

VISIONS



July/Aug '02

CBF of Georgia

2002-2003 Total Budget: \$560,946

Ministries

Missions

- Emerging Mission Initiatives
- Marginalized People
- Networking
 - Chamblee-Doraville Ministry Center
 - McAfee Student Mission Immersion
 - South Wales Baptist College
 - Harbor Ministries
- New Church Starts
- Unevangelized People Groups
- Staff Support

Education

- Contributions to:
 - Associated Baptist Press
 - Baptist Center for Ethics
 - Baptists Today*
 - Center for Christian Ethics
 - Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia
 - Educational Conferences
 - Other Partnership Grants
- Scholarships for:
 - Baptist Studies Program at Candler School of Theology at Emory
 - McAfee School of Theology
 - Mercer University
- Staff Support

Student Ministries

- Orientations at Candler and McAfee Schools of Theology
- March Mission Madness Coordinator
- New Horizons Camp Coordinator
- New Horizons Camp
- Youth Events Including March Mission Madness
- Student Initiatives
- Staff Support

Operations

Administration

- Area Network Events
- Conventions and Conferences for Staff
- Hospitality, Insurance, Mileage, Office Equipment, Office Expenses, Retirement, Social Security

Personnel

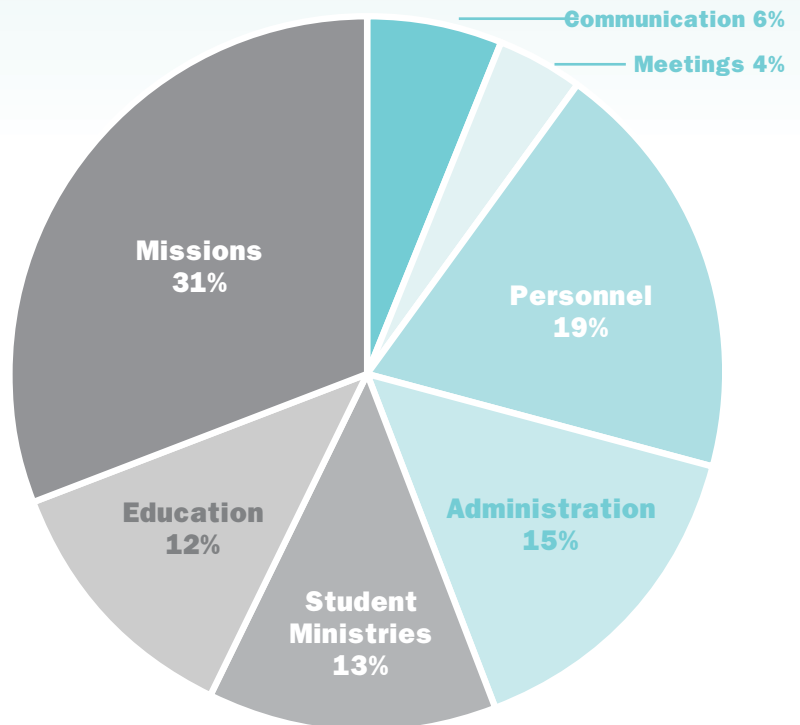
- Coordinator Salary and Housing
- Administrative Assistants

Assemblies/Meetings

- CBF of Georgia General Assembly
- Fall Convocation
- CBF of Georgia Fellowship at National General Assembly

Communication

- *Visions* Newsletter
- CBF of Georgia Web Page



How has CBF of Georgia grown?

CBF of Georgia was established in 1992...

- In fiscal year 1996-1997, approximately 12 churches and 200 individuals contributed \$64,567.70 to CBF of Georgia.
- In fiscal year 2001-2002, 111 churches and 130 individuals contributed \$466,732.48 to CBF of Georgia.

Look inside for more information...



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Frankly speaking



T On July 4, 2002, I boarded a plane for the Philippines. This trip is both family and work related. My wife has been in the Philippines since the first week in May. She has been granted a leave of absence from Mercer University to develop the archives at the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary in Baguio City. She will work there until the middle of August.

Barbara and Gary Baldrige, Co-Coordinator for Global Missions, encouraged me to visit our work in Sumatra and Singapore. CBF of Georgia adopted the people of Sumatra last year. I will be in Singapore four days and Palembang (Sumatra) four days. While I have been on most every highway and byway, town and city in Georgia, this will be my first trip out of the country. I am looking forward to seeing our larger CBF family. I want to see what they are doing and to learn how they share their faith in a predominately non-Christian world.

