

VISIONS

Giving ... Sacrificially

HENRY D. TYSON, JR., Moderator, CBF/GA, hdbgt@att.net



When a neighboring farm family lost their home to fire, my father and mother took the lead in organizing our community to rebuild that home from the ground up. As a young boy, I was at that worksite toting lumber and driving nails. When a severe ice storm blanketed northern Georgia in early March, 1960, our rural community here in Carroll County was without power for several days. My father made numerous visits to farm neighbors with his construction generator in order to recharge freezers and refrigerators, and I tagged along with him to help where I could. Similar experiences throughout those formative years of childhood, teen and young adult growth and development have played a prominent role in my learning something of good stewardship and sacrificial giving. Let it be clearly understood that this pilgrim has not arrived “by a long shot!” There is so much more discipline to be exercised in the sharing of our complete storehouse of resources—time, talents, service, finances, love, grace, mercy, hope.

I shared the personal stories of those early childhood and teen years as a reminder of the powerful influence of sacrificial giving by family, church family and neighbors. The lasting impact upon me was born out of an understanding on the part of those numerous mentors that one’s generosity and spirit of sacrificial giving is in response to what our Lord Jesus has done and continues to do in saving and redeeming us “while we were (are) yet sinners.” Just as Jesus’ incomprehensible sacrificial gift was not given begrudgingly, but with a spirit of forgiving love and bountiful grace, so have I observed among the host of family, church family and neighbors that their culture of sacrificial giving has not been given begrudgingly, but with thankful and generous hearts...filled with gratitude, love and grace.

Tithing is surely a beginning point for establishing the discipline of giving. Before Brenda-Gail and I married in June, 1968, we discussed our commitment to tithing, and we agreed that whatever “ups and downs” the future would hold, we would include that discipline in our marriage covenant. And wherever that road has taken us, we have chosen not to compromise and “short-change” the ministry and mission of the local church, nor the cooperative endeavors of partnering Baptist Christians in our state, nation and around the globe. We regularly, and at least annually, re-evaluate our family budget as part of the discipline process to determine whether we can give above and beyond those tithing commitments.

I invite you to reflect upon the development of your stewardship formation to this point in your life and to consider how that “culture of giving sacrificially” has shaped your spirit of generosity to date. Also, we invite you to advocate for an increase in either, or both, your personal giving and that of your local congregation to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia. Additionally, you will soon receive information on how one can invest both short-term and long-term in the Frank and Susan Broome Endowment Fund, to the end that the work of the Fellowship in Georgia will be sustained for generations to come.

*May we live...and give sacrificially...
with thankful hearts.*

Contributions reminder: All 2016 contributions to CBF/GA must be received in the office or be postmarked by December 31, 2016. Please direct any questions to Dawn Williams, CBF/GA Assistant to the Coordinator for Finance, at 478-742-1191, ext. 5, or at dwilliams@cbfga.org.

Wishing you all a blessed and very merry Christmas!

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2015 Financial Review

Georgia Contributing Churches 01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015

Below you will find the church giving year-end report for 2015. These figures include gifts sent directly to CBF/GA or through CBF/Global to CBF/GA. The next report, which will be available late next summer, will cover our current fiscal year, which is July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017. If you have any questions about this report, please contact our office.

