

VISIONS



Jul/Aug '01

CBF of Georgia 10th Anniversary Budget

TEN YEARS TOGETHER 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.

2001-2002 CBF OF GEORGIA TOTAL BUDGET \$408,602.00

\$44,500.00 Missions

Chamblee-Doraville Ministry Center
McAfee Student Missions
Mission Trips
Morningstar Baptist Treatment Services
New Church Starts
Other Mission Grants

\$25,425.00 Education

Associated Baptist Press
Baptist Center for Ethics
Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia
Candler School of Theology
McAfee School of Theology
Mercer University
Educational Conferences

\$24,229.00 Student Ministries

March Mission Madness and Coordinator
New Horizons Camp and Coordinator
Youth Events
Candler School of Theology Orientation
McAfee School of Theology Orientation

\$96,808.00 Administration

Area Network Events/Hospitality
Audit/Insurance
Conventions/Conferences
Mileage/Miscellaneous
Office Equipment/Expenses
Postage/Telephone
Retirement/Social Security
Staff Professional Development

\$164,440.00 Personnel

Compensation
Salaries and Housing

\$28,000.00 Promotion

Visions Newsletter
Web Page

\$25,200.00 Assemblies/Meetings

Fall Convocation
Spring General Assembly
Georgia Fellowship at National Assembly
Hosting 2001 National Assembly



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Frankly speaking



The Georgia World Congress Center has informed us that we had 8100 people in attendance at the General Assembly in Atlanta. That is a record for this event. We also registered the largest number of individuals and received the largest offering.

Several hundred volunteers from CBF churches throughout Georgia are to be thanked for their good work. They helped register people, answer questions, give directions, collect offering, assist in worship, run errands, and staff and contribute to a blood drive.

Needless to say, I was pleased with the meeting and proud of the support given by CBF people from Georgia.

Two individuals from Georgia deserve special recognition. Sara Henderson and Rick Tyler, members of Wieuca Road Baptist Church, were co-chairs of local arrangements. They did a great job pulling this together. Mike Smith, chair of the General Assembly Steering Committee, and David Wilkinson, communications director for National CBF, also deserve our thanks.

We are blessed.

—Frank Broome, CBF of Georgia Coordinator

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, ...to him be glory in the church...throughout all generations forever and ever!" —Ephesians 3:20-21

from the Missions Coordinator



One of the great challenges of the church and church leaders is to dream dreams so large we must look to God for them to become reality. I am convinced that it is part of God's plan for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia to start new churches.

It costs \$50,000 to start a new church. This may sound like a lot of money but I want to suggest, as I did at the state meeting in Atlanta, that there are churches and individuals who have the resources to invest in starting a new church. Your influence is crucial to the church starting enterprise of CBF of Georgia. If you do not have the resources to give that kind of gift, you may know someone who does. I would be honored to make a proposal to an individual or church concerning this investment.

While some felt the request for these resources at the Georgia meeting of the

CBF General Assembly in Atlanta was a far-reaching endeavor, you will be encouraged to know that I received several invitations to make proposals regarding a gift to CBF of Georgia for a new church start.

In Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus, he prays for the church. His benediction is a challenge which is appropriate for the mission endeavors of the CBF of Georgia.

(Ephesians 3:20-21) "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."

In Love,

— Jimmy B. Lewis, CBF of Georgia Missions Coordinator

Photos from the 2001 General Assembly Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta

Georgia's own Jimmy Carter brought the crowd to its feet numerous times during the keynote address Friday evening.



photo right, courtesy CBF
photos below by Sheryl Groover

Photos from the Thursday CBF of Georgia fellowship



Missions Coordinator Jimmy Lewis and Missions Committee Chair Sara Powell introduce and endorse Georgians before their travel to international appointments. Pictured during their introductions are Sara Powell, Jimmy Lewis, Loretta Denson, Tara Johns, and Carolyn Hale.



Among those asking for God's guidance are Ruth Lee, Sara Powell, Robert Walker, and Loretta Denson.

Georgians were featured in Friday's General Session



Alicia Walker led congregational singing as Donn Wisdom led the combined choir which included singers and accompanists Mary Lokey and Jane Martin from Wieuca Road Baptist Church.



Oliver Sueing and Ralph Freeman, tenors, brought their own brand of special music with Harding Epps at the piano.



Friends David and Doris Buch and Floyd and Jimmie Lewis use the time between General Assembly meetings to plan ahead and catch up on the day's news.



