

CBF 2000 General Assembly

June 29-July 1

Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Florida



This year's meeting will be designed around the following themes:

- “COME TO ME...”
Jesus' Great Invitation
- “ABIDE IN ME...”
Jesus' Great Relationship
- “GO WITH ME...”
Jesus' Great “Co-Mission”

Each day, children and youth may participate in age-specific programs.

Bring your children with you...

PASSPORT Youth Convention

PASSPORT's annual Youth Convention will be held jointly at the Peabody Hotel and Disney World. Convention events include worship, parties and break-out sessions. The Disney day offers a morning study about religious freedom in the Magic Kingdom, an afternoon in your choice of theme parks, a scavenger hunt through

Children's Assembly

Plans are under way for a high quality program for children called “The Children's Assembly.” While you attend the General Assembly, children born between the years of 1989 and 1994 will learn how to “Live the Adventure!” in a safari for children. On this safari they will discover many things about God's love for them and the world around them. Our mission is to encourage them to take an active role in sharing God's love with their communities.

The Children's Assembly is set in the Orange County Convention Center.

Children will enjoy Bible stories, games, learning, fun, snacks, crafts, mission activities, small group times, and singing while parents take part in General Assembly.

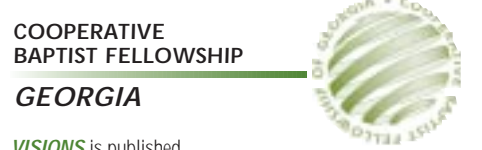
Please register by June 1, 2000. Those registered in advance will receive confirmation and a more detailed packet of information including The Children's Assembly schedule and registration/drop off procedures.

Adventureland, and an evening worship experience ending with “Fantasy in the Sky” fireworks. The cost per person is just \$135.00, and includes a day in Disney World, PASSPORT t-shirt, dinner Friday night, and all conference fees. Hotel cost is not included. **Call PASSPORT at 1-800-769-0201 or visit www.passportcamps.org**

Children born 1995 and after have exciting options as well. There is a program for preschoolers with sessions scheduled at the same time as The Children's Assembly. Nursery care is also available for our youngest General Assembly attendees.

- Professional Preschool Care: Children born 1997-2000
- Preschool Assembly: Children born 1995-1996
- The Children's Assembly: Children born 1989-1994

All three options cost \$50 per child. To register your child for one of these programs, **contact: Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Attn: Susan Stewart, POB 450329, Atlanta GA 31145-0329.**



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from our churches...

WORLD Athenians reach out

International students arrive at the University of Georgia with only a couple of suitcases. Their first few days are often traumatic as they learn how to navigate our housing, transportation, and utilities systems. **WORLD Athenians**, a mission ministry of the **First Baptist Church of Athens and Milledge Avenue Baptist Church**, attempts to make this transition easier by offering temporary housing, participating in their orientation to Athens, and providing for their immediate physical needs.

You can help by participating in their linen drive for new international students. Needed are new or slightly used bath towels, hand towels, kitchen towels, twin or full sheets, and twin or full blankets. If your church wishes to participate, please package your items and deliver or mail

them to **WORLD Athenians**, c/o Milledge Avenue Baptist Church, 1690 S Milledge Avenue, Athens GA 30605. Questions? Call Sue Chapman at 706-354-3157.

In memory

W.C. Ruchti, Associate Pastor, First Baptist Church, Rome

David McGowan, Minister of Visitation, First Baptist Church, Morrow, former Superintendent of the Georgia Baptist Children's Home in Palmetto

Selma Graves Broome, mother of E. Frank Broome

Gifts totaling \$1,630 have been received in memory of **Julia Bowden**, Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta GA.

Gifts totaling \$285 have been received in memory of **David McGowan**.

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What are your kids doing this summer? ...a sampler of choices for children & youth

New Horizons Camp

A CBF of Georgia Summer Camp for Children

Where can you swim, be in a play, learn a game from another country, sing fun songs, learn new things from the Bible, and have a blast? New Horizons Children's Camp is the place! New Horizons is a camping experience for children who have completed grades 3-5, and its basis is mission education.

