

# CBF GA coming up in 2001!

## January 18-20

Young Leaders Network Annual Retreat  
Shocco Springs Retreat Center, Talladega AL

Cost of \$125.00 based on double occupancy, includes meals, snacks, child care, and transportation to and from airport. For single occupancy, add \$25.00. Julie Pennington-Russell is worship leader and David Burroughs leads music. Registration and deposit of \$50.00 required by December 31. Access online registration form and scholarship information at [www.cbfonline.org](http://www.cbfonline.org) or call Michele Deriso 770-220-1600.

## January 26-27

Worship Resources Network Retreat  
McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta GA

Featuring Donald E. Saliers, Candler School of Theology, Emory University.  
Contact Karn Massey at 678-547-6460 or [massey\\_k@mercer.edu](mailto:massey_k@mercer.edu).

## February 12-14

The William H. Self Preaching Lectures  
McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta GA

Featuring William Willimon, Dean of the Chapel, Duke University, Durham NC.  
Call 888-471-9922.

## February 20-21

The Harry Vaughan Smith Lectures  
Newton Hall, Mercer University, Macon GA

February 20 at 10:50 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., February 21 at 10:00 A.M.  
Luke Timothy Johnson, the Robert W. Woodruff Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta GA, presents "Lessons from the Past: A Patristic Interpretation of the New Testament."

## March 2-3

CBF of Georgia General Assembly  
First Baptist Church, Augusta GA

Speakers Bob Setzer, pastor, FBC Macon GA and William Jones, pastor, Bethany Baptist Church, New York NY.

## March 19-21

The Center for Christian Education  
The True Survivors: A Gathering for Christian Educators  
Johns Creek Baptist Church, Alpharetta GA

Cost is \$50.00. Contact Bo Prosser toll free at 877-772-8291 or [bozo64@charlotte.infi.net](mailto:bozo64@charlotte.infi.net).

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Georgia youth join in a weekend of praise and mission projects.  
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## March 29-31

Adopt-A-People Training Conference  
Memphis TN

Contact Tom Ogburn 800-782-2451 or [togburn@cbfnet.org](mailto:togburn@cbfnet.org).

## April 20

To the Women on My Journey  
Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia Spring Meeting  
First Baptist Church, Rome

10:00 a.m. registration, 10:30 a.m. worship, 12:15 p.m. lunch, business, awards.  
Priscilla Jones Tunnell is the featured speaker. Cost \$15.00; your check is your reservation, send to Laura Willis, 2023 Deren Way, Atlanta GA 30345.

## June 28-30

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World Congress Center, Atlanta GA

For hotel reservations, call Connections at 800-262-9974.

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## 2000-2001 Offering for Global Missions

**Give...** Place a financial gift through your church, or send your personal check directly to Global Missions at CBF, 3001 Mercer University Drive, Atlanta GA 30341-4115.

**Educate...** To order Global Missions education curriculum and offering resources, call 888-801-4223, or log on at [www.cbfonline.org](http://www.cbfonline.org).

**Volunteer...** For information on how to volunteer for short-term or career missions, write CBF, POB 450329, Atlanta GA 31145-0329, or call 770-220-1600, or visit [www.cbfonline.org](http://www.cbfonline.org).

### 2001 Visions Deadlines...January 2 • March 5 • April 30

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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# VISIONS

Nov/Dec '00

The staff and council of CBF Georgia wish you a wonderful holiday season!

## GET Personal with CBF Global Missions

THE 2000-2001 CBF OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS challenges you to go beyond the traditional boundaries of missions and look at YOUR world without borders...it encourages you to "get personal" in doing missions. Whether your calling is in the area of prayer or financial support, volunteering, short-term missions, or career missions service, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship can help you find your place.

CBF missions focuses on Unreached People Groups, which represent one-fourth of the world's population with no knowledge of Jesus Christ. Unreached People Groups are defined more by their ethnic background than where they live. This year, 120 missionaries and several thousand volunteers continue to reach out to these people groups.

