



Re-Visions

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CBF/GA News

ReCharge Registration Open July 1 though August 29

ReCharge will be held on Friday-Sunday, October 3-5, at Woodland Christian Camp in Temple. The weekend will offer middle and high school students opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal. Group leader information can be found at www.rechargecbf.org or leaders may contact Martha Kate Hall at mkhall@cbfga.org.

Shower Trailer Needed

If you have access to a shower trailer, please contact the CBF/GA office (478-742-1191, ext. 1, or fbroome@cbfga.org). It is needed for a camp for low-income children during the week of July 6-12.

Volunteers Needed for CBF/National General Assembly

The 2014 CBF/National General Assembly will be held Monday, June 23, through Friday, June 27, at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta. CBF/GA will meet on Thursday, June 26, at 4:15 p.m in International Ballroom South. The discernment task force will bring their report containing recommendations that will guide CBF/GA's work for the next several years. Reports will also be given on CBF/GA events.

Below is information from Randy Shepley about volunteering at the CBF/National General Assembly. Randy is the local arrangements co-chair and pastor of First Baptist Church of Tucker.

You may have noticed from the promotional information that the theme for this year's CBF/National General Assembly is Woven Together. I love this theme and am looking forward to its underlying rhythm for our worship, workshops, prayer, and connections this summer in Atlanta.

I want you, however, to think about the idea of Woven Together in another way. In order for a CBF/National General Assembly of 2,500 registered attendees to happen, hundreds of volunteers will weave together behind the scenes. Some will help set up and take down displays and equipment. Others will serve as ushers for business and worship sessions. Registration volunteers will welcome each participant, and hospitality volunteers will help attendees check-in, find workshops, drop-off points for children, and restrooms! Other volunteers will help us share the sacrament of communion together

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in worship on Friday night. As you can see, it will take many volunteers, woven together, to make the CBF/National General Assembly happen. Since this year's General Assembly is in Atlanta, we have the sacred opportunity to serve our CBF friends and guests from around the world.

Would you invest some of your Assembly experience in serving others? The captains listed below will help you find the best time and place for you to serve. Please contact us to sign up. Thank you for "weaving together" a local arrangements team that will love and serve others.

Click [here](#) for contact information of the co-chairs and captains.

Disaster Response Update from Tommy Deal

Disaster Response Training

CBF/GA Disaster Response is partnering with Alabama CBF to offer general training on disaster response. Volunteers of America will lead the training on Saturday, August 9, in Birmingham, Alabama. Final details, church, location, times, and content are being finalized. Contact Tommy Deal, disaster response coordinator, at tdeal@cbfga.org or 706-313-5066. Further information will be sent to those on the Disaster Response lists. Pastors are asked to ensure interested persons are made aware of this information.

CBF Fly-ins (Tentative dates: Thursday-Sunday, September 11-14)

Are you a pilot and/or a plane owner? Curious how you can help in times of disaster? As one who formerly lived in Florida and worked with Bahamian Baptists to get supplies in after hurricanes, I know the challenges that exist. I have developed relationships in The Bahamas with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of The Bahamas and Bahamas Habitat. Bahamas Habitat has developed a proven life-line of supplies through the generosity of pilots and plane owners. They have two fly-ins each year to help train pilots in the skills and knowledge needed for international flight, entry and exit, and navigating the islands.

I am currently working on enlisting a group of pilots who are interested in sharing their skills and equipment to aide in disaster response on behalf of CBF disaster response. If we have a group, these pilots will plan a CBF fly-in to match our needs. If we do not have a group, interested pilots can participate in one of the previously scheduled fly-ins. The fly-ins not only provide the necessary training, but after the sessions, the group then flies from Orlando to The Bahamas in good weather taking needed items to our CBF of The Bahamas churches. This experience is good because one does not have to fly in and take supplies under "post-disaster" conditions.

Would you be interested? I would love to talk with you more about this. Email me at tdeal@cbfga.org or call me at 706-313-5066.

NOW Is the Time to Prepare

Don't wait until something happens. Plan now how your church can respond in its neighborhood and beyond to help out. I have ideas how your church can position itself to be Christ's Light during a dark time after a "storm of life." Contact me at tdeal@cbfga.org or 706-313-5066.