The children sing, pray and worship at Morning Celebration and Evening Worship. In Bible study the children learn skills, stories and truths through teaching and games. The boys and girls participate in a mission project and learn about missions in our state, in the United States, and with people groups around the world. They then apply what they are learning in arts, crafts and drama. Everyone has fun in recreation and free time for games and swimming. Each night of camp is an extra special time when kids play wild water games, show off their real and wacky talents, and limbo at a luau!

Do not miss out on this great opportunity for your children to learn and play together. Camp is held at the New Ebenezer Retreat Center in Rincon GA, just outside of Savannah. New Horizons Camp is Tuesday-Friday, July 24-28. (The deadline was March 1.) An additional week of camp may be held August 1-4.

The cost of camp is \$125 per child and includes, meals, lodging, arts and crafts supplies, and a camp T-shirt.

For more information or to sign up for camp, please contact the New Horizons Camp director, Connie Campbell at First Baptist Church, 5073 LaVista Road, Tucker GA 30084. Her e-mail address is ccampbell@fbctucker.org and her phone number is 770-938-1688 ext. 19.

PASSPORT Opportunities for Youth

Youth Camping with a Mission

Each location has a unique character that makes every week feel totally different. Experiencing God in different arenas is a lesson itself in how much we have to learn about the Creator.

Mission Exchange

Mission Exchange, formerly Youth Mission Exchange, has changed its name because college groups and student summer missionaries are now assisted.

Youth Convention

PASSPORT Youth Convention is always held in conjunction with the CBF General Assembly, which takes us to Orlando this year. See page 5 for more information.

PASSPORT to Disney

After your church family gets past how fun this sounds, remind them that we must find new avenues to expose young people to being salt and light to the world in a new century.

Call PASSPORT at 1-800-769-0201 or visit www.passportcamps.org to make your plans.

The 2000 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly

See page 5 for all the exciting options available for every age in Orlando, June 29 through July 1.

Vacation Bible School

Available through Smyth and Helwys:

- *Under Construction*
The VBS that builds houses!
- *Celebrate Freedom*
The first VBS designed to help children, youth and adults learn Baptist distinctives.
- *On the Farm: Growing with God*
The VBS that makes worker and participant enlistment a snap.

To order call 1-800-747-3016 or visit their web site at market@helwys.com.

QUEST 2000

Out-of-this-world youth programming

The concept of QUEST addresses the continual need to reach out and empower youth for the Kingdom's work. The program is designed to raise interest and awareness of talents and abilities that can be used in a powerful way to share the Gospel with others and make a difference in the lives of youth. QUEST is held at the Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Call 1-800-558-8898 for more information, or visit www.greenlake-aba.org.

coming up!
2000
June 29-July 1
CBF General Assembly, Orlando FL
See inside article.
July 25-28
New Horizons Camp, Rincon GA
See cover page.
November 12-13
CBF of Georgia Fall Convocation
First Baptist Church, Savannah GA
2001
March 2-3
CBF of Georgia General Assembly
First Baptist Church, Augusta GA

2000 Visions Deadlines...
May 1 • July 3
September 4 • November 6

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.

Frankly speaking



"Living Missions" is the theme of the National CBF General Assembly in Orlando, June 29-July 1. The 2000 Assembly is a celebration of global missions with Gary and Barbara Baldrige, newly named coordinators of global missions, and a large contingent of career missionaries on furlough.

The 2000 Assembly is uniquely family friendly. Orlando offers the opportunity to plan a family vacation in combination with the annual meeting.

Here is a sampling of what awaits you and your family in Orlando:

- Professional preschool care, Preschool Assembly, Children's Assembly
- PASSPORT Youth Convention

- The first ever CBF golf tournament
- Two church leaders institutes
- Three thematic worship sessions
- Ten simultaneous worship experiences
- Fifty fresh, practical workshops
- A resource fair extraordinaire
- A CBF picnic and two receptions

There is no registration fee for the General Assembly. However, pre-registration is critical for those planning activities associated with the meeting. Disney ticket packages are available to those registering prior to May 29.

An eight-page information guide is available by calling CBF Resources at 1-888-801-4223 or by visiting the CBF web site at www.cbf.org. The PASSPORT web site is www.passportcamps.org. Contact Connections at 800-262-9974 for hotel reservations.