You can GET PERSONAL in reaching Unreached People Groups:

- Pray for missions and missionaries around the world. Pray for mission volunteers and consider if God is calling you to serve as a short-term volunteer or career missionary. (See back page for contact information on becoming a volunteer short-term or career missionary.)
- Think about mission opportunities in your local community. Pray for God to lead you to Unreached People Groups in your own surroundings.
- Pray for God's leading in guiding your church to pray for and give to CBF global missions.
- Consider your own contribution to the CBF Offering for Global Missions. The financial goal for 2000-2001 is \$5.5 million. (See back page to find out how to give financially to CBF Offering for Global Missions.)



See page 2 to learn more about mission work in Russia.

### GET PERSONAL with Active Field Personnel from Georgia

The following CBF active field personnel were either born, employed, or educated in Georgia. Out of 120 CBF field personnel, 22 are from Georgia or have ties to Georgia.

Anonymity requested for protection of missionary.

**Sam and Latha Bandela**  
International Coordinators for Northern India

**Rick Burnette**  
serves with wife Ellen  
Rock People, Thailand

**Tom Cleary**  
serves with wife Joyce  
Christian Education, Poland

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**John and Amy Derrick**  
Internationals, Vancouver, BC

Anonymity requested for protection of missionary.

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**Charlotte Mullins**  
GSC, Internationals, Atlanta

Anonymity requested for protection of missionary.

**Steven Porter**  
GSC, Urban Work, Miami

Anonymity requested for protection of missionary.

**Rachel Stephens**  
Slovakia

**Paul and Margie Thibodeaux**  
Urban Work, Atlanta

**Larry and Laquita Wynn**  
Urban Work, Miami

**Anonymous**  
Two other CBF field personnel cannot be publicly identified but have ties to Georgia.

# GET PERSONAL

## from Russia with Love

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we met Lee and Hilary Canipe in 1999 at the Georgia gathering of the CBF General

Assembly in Birmingham. Lee was ministerial intern at First Baptist Church of Savannah, and Hilary was completing medical school. They had been approved for CBF Global Service Corps and were preparing for an assignment in Kostroma, Russia. Their ministry would be in community outreach and human needs.

Lee and Hilary published an email newsletter, with photos attached, every two weeks. In addition, a quarterly newsletter was published by one of their partners, the Open Door/Seekers Class of FBC Savannah. Through these communications, their partners were kept abreast of their ministry. Three of their partner churches were in Georgia: Central Baptist in Newnan, FBC Savannah, and Kiokee Baptist in Appling.

### In January 2000, Hilary wrote:

I kept thinking, "I know God has me here for a reason, and I know God provided all this medicine we brought through customs, so what is the deal?" I have come to see that God is using me, but in a different way than I had planned. Please pray for me as I try to reorient myself to the way God is moving in the medical part of our work here.

### Lee wrote on February 22, 2000:

I preached another sermon in Russian last Sunday and folks said they understood me. The people in the market say our Russian is improving, so that is encouraging. Considering where we were language wise when we arrived in

Moscow five months ago, this really is a miracle.

### In the May 2000 newsletter, Lee wrote:

The Saturday evening young people's meeting at church at last seems to be a viable worship service. We regularly have 12 to 15 and sometimes 20 people, many of which are not members of our church. We are seeing people from our English lessons at the Saturday evening meeting. When we began this service in October, I was like the father in Mark 9, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" It has been amazing and humbling to see how God has built up this group in spite of my limitations.

### Hilary added a medical update to the May 2000 newsletter:

God has continued to confirm this is the way He wants me to work here. Children's Hope Chest, a Christian group which ministers to the needs of Russian orphans, asked if I would compile a list of medications, with appropriated indications and dosages, to be translated into Russian for medical personnel at the orphanages. When medications from the U.S. are donated to the orphanages, the directions on the label are in English, making it difficult for the Russian physicians to take full advantage of them. This list is complete now, and should be fully translated soon. I am really grateful for these folks who are ministering to these precious children, and happy that God gave me a chance to be involved in their work.