CHURCH	CITY	BUDGET	STATE MISSION	OTHER	TOTAL
First Baptist Church.....	Griffin	\$31,197.66	\$1,275.02.....		\$32,472.68
First Baptist Church of Christ.....	Macon.....	\$21,465.00		\$35.00.....	\$21,500.00
Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church...	Atlanta	\$20,761.19		\$1,580.00.....	\$22,341.19
First Baptist Church.....	Dalton	\$19,938.30			\$19,938.30
First Baptist Church.....	St. Simons	\$18,644.96			\$18,644.96
First Baptist Church.....	Gainsville.....	\$18,644.96			\$18,644.96
First Baptist Church.....	Columbus	\$16,700.56		\$1,219.85.....	\$17,920.41
First Baptist Church.....	Augusta	\$16,336.00			\$16,336.00
First Baptist Church.....	Athens	\$14,140.00		\$1,700.00.....	\$15,840.00
First Baptist Church.....	Tifton.....	\$14,128.27		\$1,320.00.....	\$15,448.27
Madison Baptist Church.....	Madison.....	\$13,335.36	\$300.00		\$13,635.36
First Baptist Church.....	Forsyth	\$13,262.50		\$490.00.....	\$13,752.50
First Baptist Church.....	Eatonton	\$11,196.00			\$11,196.00
Highland Hills Baptist Church.....	Macon.....	\$9,832.64.....		\$717.25.....	\$10,549.89
First Baptist Church.....	Morrow.....	\$9,568.23.....			\$9,568.23
Dahlonega Baptist church.....	Dahlonega	\$9,501.51			\$9,501.51
First Baptist Church.....	Claxton.....	\$8,911.22			\$8,911.22
Smoke Rise Baptist Church ...	Stone Mountain	\$8,857.00.....		\$800.00.....	\$9,657.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church	Carrollton	\$8,250.61			\$8,250.61
Haddock Baptist Church	Haddock.....	\$7,980.00.....			\$7,980.00
First Baptist Church.....	Commerce.....	\$7,945.61		\$1,701.60.....	\$9,647.21
Trinity Baptist Church	Moultrie.....	\$7,391.88.....			\$7,391.88
Vineville Baptist Church	Macon.....	\$7,387.01		\$1,620.00.....	\$9,007.01
First Baptist Church.....	Milledgeville.....	\$6,851.39.....			\$6,851.39
First Baptist Church.....	Marietta	\$6,780.63.....			\$6,780.63
First Baptist Church.....	Rome	\$6,546.82.....			\$6,546.82
Central Baptist Church.....	Newnan	\$6,000.00.....			\$6,000.00
Northside Drive Baptist Church ...	Atlanta	\$6,000.00.....		\$2,475.00.....	\$8,475.00
Johns Creek Baptist Church.....	Alpharetta	\$5,960.50.....	\$7,140.00.....		\$13,100.50
First Baptist Church.....	Carrollton	\$5,000.04.....			\$5,000.04
College Hill Baptist Church	Mt. Vernon.....	\$4,977.40.....	\$650.00		\$5,627.40
Celebration Church.....	Hoschton.....	\$4,821.23.....			\$4,821.23
Wieuca Road Baptist Church	Atlanta	\$4,603.39.....			\$4,603.39
Milledge Ave Baptist Church.....	Athens	\$4,584.96.....		\$764.15.....	\$5,349.11
Heritage Fellowship.....	Canton	\$4,250.04.....			\$4,250.04
North Broad Baptist Church	Rome	\$4,151.78.....			\$4,151.78
Horizon Baptist Fellowship	Summerville.....	\$4,000.00.....		\$900.00.....	\$4,900.00
Dunwoody Baptist Church.....	Atlanta	\$3,600.00.....			\$3,600.00
Fellowship Baptist Church.....	Americus	\$3,600.00.....			\$3,600.00
Briarcliff Baptist Church.....	Atlanta	\$3,546.71			\$3,546.71
First Baptist Church.....	Roswell.....	\$3,518.10.....		\$1,280.00.....	\$4,798.10
Rehoboth Baptist Church	Cave Spring.....	\$3,508.85.....			\$3,508.85
Second Ave. Baptist Church.....	Rome	\$3,443.16.....			\$3,443.16
First Baptist Church.....	Rockmart.....	\$3,312.00.....	\$276.00		\$3,588.00
North River Baptist Church	Roswell.....	\$3,101.46.....	\$1,200.44.....		\$4,301.90
Central Baptist Church.....	Gray	\$3,000.00.....			\$3,000.00
First Baptist Church.....	Jefferson	\$3,000.00.....			\$3,000.00
The Oaks Baptist Church.....	Lyons.....	\$2,660.04.....			\$2,660.04