—E. Frank Broome
Coordinator, CBF of Georgia

Some days, I may not be able to step out on that bridge, but you will be there encouraging me. Other days... I will be there for you.

from the Moderator



I am encouraged and excited about the possibilities for Georgia CBF. We have come a long way with wonderful people paving the way for our future. However, we have miles to go.

I believe in what we are doing. I believe in our mission to provide God's love to our state and beyond. I believe in our vision to involve the younger generation in the work of Christ. I believe in missions and providing a way for our people to participate in the call of God. I believe in our commitment to be free and autonomous Baptists who celebrate our diversity. And I believe in our pledge to tell our state about a new way to be Baptist. However, those beliefs do not mean much unless we make the commitment to put feet to our plans.

Barbara Brown Taylor says, "Belief is like a rope bridge over a scenic gorge, sturdy, but swinging back and forth with plenty of light and air, but precious little to hang on to except the stories you have heard: that it is the best and only way across, that it is possible, that it will bear your weight."

"All you have to do is believe in the bridge more than you believe in the gorge, but fortunately you do not have to believe in it all by yourself. There are others to believe it with you, and even some to believe

it for you when your own belief wears thin."

Many times this year we are going to feel as if we are on that bridge—unsure if we should step out or hold back. We will need each other to continue to believe in the bridge. Some days, I may not be able to step out on that bridge, but you will be there encouraging me. Other days, you will not want to make those steps and I will be there for you.

Today, at the edge of that bridge, I challenge us to take some bold steps, believe in ourselves, focus on goals, and celebrate accomplished tasks. I challenge you to believe in that bridge—the one called CBF of Georgia. Believe that we can cross that bridge together and make a difference for someone in need.

I promise to help you do that this year. I hope you make a commitment to cross over the bridge and help make this year a success.

—Becky Matheny
Moderator, CBF of Georgia

CBF of Georgia Associate Coordinator Named

Ann White Morton to develop twelve area networks in Georgia



Ann White Morton, most recently Theology Librarian and Adjunct Professor at the James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, Atlanta, has been selected by the Executive Committee/Personnel Committee of the CBF of Georgia as the first Associate Coordinator for the CBF of Georgia. She will work to develop the twelve area networks in Georgia.

Her story is one of patience and faithfulness. At age sixteen, Ann White Morton knew she felt at home in church work, but being noted as the "youth speaker" and not "youth pastor" for annual church youth weeks, she got the message. Her talents were not in the safe havens of missions and music, but in the areas of pastoral care, chaplaincy and student work. She bode her time and built her resume. She would wait for the 1980s to find her place on a church staff, and the 1990s to be ordained as a minister.

Ann was Atlanta born and lived in the Grant Park area for nine years. Her

family moved to Norcross when it was a small Southern town, and she joined the First Baptist Church. Her educational pursuit took her to Tift College in Forsyth, where she worked in the library for four years. This strong background in Baptist education and library science would direct her path for years to come.

She married Jack Morton in 1962, the same year she became a Graduate Assistant at the Candler Library at Emory

University, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Decatur. After graduation from Emory with a Master of Science in Library Science, she enjoyed archival work with the Robert Frost collection in the McCain Library at Agnes Scott College in Decatur.

The birth of son Walter Edward Morton in 1966 was followed by the arrival of another son, Brian Herschel Morton in 1969, and a daughter, Mary Allison Morton in 1974. During these years, Ann held Executive Secretary positions with the Georgia Library Association, Southeastern Library Association, and Friends of the Atlanta Public Library.

In 1985, Ann became librarian in the Division of Library and Information Management at Emory University. Joining the church staff at Briarlake Baptist in Decatur part-time in 1989, she

became Director of Senior Adult Ministry. The 1980s reaffirmed her sense of calling to denominational work. She felt "at home" at church and in the Emory theological environment. "The compelling voice within that would not consent to silence," were the words that kept calling her to begin her theological education.

Ann graduated from Emory University in Atlanta with a Master of Divinity in 1992, the same year her elder son earned a law degree from the University of Georgia, her younger son received his business degree from Auburn, and

her daughter graduated from Tucker High School. She enjoyed these years of sharing the discipline of scholarship with her children.