### By June, 2000, they could list specific accomplishments:

*The building project.* The group from

Watts

Street Baptist Church in North Carolina was at first disappointed that their task was simply to build an eight foot high fence around the building site, but without this fence, the church would not be able to receive a building permit. They soon realized that building a fence in Kostroma presents a whole different set of challenges. All the sawing and cutting was done the old-fashioned way, powered only by elbow grease. Less than two hours after the final nail was driven into the fence, the church received its long-awaited building permit from the city.

*The children's Bible camp.* Wow! What a week! I have never seen a bunch of camp kids with more positive energy and enthusiasm, from day one to day seven. On the last day the children presented a program for the church. To have this many Russian children singing about Jesus, complete with hand motions, was simply overwhelming for many of the older folks. At any given point, the number of smiles equaled the number of tears. What a day!

*The young adult leadership.* Not only was camp wonderful for the kids, it was great for the young adults who made it happen. The entire camp was conceived, planned, and staffed by the Saturday evening young people's meeting group. The church had never done anything like camp before, and they started from scratch. The group met to plan and pray in the weeks leading up to camp, and in the process became a

close team. They gained confidence in themselves and in God. When camp was over, they said they were ready for another challenge. It's so amazing to see God working in the lives of these young men and women, giving them the desire to reach out, as well as the confidence to do it. These are the kinds of seeds that will bear good fruit for years to come.

### July 10 included more exciting plans:

In other news, we are leaving tonight for Siberia! We are going to work with a camp for Romany (Gypsy) children put on by the local church in Irkutsk. Frank and Cindy Dawson, CBF missionaries, have been instrumental in getting the camp started. (The Dawsons spoke at the CBF of Georgia General Assembly at Decatur FBC in March of 2000 —Ed.) What we are especially excited about is that Julia, a young lady from our church, is going with us. Julia has a real heart to share the love of Christ, and at camp she will learn skills for sharing the Gospel with a group that is often difficult to reach. Kostroma has a sizable population of Romany people, so this may be the start of something big!

### In August 24, 2000, Lee and Hilary shared another celebration:

Early August, our church gathered on the bank of the Kostroma River to celebrate the baptism of five new believers. Each baptismal candidate waded out, professed faith in Jesus

Christ, and was baptized beneath the cold waters. As each came out of the water, a small choir on the shore sang a chorus of hallelujahs. Some reminisced about their baptisms during the Soviet regime, when baptism was done under the cover of night, and everyone hid in the bushes and ran out one by one to be baptized. It is wonderful now that this open expression of faith can be made without fear.

### In their final newsletter, Lee reflected on their year in Kostroma:

Hilary and I are leaving Russia in four days...I have learned much about faithful living from my Russian brothers and sisters. Russia is in the middle of an economic depression that is twice as bad as our 1930s depression. This hard reality makes the hospitality of our friends at church so incredible. I have experienced a gracious generosity that flows not from wealth but from an abundant faith in God.

Such faith in God's goodness can only come from one source—prayer. By looking at their lives, I have learned what it means to "pray without ceasing." I have learned that if in God I "live and move and have (my) very being" (Acts 17:28), then prayer is the only way. Prayer reminds me that I live not in a world of my own making, but of God's. Without a constant link to God, a life-line, it's too easy to forget that.

I thank God for what He has done,

is doing, and will continue to do through the Evangelical Baptist Church of Kostroma. Their life together is a collective witness to the grace of Jesus Christ alive and at work in the world. I have been blessed to be a part of that life.

*Now at the end of their GSC term, Lee and Hilary are moving to Waco, Texas. Lee is entering the Ph.D. program in church-state studies at Baylor, and Hilary is beginning her family practice in medicine in the Waco area.*

## GET PERSONAL with Global Service Corps

Global Service Corps includes missions appointments that are most commonly served for two years. Global Service Corps missionaries raise their own support through a process called partnership development. In this approach to missionary support, missionaries enlist partners to support their ministry through prayer, personal involvement, and giving.

Through partnership development, individuals and churches are offered the opportunity to build a personal relationship with missionaries, in a limited term basis, with up-to-date information from the missionaries on developments and needs in the ministry, and specific ways to pray.