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people

Margaret Dee Bratcher has been named dean of the University Commons of Mercer University. Bratcher is a professor of Christianity, teaching at Mercer since 1985. She earned a bachelor of arts from Wake Forest University and master of divinity and doctor of philosophy degrees from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. An ordained Baptist minister, she is an occasional preacher and teacher in churches throughout the country.

Mercer University received a \$1.9 million grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., to establish "**Mercer University Commons**," a project that will strengthen the University's connections to its Baptist heritage, identify and support a new generation of servant leaders, and provide opportunities for students to explore and understand their future work in light of their spiritual calling.

Mercer University is one of 20 colleges and universities in the country to receive a Lilly Endowment grant to integrate faith and learning in higher education.

—*Lance Wallace, Director of University Relations and Marketing, Mercer University*

resources

A new pamphlet series exploring "**The Baptist Style for a New Century**" features pamphlets by a Georgia Baptist professor and eight other prominent Baptists.

The new series, sponsored jointly by the Baptist History and Heritage Society and the Whitsitt Baptist Heritage Society, includes "Turning Points in Baptist History" by Walter B. Shurden, executive director of the Center for Baptist Studies at Mercer University.

The two organizations developed the pamphlet series "to share historic Baptist principles and practices in a creative, up-to-date format" for use by individuals, churches, conventions, fellowships, libraries, seminaries and schools.

For cost and information on how to order, access the Baptist History and Heritage Society website at www.baptisthistory.org or call 800-966-2278.

CBF of Georgia establishes Trinity Fund

The Trinity Baptist Church of Macon, Inc. fund has been established to assist families in Bibb County during periods of financial crises by direct financial contributions.

The Trinity Baptist Church of Macon property was liquidated and proceeds invested through the CBF Endowment Fund under the guidance of the finance committee of CBF of Georgia. The interest earned will be used to assist families in financial crises.

Georgian entrust 2.5 million to Global Missions

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship has received the largest deferred gift in its ten year history from the estate of Nell Payne Barrett.

This gift came about because Mrs. Barrett inquired of her pastor, John Baker, then of Druid Hills Baptist Church of Atlanta, about the changes occurring in Baptist life. Dr. Baker informed her of the changes and encouraged her to consider CBF as a beneficiary of her estate.

Her next pastor, Jonathan Spencer, assured Nell that she had chosen wisely by considering CBF the spiritual heir of her traditional Baptist beliefs and practices.

Nell's desire to be a faithful steward, along with the ministry of both of her pastors, have resulted in a gift to CBF of \$2,500,000, which will be paid from a trust fund over the next fifteen years. CBF will receive the first year's distribution next month from "The Luther Lafayette and Nell Payne Barrett Endowed Mission" fund.

—*Ruben Swint, President CBF Foundation*

CBF of Georgia financial picture

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| • 2000-01 monthly budget requirement | \$23,539.58 |
| • May receipts | \$37,908.95 |
| END OF FISCAL YEAR | |
| • 2001-02 monthly budget requirement | \$34,050.16 |
| • June receipts | \$32,636.71 |

Church Contributions

to CBF of Georgia, June 2000-May 2001

In fiscal year 2000-2001, eighty-nine churches participated in giving to CBF of Georgia. So you may celebrate your church's participation in the CBF of Georgia ministry, 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 Georgia CBF.
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- Your church may send separate checks to National CBF and Georgia CBF.

Directly...

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

Help CBF of Georgia grow!

- Add CBF of Georgia to your prayer list.
- Share copies of the *Visions* newsletter.
- Share CBF of Georgia offering envelopes.
- Call on the coordinator, assistant 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.

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June 2000-May 2001 Church Contributions to CBF of Georgia