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CHURCH	CITY	BUDGET	STATE MISSION	OTHER	TOTAL
Royston Baptist Church.....	Royston	\$2,570.78.....		\$791.00.....	\$3,361.78
Garden Lakes Baptist Church.....	Rome	\$2,562.65.....			\$2,562.65
First Baptist Church.....	Hartwell.....	\$2,559.48.....			2559.48
Fellowship Baptist Church.....	Fitzgerald.....	\$2,530.60.....	\$300.00.....		\$2,830.60
First Baptist Church.....	Cornelia.....	\$2,400.00.....			\$2,400.00
New Heights Church	Macon.....	\$2,400.00.....			\$2,400.00
Community Baptist Church	Milledgeville.....	\$2,368.43.....	\$3,408.62.....		\$5,777.05
First Baptist Church.....	Marshallville.....	\$2,318.87.....			\$2,318.87
Ila Baptist Church	Ila	\$2,152.74.....	3146.75.....		\$5,299.49
Mount Zion Baptist Church	Macon.....	\$2,130.33.....			\$2,130.33
Christ Church	Cairo	\$2,043.00.....	\$1,075.00.....		\$3,118.00
First Baptist Church.....	Lumpkin.....	\$1,900.00.....			\$1,900.00
Scott Blvd Baptist Church.....	Decatur.....	\$1,899.96.....			\$1,899.96
First Baptist Church.....	Lavonia.....	\$1,862.52.....			\$1,862.52
First Baptist Church.....	Ft. Oglethorpe.....	\$1,840.57.....			\$1,840.57
Parkway Baptist Church	Duluth.....	\$1,780.21.....	\$3,100.00.....		\$4,880.21
Maranatha Baptist Church	Plains	\$1,674.69.....			\$1,674.69
First Baptist Church.....	Jasper	\$1,634.74.....			\$1,634.74
Pine Grove Baptist Church	Thomson.....	\$1,538.88.....			\$1,538.88
First Baptist Church.....	Fitzgerald.....	\$1,500.00.....			\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church.....	Covington.....	\$1,500.00.....			\$1,500.00
Haven Fellowship Church.....	Conyers	\$1,500.00.....			\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church.....	Montezuma.....	\$1,215.00.....			\$1,215.00
First Baptist Church.....	Tucker.....	\$1,215.00.....			\$1,215.00
Cornerstone Church	Grayson	\$1,200.00.....	\$600.00.....		\$1,800.00
First Baptist Church.....	Savannah.....	\$1,125.00.....			\$1,125.00
First Baptist Church.....	Hawkinsville.....	\$1,100.00.....	\$860.00.....		\$1,960.00
First Baptist Church.....	Valdosta.....	\$1,064.40.....			\$1,064.40
Rocky Creek Baptist church	Forsyth	\$1,050.00.....			\$1,050.00
Fellowship Baptist Church.....	Edison.....	\$1,000.00.....			\$1,000.00
First Baptist Church.....	Manchester.....	\$955.92.....			\$955.92
First Baptist Church.....	West Point.....	\$918.46.....			\$918.46
First Baptist Church.....	Bogart.....	\$812.64.....			\$812.64
Heritage Baptist Church.....	Cartersville.....	\$806.00.....			\$806.00
First Baptist Church.....	Ringgold.....	\$600.00.....			\$600.00
Park Ave Baptist Church.....	Atlanta	\$600.00.....		\$300.00.....	\$900.00
Union Baptist Church.....	West Point.....	\$500.00.....			\$500.00
Union Baptist Church.....	Warthen.....	\$499.92.....			\$499.92
Un Nuevo Amanecer FBC	Morrow.....	\$450.00.....	\$25.00.....		\$475.00
First Baptist Church.....	Americus.....	\$360.00.....			\$360.00
Valley Brook Baptist Church	Decatur.....	\$350.00.....			\$350.00
New Life Christian Ministries.....	Marietta.....	\$300.00.....			\$300.00
North Columbia Church.....	Appling.....	\$300.00.....	\$100.00.....		\$400.00
Harlem Baptist Church	Harlem	\$250.00.....			\$250.00
First Baptist Church.....	Riverdale.....	\$156.00.....			\$156.00
Amazing Grace Baptist Church.....	Tucker.....	\$100.00.....			\$100.00
Total.....		\$487,791.76.....	\$23,456.83.....	\$17,693.85.....	\$528,942.44

BUDGET – includes missions, congregational life, administration, personnel, communications, and fellowship.

STATE MISSIONS – includes projects such as church starts, student summer internships, disaster response, interfaith dialogue, and leadership development.

THE ABOVE LIST IS NOT A CBF/GA CHURCH DIRECTORY. It is a report of those churches that have supported our budget or state missions ministries in the stated year. All contributions listed came directly to CBF/GA from the individual church, or they came through CBF/Global. To give to both CBF/GA

and CBF/Global, the individual or church must write two separate checks or request that one organization pass a certain amount or percent along to the other. In Georgia, funds are not automatically forwarded from one organization to the other without a specific request from the donor.