# GET PERSONAL

## with New Horizons Camp for Children

**I**n the fall of the year, children's minds are on school..costumes..turkeys..presents..not on what they are going to do next summer. Parents and children's leaders are trying to accomplish the next event while performing every day tasks. Catch your breath...take a break from the busy-ness...and remember that summer will come again.

Summer is a chance for your kids to get away for a while. New Horizons Camp is for boys and girls who have completed third through fifth grade. Sponsored by CBF of Georgia, it is held at New Ebenezer Retreat Center in Rincon, Georgia, just outside of Savannah. At New Horizons Camp children learn about mission efforts taking place globally, in the United States, and in Georgia by participating each day in mission classes.

Classes include learning games, food tastings, and cultural experiences of other countries. A model of a homeless ministry center has been used to plan worship for the homeless. Missions in the camper's hometowns and churches is featured. At New Horizons Camp, the children contribute to a mission project during their week of camp.

Each day the children participate in Bible study, crafts, drama and recreation. The day begins in Morning Celebration with singing, and each night includes Evening Worship with children helping lead the service. Each night concludes with fun and celebration, with Wacky Water Games, Show Off Crazy Talent Night, and a 50's Sock Hop. At New Horizons Camp children learn



in fun and crazy ways, and in serious and moving ways, that God has called them to love and serve others.

New Horizons is held Tuesday through Friday, and is set for two weeks in 2001. Your church may choose July 17-20 or July 24-27. The cost is \$125 per camper and counselor. Each church must provide one female counselor for every five female campers, and one male counselor for every five male campers. Cost includes all meals, lodging, materials, and a camp T-shirt.

Reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A \$25 deposit must accompany each reservation, and is refundable until June 1. Reservations may be made now through March 31. No reservations will be taken after March 31, and no reservations will be taken without an attached deposit. If you need a reservation form or more information, please contact the camp director, Connie Campbell, at 770-938-1688 ext. 19, or [ccampbell@fbctucker.org](mailto:ccampbell@fbctucker.org).

—Connie Campbell, New Horizons Camp Director

# GET PERSONAL

## with Unreached People Groups

**I** thought I would live in my hometown the rest of my life. God had other plans, and I am so thankful He knows what He is doing!

God's plan for me was to trust Him and move to the opposite side of the world to do His work. So on September 18, 1999, I said goodbye to Milledgeville and the only life I had ever known, and followed God's will for my life. I joined the short term Global Service Corps program of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and it

has proven to be one of the best decisions I ever made!

I am in Southeast Asia teaching English. I work among Buddhist and Muslim people and I pray daily that the light of Jesus will shine on this place. I live on a street with about 15 families; I am very blessed because they have become my family. I know God brought me to this street and to these people and I am SO thankful! They are the kindest, most loving people I have ever known.

Also on my street are 15 of the most precious children

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# GET PERSONAL

## with the Shadow People

**A**fter spending six months in the U.S. for our first home assignment, we returned to the field last March believing we would ease back into things. We were wrong! Not only were projects and issues springing up, we found the international team of workers significantly reduced. Despite the demands and changes, we felt energized as we reconnected with friends and co-workers.

One day in April, two Christian leaders stopped in for a visit and told us that among the national churches and organizations ministering among our unreached people group, the Shadow People, there is a growing desire to work together. We sat amazed listening to stories of leaders who have so long mistrusted each other, begin now to put the past behind and address the two greatest barriers to the Shadow People hearing the gospel: the domination of the people by belief in territorial spirits, and the constriction of the traditional village system that reacts violently to those within the community who follow Christ.