Be a CBF/GA Ambassador

Based upon action by the Coordinating Council which met Tuesday, May 20, 2014, CBF/GA **Advocates** will now be called **Ambassadors**. The new name of **Ambassadors** better aligns with the Discernment Task Force Report/Recommendations. You will see more information about this in a future article by Frank Broome, Executive Coordinator, CBF/GA.

If you have an interest in being a CBF/GA Ambassador in your congregation, please let us know by contacting Renée Bennett at rbennett@cbfga.org or 478-742-1191, ext. 3. We will be glad to send you information on becoming an Ambassador.

From Our Churches

Church Seeking Van

This request is from Alton Taylor, Pastor of New Life Christian Ministries, in regards to a need at his church.

In the past, New Life Christian Ministries relied heavily upon our church bus ministry for several important functions. We serve a working class community in which transportation, especially on Sundays, can be an issue. Our bus ministry helped get children and adults to Sunday School, Bible Study, and to our Sunday worship services. We transported members to special events and engagements, such as out of town services or fellowship activities. We transported children to and from Vacation Bible School. In the community in which we serve, we would frequently provide transportation for children to Sunday School or Vacation Bible school, and found that the parents would eventually come. So the bus ministry was an important part of our evangelism effort. Since our bus is no longer operational (the cost of repairs would be more than the bus is worth), we have felt a void in these areas and know that a working bus or van would greatly enhance our ministry. One of the issues with our previous bus was the size and the difficulty of having a qualified driver that was willing to handle a twenty-one passenger vehicle. Therefore, a passenger van that can transport twelve to eighteen would be more appropriate for our needs. It would be nice if we could have a van donated. Our church has limited resources. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Please give me a call if you need any additional information. My cell

number is 404-451-6962.

CBF/National

CBF/National General Assembly

A prayer retreat will be held on Monday, June 23, and Tuesday, June 24. This retreat will focus on Dawnings, CBF's congregational ministry initiative. The Atlanta Sessions, a two-day event for college students, will also be held on these days. A leadership institute will be held on Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The commissioning banquet and service for field personnel, church starters, and newly endorsed chaplains and pastoral counselors will be held Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Click [here](#) to make your reservations.

Suzii Paynter, CBF coordinator, will speak at the Thursday morning business session. Former U.N. ambassador Andrew Young will be Thursday evening's speaker. Bill McConnell, CBF moderator, and Kasey Jones, CBF moderator-elect, will be the speakers for Friday's business session. Chuck Poole, pastor of Northminster Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi, will be Friday evening's speaker.

For more information about General Assembly, click [here](#). If you would like to learn more about promoting General Assembly, click [here](#).

CBF/GA Featured in *Fellowship Magazine*

CBF/National's April/May issue of *Fellowship* contains an article about CBF/GA's work in the area of leadership development. The article focuses on CBF/GA's ministries to middle, high school, and college students.

The issue also contains an article discussing how churches are addressing ministries to the homeless. First Baptist Church of Athens is a Georgia church featured in the article.

Click [here](#) to read the online issue.

Reference and Referral

Church Seeking Minister to Students

Milledge Avenue Baptist Church in Athens is seeking a part-time (fifteen to twenty hours per week) Minister of Music. An advanced degree in choral or church music, as well as previous experience in church music, is preferred. The church is a member of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and uses the *Celebrating Grace* hymnal. A job description can be found at www.milledge.org. Please

send resumes to mabcchoir@gmail.com.

Church Seeking Associate Pastor

Haven Fellowship Church is a grace driven church that desires to live out the love of Christ in Conyers. Haven is seeking a full-time Associate Pastor to lead in the area of student ministries. The ideal candidate would be a seminary student or graduate. Please send resumes to Steve Powers at powtuck@comcast.net or call the church office at 770-860-0473.

Financial Report

Budget Receipts as of 5/31/2014

Budget Year Begins in January

Year to Date Budget Receipts:	\$216,176.46
Year to Date Budget Requirement:	\$230,032.70
Over/(Under)	(\$13,856.24)
May Budget Receipts:	\$50,444.76
May Budget Requirement:	\$46,006.54
Over/(Under)	\$4,438.22

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