A number of exciting things are happening closer to home. The executive committee has made an offer on an office building in Macon. If all goes well we should be relocating in Macon in the fall. The search committee for the position of Associate Coordinator for Congregational Life is making progress. Around 20 resumes were submitted. The committee will narrow the number to about four soon. Interviews will be scheduled as the process continues. Hopefully, a person will be secured before the end of summer.

Robert Richardson is serving as the Assistant to the Coordinator for Reference and Referral. Robert recently retired from Mercer as Professor of Teacher Education in the Tift College of Education. Helping churches find leaders and helping leaders find places of service are two of the most important things we do. Robert will make this part of our ministry better for both church and candidate. Such work is time consuming and we are grateful that Robert is willing to give us his time.

Sharon Green has been employed as our new Financial Secretary. Carol Jones has been doing the books for us on evenings and weekends. As our budget has grown, so have our bookkeeping needs. Sharon will work regular hours at the office. We are glad to have her. We will miss Carol; she has been a real blessing to us. She will continue as Secretary to the Pastor at Vineville United Methodist Church until she relocates to Rome.

—Frank Broome, CBF of Georgia Coordinator

memos from the missions coordinator



Touching Taliaferro with Love

We have completed our first day camp in Taliaferro County. "Touching Taliaferro with Love" was a fabulous success. There were over 160 children in camp and we had great attendance each day of the two weeks. The children, K-12th grade, were well behaved and cooperative.

I must express my heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Ann Peisher, the person who gave leadership to the project. Ann invested a huge

amount of time and energy to this monumental task. The school administration and community were very complimentary of the two weeks of camp. This is, in large part, because of the excellent leadership and organizational gifts of Ann Peisher.

We also had the finest volunteers. The volunteers from our CBF of Georgia churches

CBFGA 1992-2002: Building Houses—And Lives

—The following article is the fifth in a series recounting the first ten years of CBF of Georgia. Written by Robert G. Gardner, Senior Researcher in Baptist History at the Jack Tarver Library of Mercer University, the articles are condensed excerpts from *A Decade of Freedom and Faithfulness: The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia, 1992-2002*, authored by Dr. Gardner and published in February 2002. Copies are available at no cost from CBF of Georgia, 478-301-5928, or pinkston_sk@mercer.edu.

The CBF of Georgia is building — by partnering with Habitat for Humanity and Morningstar.

The Fellowship has sponsored two Habitat projects in its own name. Jimmy Lewis led volunteers to start constructing a home on Dublin Street in East Macon on Friday, March 18, 1994. Mrs. Cassandra Robinson and her two sons moved into their new dwelling just before Christmas, and a dedicatory ceremony was set for February 26, 1995. Total cost to the CBF of Georgia was \$32,500.

Also under Lewis's leadership, a home was built in Tifton beginning in March of 1999. The cost of construction was about \$30,000, part of which was raised by selling for \$30 each small white badges proclaiming: "I'm a Square Footer."

The building was formally dedicated on July 18, 1999. Mrs. Barbara White, the new homeowner, expressed her pleasure: "I've been praying for a house since I was 17 and now, thanks to you, I have one."

Four other construction projects have directly involved the CBF of Georgia. Sweat and/or shekels have gone to the Horizon Baptist Church in Summerville, the Fellowship Baptist Church in Fitzgerald, the Heritage Baptist Fellowship building in Waleska, and the Morningstar Treatment Center.

The Georgia CBF is also building lives. Founded in 1996 and formally opened in 1997 with Barry W. Kerr, a Baptist minister, as president and CEO, Morningstar Treatment Services,

Inc., seeks to provide guidance for children and adolescents with severe emotional problems and for their families.

At first understood to be self-supporting, it was endorsed by the CBF of Georgia coordinating council in 1996. Its board of directors is self-perpetuating, but Baptists dominate its membership. Jim Dant, pastor of Highland Hills Baptist Church of Macon, was chair in 2001.



Morningstar receives financial and moral support from the Fellowship, as well as assistance in constructing and renovating its main campus by adult and youth groups. At least \$16,000 has gone toward this objective. Twenty-five hundred volunteers have contributed more than \$400,000 worth of capital improvements to the buildings and grounds.

A residential campus is located near Brunswick, while outpatient treatment is offered at Carrollton, Cartersville, Cumming, Savannah, Zebulon, West Point, Rincon, Rome, and Brunswick. In five years Morningstar has served 6,760 children and families, has grown to a staff of 150, and currently has a 5-million-dollar budget. Through Morningstar, the CBF of Georgia has a significant role in "guiding children and families to the light of life!"