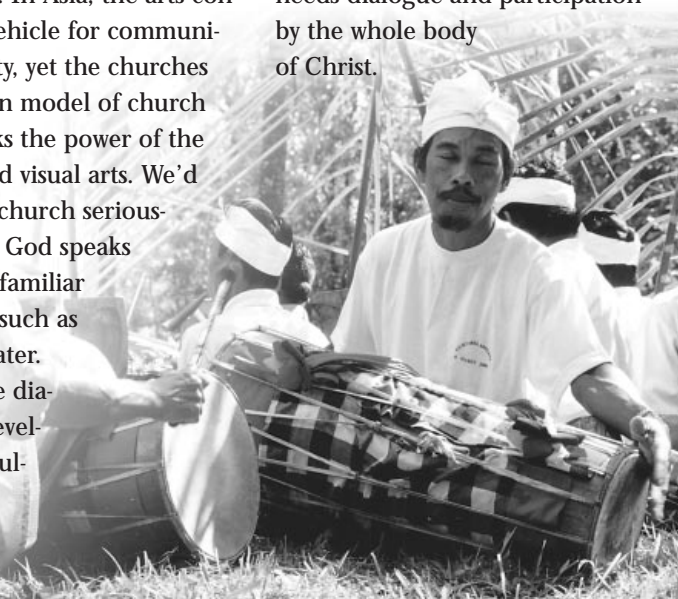
Another positive is the impact a Christian family is having after returning to the village that rejected

them 20 years earlier. We have supported their efforts in community development with the people of four close villages. A small project, assisted by some of our adopting U.S. groups, was the building of a foot bridge that replaces a treacherous bamboo bridge connecting two of the villages. The adopting groups helped purchase materials, and the villagers built the bridge. It's a great image of the body of Christ stretching its arms around the world.

We've also devoted time exploring how the arts (music, dance, painting, theater, etc.) can enrich ministry and promote cross-cultural understanding. In Asia, the arts continue to be a vehicle for communication in society, yet the churches follow a western model of church which overlooks the power of the performing and visual arts. We'd like to see the church seriously explore how God speaks through more familiar cultural forms such as dance and theater. As a part of the dialogue, we're developing a cross-cultural program that puts local artists face to

face with non-Asian artists—for example, an Asian drummer collaborating with a flutist from Georgia. We're currently looking for volunteers with an art background who could spend a couple of weeks to a few months learning and creating in their respective art form with an Asian artist.

We appreciate CBF of Georgia's support of our work and interest in the creative aspect that is a mark of the Creator in all of us. We'd like to be a channel for Georgia Christians to impact the Shadow People for Christ. Building bridges of communication to the Shadow People needs dialogue and participation by the whole body of Christ.



### Unreached People Groups (continued from page 4)

in the world. They are such a blessing to me. I pray as they grow they will want to know about my Christ. I want them to know how much Jesus loves them.

On a daily basis I teach English to various ages in several places. Everyone here wants to learn to speak English. It is the "ticket" out of where they are. I could teach English 24 hours a day, seven days a week and still not teach everyone who has asked me. I pray for God's guidance in who He wants me to teach.

Teaching English is an excellent way to develop relationships with people, and in time, share with them about God's love for them. I am currently teaching at a local university, a high school, on my street, and am tutoring a scholarship student, and the local police.

The people here have a VERY negative view of Christians, so I have to show them that Christians are not as they perceive them. There is so much work to be done, and I am but a small portion of it. Please come over and help me teach them!

## from the Moderator

**F**all is my favorite time of the year. The foliage comes alive and the world is ablaze with color. It is evidence that God is alive in the world. I am reminded of Moses and the burning bush. Moses did not believe God was alive and active. God got his attention through the burning bush.

What does it take to get our attention? A burning bush? Someone knocking you down? Yesterday as I was walking through my neighborhood, I came upon a bush so brightly colored, I had to stop and observe it for some time. It was magnificent. After I moved on, I began to wonder if God still speaks through blazing bushes.

Baptists believe that God is alive in the world. They demonstrate that belief through missions, education, and evangelism. Most Baptists believe these ministries are important. We send missionaries, we support education, and we do evangelism so that the world may know Jesus Christ.

Most of us give financially so these important facets of our faith can be accomplished. We need to consider if God is calling us to GET PERSONAL. Throughout my Baptist life, I have supported the Cooperative Program. With that program, every Baptist has felt a part of the mission endeavor. Now with the postmodern generation in our churches, we know they don't want to "send" their tithes; they want to be a part of the mission. They want to invest themselves. They want to GET PERSONAL.

I feel that CBF of Georgia is at the crossroads of a tremendous mission endeavor. We are laying plans to fund mission projects in Georgia and globally. We are having conversation about hiring a missions coordinator. We are sending students on summer mission experiences. I believe in all this, but we must set the example. We must GET PERSONAL with missions. We must go. We must see lives changed. We must be changed ourselves.