Albany FBC	\$1,253.90	Fitzgerald FBC	\$2,079.40	Milledge Avenue, Athens	\$1,250.00
Americus FBC	\$325.00	Forsyth FBC	\$2,284.08	Milledgeville FBC	\$5,588.49
Athens FBC	\$17,150.00	Gainesville FBC	\$788.26	Morrow FBC	\$4,944.54
Augusta FBC	\$12,432.31	Garden Lakes BC, Rome	\$2,339.30	National Heights BC, Fayetteville	\$1,050.00
Baxley FBC	\$761.32	Glenwood Hills BC, Macon	\$720.00	New Century Baptist Fellowship, Gainesville	\$150.00
Black Springs BC, Milledgeville	\$167.90	Griffin FBC	\$23,250.00	North River BC, Roswell	\$722.00
Bogart FBC	\$275.54	Haddock BC	\$1,625.01	Northside Drive BC, Atlanta	\$1,756.25
Briarcliff BC, Atlanta	\$1,180.00	Harlem BC	\$250.00	Parkway BC, Duluth	\$2,893.87
Buckhead BC, Atlanta	\$1,006.48	Hartwell FBC	\$400.00	Peachtree BC, Atlanta	\$2,400.00
Buena Vista FBC	\$10.00	Hawkinsville FBC	\$3,967.52	Rainbow Park BC, Decatur	\$520.55
Cairo FBC	\$5,085.80	Heritage BC, Cartersville	\$440.00	Rocky Creek BC, Forsyth	\$2,750.00
Carlton BC	\$973.35	Heritage Baptist Fellowship, Waleska	\$1,185.33	Rome FBC	\$10,590.98
Cedartown FBC	\$750.00	Heritage Hills BC, Conyers	\$1,450.00	Rossville FBC	\$454.90
Central BC, Gray	\$1,128.50	Highland Hills BC, Macon	\$7,255.88	Sardis BC, Hartwell	\$2,530.00
Central BC, Newnan	\$6,966.68	Horizon Baptist Fellowship, Summerville	\$1,050.00	Savannah FBC	\$400.00
Claxton FBC	\$2,321.20	Jasper FBC	\$3,215.52	Second-Ponce de Leon, Atlanta	\$6,692.55
Columbus FBC	\$19,942.73	Jefferson FBC	\$640.00	Smoke Rise BC, Stone Mountain	\$3,062.42
Commerce FBC	\$100.00	Johns Creek BC, Alpharetta	\$7,916.65	The Harbor BC, Blue Ridge	\$100.00
Community BC, Milledgeville	\$1,146.05	Lafayette FBC	\$12,489.50	The Haven Fellowship, Conyers	\$500.00
Cordele FBC	\$5,831.92	Lake Oconee Community Church, Greensboro	\$100.00	The New Community Church, Buena Vista	\$515.05
Cornelia FBC	\$1,120.84	Lakeview FBC Rossville	\$600.00	Thomaston FBC	\$3,623.48
Dalton FBC	\$9,225.94	Lakewood BC, Gainesville	\$7,120.79	Tifton FBC	\$19,067.04
Decatur FBC	\$4,264.00	Lavonia FBC	\$2,532.69	Trinity BC, Moultrie	\$7,752.65
Doraville FBC	\$100.00	Lyons FBC	\$4,343.00	Tucker FBC	\$1,268.22
Druid Hills BC, Atlanta	\$1,144.18	Macon FBC	\$27,536.34	Union Point FBC	\$231.11
Dunwoody BC, Atlanta	\$2,000.00	Madison BC	\$6,073.86	Vineville Central BC, Macon (individuals)	\$9,763.31
Eatonton FBC	\$6,317.32	Manchester FBC	\$1,313.52	Washington FBC	\$3,395.00
Fellowship BC, Americus	\$1,800.00	Marietta FBC	\$1,000.00	West Point FBC	\$1,958.11
Fellowship BC, Edison	\$2,175.00	Marshallville FBC	\$570.50	Wieuca Road BC, Atlanta	\$5,300.64
Fellowship BC, Fitzgerald	\$1,379.02	Memorial BC, Savannah	\$1,039.61		

\$337,082.41 was given to CBF of Georgia in fiscal year 2000-01

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2001

October 26-27

Fall Retreat — Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia
Norman Park Conference Center

Retreat leader is Molly Marshall. Come worship, learn, play and rest as we celebrate the gift of God's Holy Spirit. Contact Laura Willis at lwgbh@aol.com or 404-248-0190.

November 11-12

CBF of Georgia Fall Convocation
Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon
John Claypool, Speaker

2002

March 1-2

CBF of Georgia General Assembly
Johns Creek Baptist Church, Alpharetta

Georgia's annual assembly with inspiring speakers and informational breakout sessions. William Willimon is the keynote speaker.

June 27-29

CBF General Assembly, Fort Worth TX

November 10-11

CBF of Georgia Fall Convocation
Marietta First Baptist Church
Tony Campolo, Speaker

Contributions to CBF GA —continued from inside

- 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.

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 2000-2001, 89 churches and 93 individual givers contributed \$337,082.41 to CBF of Georgia.

Top 10 Contributing Churches

1. Macon FBC	\$27,536.34	7. Augusta FBC	\$12,432.31
2. Griffin FBC	\$23,250.00	8. Rome FBC	\$10,590.98
3. Columbus FBC	\$19,942.73	9. Vineville Central BC Macon	
4. Tifton FBC	\$19,067.04	(Individuals)	\$9,763.31
5. Athens FBC	\$17,150.00	10. Dalton FBC	\$9,225.94
6. Lafayette FBC	\$12,489.50		