We are building—with hammers, nails, time, and check books. Where do you fit in?

—Robert G. Gardner, author of *A Decade of Freedom and Faithfulness: The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia, 1992-2002*

were the very best missionaries I have ever seen. They were passionate, cooperative, and willing to make adjustments each day as we learned better ways to accomplish our purpose of sharing Christ's love and empowering the community to achieve a better way of life.

One of our goals was community involvement and the development of relationships in the community. We had excellent support and involvement from parents, school system, government, and community organizations. We have been invited back next year!

Books for Bosnia

Your missions coordinator was invited to Bosnia to consider a partnership with the Baptist Union Bosnia-Herzegovina. I was very impressed with the progress made in Baptist work since the end of the war. There are still signs of the conflict but there was never a time when I felt unsafe. The leadership is excellent and provides us with a significant opportunity for ministry.

The work in Bosnia has grown to the extent that there is a need for theological training. A Baptist Institute has been

established at a church in Sarajevo and is providing residential and non-residential programs of study. One of the great needs is for theological books in English. At the Fall Convocation in Marietta, we will collect books for the Baptist Institute. I encourage our pastors to look through their libraries and select books they no longer use, and bring them to First Baptist Church of Marietta for our fall meeting.

The Institute is looking for volunteers to teach specific courses at the Baptist Institute in the coming months. Georgia pastors have been invited to preach in

Giving *(continued from page 5)*

- Share CBF of Georgia offering envelopes.
- Call on the coordinator, moderator, or missions coordinator when you need a missions speaker or pulpit supply.
- Attend the CBF of Georgia General Assembly in March and the Fall Convocation in November of each year.
- Attend the National CBF General Assembly each year.
- Send us names and addresses to add to the *Visions* mailing list.
- Continue to send contributions to CBF of Georgia.
- Help start a new church in Georgia by sending your missions dollars to CBF of Georgia.

Top 10 Contributing Churches to CBF of Georgia

1. Augusta FBC \$49,931.79
2. Macon FBC of Christ \$26,734.07
3. Tifton FBC \$25,740.54
4. Griffin FBC \$23,235.00
5. Athens FBC \$17,645.00
6. Columbus FBC \$16,643.36
7. Rome FBC \$13,678.83
8. Wieuca Road BC (Atlanta) \$11,405.34
9. Vineville BC Individuals (Macon) \$10,446.00
10. Gainesville FBC \$10,077.18

Historical Baptist Church of 1,450 seeks Senior Pastor.

Seminary degrees required. Please send resume to: Pastor Search Committee, First Baptist Church, POB 828, Columbus GA 31902.

CBF of Georgia is sponsoring a unique opportunity

to experience New York City and the ministry of CBF at the United Nations through the work of our missionaries, David and Anna D'Amico. September 19-22, 2002, the D'Amicos will share their work at the United Nations, their response to the World Trade Center crisis, the global implications for our Baptist witness, and the dream of a new mission movement in the city. The cost of the trip is \$500 per person. Visit www.cbfgamissions.org and click NYC, or contact Jimmy Lewis toll free at 866-245-5240 or jblewis@mindspring.com.

CBF of Georgia was second only to Texas in attendance at the 2002 CBF General Assembly held June 27-29 in Fort Worth TX.



Andrea Dellinger Jones of North Broad Baptist in Rome was awarded the 2002 Addie Davis Preaching Award at the Baptist Women in Ministry annual meeting in Fort Worth, Texas.

CBF of Georgia missionaries and members are making news around the state of Georgia. Please help keep our CBF of Georgia archives current by sending news articles from area publications to our office to the attention of Surelle K. Pinkston.

Financial Picture

2001-2002 monthly budget requirement.....\$34,050.16
May receipts.....\$44,626.15

end of fiscal year

2002-2003 monthly budget requirement.....\$46,745.50
June receipts.....\$38,220.63



Children and young adults were eager students at "Touching Talliaferro with Love" day camp.

the churches of Bosnia-Herzegovina during May 2-8, 2003. These are significant opportunities for global mission involvement.

Pray for Church Planter Families

On September 9-11, CBF of Georgia sponsors the first Church Planters Assessment Workshop. The strategy we have developed for our church starts is based on the following components:

Assessment: The church planter is the single most crucial element contributing

to the success of a church start. The assessment process is designed to help the church planter and family discover if they have the gifts to launch a faith community.

Coaching: CBF of Georgia has secured the help of an experienced church planter coach to work with each church plant, planter, and core group, and help them through the start and growth process. The coach meets with the church plant teams twice a year and is available by phone 365 days a year.