After earning her Master of Divinity, Ann became Minister of Family Care at Briarlake Baptist Church.

From 1995 to 1999 she was Theology Librarian/Adjunct Professor at the James

and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, Atlanta.

Seeing how God has brought her to this new position of Associate Coordinator, Ann says the best of times are now. She says she is ready to "make up for lost time, doing double time in the fast lane." She has found her home in Baptist life with the CBF of Georgia.

Ann will work from her home office. She may be contacted at 678-513-1223, fax 678-513-1224.

"Ann has a passion for the church. She is a tireless worker. Because of her energy and commitment, the future of CBF of Georgia is bright."

—Alan Culpepper—

taking care of business

By-laws amendment proposed

We recommend amending the CBF of Georgia By-laws, Article IX, which now reads:

This Constitution may be amended at any State General Assembly of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing to the Coordinating Council thirty (30) days prior to the Council meeting next preceding the General Assembly, and made available to those attending the General Assembly at least one business meeting prior to voting on the amendment.

to read as follows:

These By-laws may be amended at the spring General Assembly or Fall Convocation of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing to the Coordinating Council and published in the CBF newsletter thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Financial picture

Monthly budget requirements	\$20,580.16
2000 budget receipts	
January	\$18,113.48
February	\$48,875.42

professional opportunities

Community Baptist Church in Milledgeville GA is looking to expand its min-

istry team with the addition of a **part-time Minister of Youth**. Some formal religious training and experience with children and youth preferred. The position is year-round with summer emphasis. Community Baptist is a three year old CBF church with progressive leadership. Send resume to CBC Personnel Committee, P.O. Box 1702, Milledgeville GA 31061.

Milledge Avenue Baptist Church in Athens GA is seeking a **part-time Director of Music** who must be able to give leadership and vision to the church music program. This candidate must work well in a team atmosphere and with volunteers. Master of Church Music or similar degree is preferred. This church is affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and with the Georgia Baptist Convention. Send resumes to Milledge Avenue Baptist Church, 1690 South Milledge Avenue, Athens GA 30605. Phone 706-354-0090, fax 706-354-0344, or e-mail jmchlure@milledge.org or erhoben@milledge.org.

Chamblee-Doraville Ministry Center (CDMC) in Doraville GA is seeking an **Executive Director** to oversee its administration and ministerial programs. We are looking for a servant leader called to urban missions. Our center is located in the midst of the most ethnically diverse community in the state of Georgia, so it is imperative that he or she be able to get along with all types of people—ethnically, denominationally, and socio-economically. Skills sought are good communication and management skills. Able to represent CDMC to supporting churches, foundations, individuals and institutions. The executive Director is also responsible to set the direction of the ministries, and provide

encouragement and training to staff and volunteers. Multi-lingual capability is a plus. If interested contact Tim Hobbs, 2605 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Chamblee GA 30341, phone 770-623-5656 or 770-457-8551, e-mail timhobbs@mindspring.com.

Highland Park Baptist Church in Austin TX is seeking an **Associate Minister for Children and Family Life**. Serve as an Associate Minister, giving special emphasis to children (birth through fifth grade) and their families. Bachelor's degree and some formal religious training preferred. Please send resume to Craig Russell and Gregg Wilson, co-chairs of the Associate Minister Search Committee, prior to April 30, 2000, to Highland Park Baptist Church, 5206 Balcones Drive, Austin TX 78731.

First Baptist Church of Cornelia GA, seeks **Summer Youth Intern** to work with the Minister of Youth & Activities for the development and implementation of the summer Youth Ministry. The Summer Youth Intern works with the church staff ministers and church committees in carrying out the summer Youth Ministry and on occasion assists with other ministries of the church as determined by the church staff. This is an excellent opportunity for a college student to gain experience working in a local church. Salary: \$200 weekly plus housing and some covered expenses. Cornelia is located in the Northeast corner of Georgia, an hour north of Atlanta. Duration: end of May to mid-August. Contact Phil Smith, FBC, POB 96, Cornelia GA 30531, 706-778-4412 or 706-776-8386, smith_pw@mercer.peachnet.edu or firstb@hemc.net.

opportunities, people, reports