministry leaders. This effort is intended to strengthen congregational and denominational leaders in their twenties or thirties who have ministry experience, but who have not yet reached mid-life and mid-career. The Young Leaders' Program is a year-long leadership effectiveness process involving 65-70 hours of intensive training over four levels. Three self-development projects

extend the growth process beyond the actual training sessions and provide motivation for the integration of the training into the participant's ministry setting.

Session 1

8/14/2006 - 8/17/2006
Durham, NC

Session 2

10/16/2006 - 10/18/2006
Thomasville, NC

Session 3

1/29/2007 - 1/31/2007
Thomasville, NC

Session 4

4/30/2007 - 5/2/2007
Thomasville, NC

For details and registration information visit:
[www.healthychurch.org/program.asp?
permanent_id=-1&id=12](http://www.healthychurch.org/program.asp?permanent_id=-1&id=12)

**The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Presents:
A Theological Discussion
“A Theology of Ministerial Leadership”
Dr. William E. Hull and Dr. David W. Hull
October 2-3
Knoxville, TN**

There are significant differences in how ministerial leadership is understood and practiced among churches. This learning event will explore some of the deeper dimensions of those differences by examining pastoral leadership in three dimensions: *the paradigm of the leader; the purposes of the leader; and the person of the leader.*

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 are William E. Hull and David Hull. William Hull is Research Professor at Samford University where he previously served as Provost (1987-96), and University Professor (1987-2000). For more than two decades he served on the faculty and administration of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. David Hull serves as Pastor of First Baptist Church, Huntsville, AL. He has had a distinguished career as a pastor serving congregations in Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Alabama.

The event will begin on Monday, October 2, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Knoxville, TN. It will end on Tuesday, October 3, at 12:00 p.m. The format for the event will include large group presentations and small group discussion times with peers and the discussion leaders. Reduced rates for overnight accommodations are available at Hampton Inn & Suites at 618 W. Main Street (in walking distance of the church) for \$109.00 per night (includes covered parking and breakfast). The evening meal on Monday night will be provided for participants. The registration fee for this event is \$25.00 per person. Registration deadline is Sept.1.

This event is presented by the Department of Leadership Development at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and its Initiative for Ministerial Excellence. For more information visit www.healthychurch.org/program.asp?permanent_id=-1&id=25.

Considering a Doctor of Ministry Degree Program?

One of the greatest challenges we have as ministers is that of keeping up with trends and innovations in ministry. It's a full-time job bringing creative approaches to our work. Of course, we can read books, talk to colleagues, and read journals...but sometimes we need a cohort of folks around us who are struggling with the same issues to ignite our creative juices. This is what the Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) degree program can do. It can ignite new directions for ministry.

Maybe you have been out of ministry for a decade or longer, or perhaps you are just getting started. In any case, the challenge of the D. Min. can provide any minister the opportunity to enhance skills. The Doctor of Ministry degree at McAfee is uniquely suited to engage students with cutting edge research that can challenge and provide new directions for ministry. The program is unique because it allows the student to custom design his or her study interests around topics of concern. The program requires three major seminars of three weeks each on campus over a three year period— one seminar a year. An off-campus, independent study program is also interwoven between the seminars and provides for specific research into the area of concentration that is of the most interest to the student.

The D. Min. student has the benefit of studying with professors who are engaged with the latest research,

with a field supervisor who has experience in the student's chosen field and serves as a mentor, and with student colleagues who form a cohort of study partners for the duration of the program. The program is unique in that it challenges the student to do original research in a chosen field of study. The final project thesis seeks to provide the student's ministry with new directions and new approaches that will enhance any ministry. The student's project thesis is focused so that it is of such quality that it can be published, thus helping others benefit from the research.

For students who want to excel in ministry, the Doctor of Ministry degree program at McAfee School of Theology is worth exploring. Please visit: <http://theology.mercer.edu/dmin.html> to find out about this exciting degree program or contact the D. Min. office at McAfee School of Theology at 678-547-6412.

**Youth Worker Summit
November 12-15, 2006
Walt Disney World® Resort
Lake Buena Vista, FL**

“We Do Not Lose Heart”

The 2006 Youth Worker Summit will gather youth ministry leaders from judicatories and congregations across the country in an ecumenical setting to both hear and speak the words, “...we do not lose heart.” (2 Corinthians 4:1 NRSV) These are words of reassurance, renewal, strength, and hope for us as we serve young people and their families in many different contexts.

Brought to you by The Ecumenical Youth Ministries
Staff Team of
The National Council of Churches of Christ USA
Visit this website for more info
www.youthworkersummit.org/.

WELCOME to CBF/GA

**CBF/GA welcomes
Park Avenue Baptist Church of Atlanta!**