Training: Each church planter family attends a Church Planters Boot Camp in which they meet fellow church planters from across the United States.

Support: We will use the resources of our CBF of Georgia churches, staff, and members to encourage and support our church planters. They are true missionaries and deserve our prayers and encouragement.

—Jimmy Lewis,
Mission Coordinator

2001-2002: \$466,732.48 Given to CBFGA

In fiscal year 2001-2002, 111 churches participated in giving to CBF of Georgia. So that you may celebrate the participation of your church in CBF of Georgia ministries, contributing churches are listed here.

This list is not an attempt to identify each church as a "CBF of Georgia church." It includes churches that:

- (1) sent money to National CBF and requested a portion forwarded to CBF of Georgia,
- (2) sent money directly to CBF of Georgia through their budget, or
- (3) sent money directly to CBF of Georgia because they allow individual members to designate offerings to various causes, including CBF of Georgia.

Unless otherwise noted, only churches that budgeted or channeled gifts to CBF of Georgia through their bank accounts are listed here.

Individuals who sent their gifts personally to CBF of Georgia are not included; neither are churches that sent gifts only to National CBF.

How can I/we contribute to CBF of Georgia?

Through your church...

- Your church may send a check to National CBF with a note requesting that a certain amount or percentage be forwarded to CBF of Georgia.
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- Your church may send separate checks to National CBF and CBF of Georgia.

Directly...

- Using the enclosed offering envelope, you may send your personal check directly to CBF of Georgia. Contact the CBF of Georgia office to request additional envelopes.

Help CBF of Georgia grow!

- Add CBF of Georgia to your prayer list.
- Share copies of the *Visions* newsletter.

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June 2001 - May 2002 Church Contributions to CBF of Georgia

Albany FBC \$3,826.10	Griffin FBC \$23,235.00	Morrow FBC \$8,142.95
Americus FBC \$375.00	Haddock BC \$2,166.67	Mount Calvary BC (Cochran) \$1,067.00
Athens FBC \$17,645.00	Harbor Ministries (McCaysville) \$150.00	National Heights BC (Fayetteville) \$823.00
Augusta FBC \$49,931.79	Hardwick BC \$14.00	New Community Church (Buena Vista) \$901.52
Bainbridge FBC \$1,930.00	Harlem BC \$3,500.00	Newnan FBC \$40.00
Baxley FBC \$1,622.68	Hartwell FBC \$5,139.56	North Broad BC (Rome) \$3,601.01
Black Springs BC (Milledgeville) \$1,175.30	Haven Fellowship (Conyers) \$800.00	North River BC (Roswell) \$964.04
Bogart FBC \$499.90	Hawkinsville FBC \$4,607.76	Northeast BC (Doraville) \$1,942.34
Bowdon BC \$500.00	Heritage BC (Cartersville) \$1,324.27	Northside Drive BC (Atlanta) \$1,975.00
Briarcliff BC (Atlanta) \$505.00	Heritage Baptist Fellowship (Waleska) \$1,430.10	Oklahoma City FBC (Oklahoma) \$160.00
Buckhead BC (Atlanta) \$1,178.00	Heritage Hills BC (Conyers) \$1,950.00	Parkway BC (Duluth) \$1,600.36
Cedartown FBC \$687.50	Highland Hills BC (Macon) \$7,939.25	Peachtree BC (Atlanta) \$1,800.00
Cairo FBC \$3,863.24	Horizon Bapt. Fellowship (Summerville) \$1,050.00	Pine Grove BC (Thomson) \$355.00
Carlton BC \$832.30	House of Prayer for All Nations (Marietta) \$125.00	Powder Springs FBC \$1,100.00
Central BC (Gray) \$1,166.67	Isle of Hope BC (Savannah) \$315.80	Rainbow Park BC (Decatur) \$1,831.59
Central BC (Newnan) \$8,300.04	Jasper FBC \$8,530.60	Rockmart FBC \$240.00
Cherokee Heights BC (Macon) \$800.00	Jefferson FBC \$2,990.00	Rocky Creek BC (Forsyth) \$3,000.00
Claxton FBC \$2,317.50	Johns Creek BC (Alpharetta) \$7,958.35	Rome FBC \$13,678.83
Columbus FBC \$16,643.36	Lafayette FBC \$5,862.00	Rossville FBC \$262.94
Commerce FBC \$385.00	Lakeview FBC (Rossville) \$500.00	Roswell FBC \$200.00
Community BC (Milledgeville) \$2,217.44	Lakeview Hills BC (Gainesville) \$2,025.00	Sardis BC (Hartwell) \$1,945.15
Cordele FBC \$7,736.00	Lakewood BC (Gainesville) \$4,318.43	Savannah FBC \$1,136.54
Cornelia FBC \$2,993.64	Lavonia FBC \$5,040.08	Second-Ponce de Leon BC (Atlanta) \$9,579.06
Dahlonega BC \$174.05	Lyons FBC \$940.00	Smoke Rise BC (Stone Mountain) \$5,375.94
Dalton FBC \$6,646.11	Lawrenceville FBC \$846.59	Tabernacle BC (Carrollton) \$7,698.25
Decatur FBC \$5,195.00	Macon FBC of Christ \$26,734.07	Thomaston FBC \$3,784.78
Doraville FBC \$50.00	Madison BC \$7,430.60	Tifton FBC \$25,740.54
Druid Hills BC (Atlanta) \$1,227.31	Manchester FBC \$1,250.04	Trinity BC (Conyers) \$425.00
Eatonton FBC \$7,614.38	Marietta FBC \$4,636.00	Trinity BC (Moultrie) \$8,854.85
Fellowship BC (Americus) \$1,600.00	Marshallville FBC \$1,129.35	Tucker FBC \$1,473.01
Fellowship BC (Fitzgerald) \$1,522.09	McDonough FBC \$50.00	Union Point FBC \$364.21
Fitzgerald FBC \$1,462.02	McDonough Rd BC (Fayetteville) \$730.00	Valley Brook Church (Decatur) \$50.00
Forsyth FBC \$4,779.32	Memorial BC (Savannah) \$889.59	Vineville BC Individuals (Macon) \$10,446.00
Gainesville FBC \$10,077.18	Milledge Avenue BC (Athens) \$1,200.00	Washington FBC \$2,640.00
Garden Lakes BC (Rome) \$1,831.36	Milledgeville FBC \$6,591.63	West Point FBC \$5,894.71
Glenwood Hills BC (Macon) \$360.00	Montezuma FBC \$980.00	Wieuca Rd BC (Atlanta) \$11,405.34
Grayson FBC \$140.00	Morgan BC \$100.00	