Many times we become so intellectualized, we forget that God comes to us in the simple and the unexplainable. We must pray for the vision to see.

Carlyle Marney once said, "Even when our rational abilities fail us, or when mystical awareness is absent, or when calamities befall us, there is still a way of obedience. There is no point in our continued praying to the Almighty to save a world He has commissioned us to save. The strength is in our hands. The knowledge is in our minds. We lack only the will to be and to do, and for these we must pray."

The burning bush...what does it mean? For me it means that He is still alive in the world and so are His people. Perhaps we need to wake up and appreciate that God can and does speak to us through simple, magnificent bushes.

—Becky Matheny  
CBF of Georgia Moderator

## Frankly speaking

**T**he Fall Convocation in Savannah was wonderful. We learned that grace can be messy. We heard that when you get knocked down and put out, you don't have to sell out. We also learned that Jews and Christians have something to teach each other.

Before your 2001 calendar gets full, you will want to include these events:

### CBF of Georgia General Assembly March 2-3

**First Baptist Church, Augusta GA**  
Speakers: Bob Setzer, pastor, FBC Macon, and William "Bill" Jones, pastor, Bethany Baptist Church, New York NY. Breakout sessions coordinator is Peter Rhea Jones. See January/February Visions for more information.

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Celebrating the 10th anniversary of CBF. For hotel reservations, call Connections at 800-262-9974. Downtown hotels are filling rapidly; call today.

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## opportunities & reports

### Opportunities

#### Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia Seeks Nominations

Each year BWIM of Georgia honors one woman from our state as the Distinguished Church Woman of the year. Qualifications for this award include significant contributions to ministry by a Baptist woman who has experienced a call to ministry and is fulfilling that call in a salaried or non-salaried position.

We welcome nominations for any Georgian. Nominations will be accepted between January 15, 2001 and March 1, 2001. Each nomination must be submitted in writing and may be accompanied by supportive letters. The letter of nomination must speak to how the nominee meets or exceeds the following five criteria:

1. She demonstrates faithful commitment to the development of her ministry.
2. She exhibits the characteristics of a mentor to women in ministry.
3. She exemplifies qualities of gifted leadership and redemptive service.
4. She maintains an active role in the ministry of the local church; and
5. She displays support for the goals and visions of the BWIM of Georgia.

The Steering Committee of the Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia will review the nominations and will select the woman to receive this honor.

The recipient of the Distinguished Church Woman of the Year Award will be honored during the Spring Meeting of BWIM of Georgia on April 20, 2001 at First Baptist Church of Rome.

Nominations must be received by March 1, 2001 and should be sent to: Harriet Tucker Watkins, 2447 King's

Arm Drive, Atlanta GA 30345-2132,  
email [hhwatkin@bellsouth.net](mailto:hhwatkin@bellsouth.net).

#### Volunteer Summer Missions Opportunities in China

**2001: A China Odyssey! A summer conversational English teaching opportunity.** God has gifted us with the language China needs to become a developed country. Deadline is April 10.

**2001: A China Odyssey for Students!** A cultural exchange opportunity for college students to dispel the myth that "only old, ignorant, poor people believe in God." Deadline for signing up is January 30, 2001.

Project dates are approximately July 5 through August 5.

Plant seeds of friendship, faith, and encouragement with CBF Volunteer Project Assistants Ann and David Wilson. Phone 517-835-1536 or email [cen29529@centurytel.net](mailto:cen29529@centurytel.net).

### Reports

#### Ordinations

The following were recently ordained to the gospel ministry:

**Priscilla Jones Tunnell** was ordained at First Baptist Church Rome on September 24, 2000.

First Baptist Church Gainesville ordained **Becky Brannon** on November 5, 2000.

**Kim Jenkins** was ordained by First Baptist Church McDonough on November 12, 2000.

#### Financial Picture

2000-2001 monthly budget requirement	\$23,539.58
September receipts	\$29,658.77
October receipts	\$23,147.26



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