CBF of Georgia...enabling the people of God who are committed to historic Baptist principles to carry out the Great Commission under the Lordship of Jesus Christ in a fellowship where every Christian has the freedom and the responsibility to exercise God's gift and calling.

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September 6-7

Building Blocks for Sunday School Growth

The Center for Christian Education presents training at Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist, Atlanta GA. Cost \$50 per person includes conference materials, four training conferences and three breaks. For information and registration contact toll free at 877-772-8291 or bozo64@charlotte.inf.net.

September 9-11

CBF OF GEORGIA CHURCH PLANTERS ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

Assessment begins Monday at 6:00 p.m. for potential planters and their spouses, and concludes Wednesday noon. Individuals interested in starting a new church with CBF of Georgia must participate to be eligible. Go to www.cbfmissions.org/newchurches or contact Jimmy Lewis at 678-428-6204, toll free 866-245-5240, jblewis@mind-spring.com.

October 3,10,17,24,31

2002 Preaching Workshop

McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta, Day Hall

1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Fred Craddock, speaker

Cost \$125. Contact Diane Frazier, 678-547-6470, 888-471-9922.

October 10-13

CBF OF GEORGIA SENIOR ADULT GATHERING

Myrtle Beach SC

Cost \$350 per person; price does not include transportation. For information contact Philli Hall at 770-939-8238 or phillihall@thenautilusgroup.net.

October 18

A Preaching Workshop for Baptist Women (and Men) in Ministry Religious Life Building, Mercer University, Macon

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Fred Craddock and Mary Wrye, leaders. Cost: \$50, registration and refund deadline October 4. To register contact Greg Thompson, 478-301-5467 or thompson_mg@mercer.edu.

October 18-19

Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia Fall Retreat Religious Life Building, Mercer University, Macon

To register contact Devita Parnell, 478-301-5648, parnell_kd@mercer.edu.

October 28-29

McAfee Bible Study Preview Conference

October 28/Atlanta campus; October 29/Macon campus

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Study 1 and 2 Samuel; Tony Cartledge, presenter. Contact Diane Frazier for reservations, 678-547-6470, 888-471-9922.

November 10-11

CBF OF GEORGIA FALL CONVOCATION

Marietta First Baptist Church

Tony Campolo, speaker

events, dates, times & places