CBF/GA appreciates your missional giving, and our aim is to provide complete and accurate accounting. If for any reason you think the data is incorrect or incomplete, please let Dawn Williams at dwilliams@cbfga.org or Frank Broome, fbroome@cbfga.org, know.

Events & Updates

Now Serving: Atlanta

Now Serving Atlanta, February 3-4, 2017



Kelsey Stillwell, preacher ... Kelsey is Youth and Families Minister at First Baptist, Commerce. She is from Danville, KY and is a 2016 graduate of McAfee School of Theology.



Kaitlin Curtice, worship leader ... Kaitlin is Worship Leader at First Baptist, Decatur. She loves journeying alongside other people through song, writing, and constant learning.

CBF/GA's annual collegiate mission event, co-sponsored by McAfee, will be held February 3-4, 2017, on the Mercer Atlanta campus. Registration is now open for groups as well as individuals.

Please consider bringing a group of college students, however small, to Now Serving this year. This group



could include students who are away attending college but consider your church to be their "home church," students who are attending your church while they are in school locally, or even students who attend a specific program affiliated with your church in some way.

The participation fee is only \$20 per person, which includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday, a t-shirt and mission supplies. Free housing is available in the Sheffield gym on Mercer's campus, and CBF/GA has funds available to help with transportation expenses if needed.

For registration and more information, please contact Martha Kate Hall at mkhall@cbfga.org.

March Mission Madness

March 3-5, 2017

First Baptist Church, Roswell

March 10-12, 2017

First Baptist Church of Christ, Macon



Jennifer McClung Rygg, preacher ... Jennifer spent most of her childhood in Ecuador where her family served as missionaries. She has been Associate Minister at First Baptist, Pendleton, SC, since 2009.



John Callaway, worship leader ... John is Associate Pastor of Students at First Baptist, Carrollton, GA. He worked in youth and collegiate ministry in SC and NC before moving to Carrollton.

March Mission Madness (MMM) is a weekend retreat for youth to gather together for worship, fellowship, and a full day of mission work in local Georgia communities.

The cost, which includes lodging in area hotels, five meals, mission project supplies, recreation, program costs and a t-shirt, is \$100 per person. A \$40 per participant deposit is required to secure registrations, with the balance due on arrival at MMM.

march mission MADNESS

For more information and registration, go to www.marchmissionmadness.org or to www.cbfga.org. Early registration ends Monday, January 9, 2017. After this date, if space is available, groups may register through Friday, January 27 for an additional \$10 per individual.

This year, group leaders will receive companion Bible studies to use with your youth group before or after attending MMM.

Please contact Martha Kate Hall at mkhall@cbfga.org with questions.





WHEN: Sunday evening, April 30 – Tuesday noon, May 2, 2017: Registration is now open at www.cbfga.org. Contact Renée Bennett at rbennett@cbfga.org or 478-742-1191, ext. 3 with questions.

WHERE: Saint Simons Island (hosted by FBC Saint Simons)

COST: \$15.00 covers Monday lunch and snacks at FBC Saint Simons (hotel arrangements and other meals are on your own)

LEADERS: Matt Marston and John Grobe, Trinity Baptist in Moultrie

DETAILS: Registration and optional fellowship begin Sunday evening at FBC Saint Simons, and registration continues Monday morning. Monday and Tuesday bring opportunities for worship, breakout sessions, fellowship, optional tours of the island, or simply free time for rest or exploring the area. Activities will end just before lunch time on Tuesday.

HOTEL OPTIONS: (or find your own) **Saint Simons Inn by the Lighthouse**, \$139/night; Code CBF/GA. Rooms are blocked for CBF/GA through 3/30/2017. Call 912-638-1101 or 888-367-7270.

Ocean Inn and Suites, \$149/night for two; \$179/night for four. Code is CBF/GA, and rooms are blocked through 3/30/2017. Call 912-634-2122.

Other options with no rooms blocked and without special rates: **Epworth by the Sea** (912-638-8688), **Hampton Inn** (912-634-2204), and **Home2Suites** (opening January 4, 2017 – 912-638-0333).



Come to One of January's Youth Ministry Summit Meetings

Two dates and locations from which to choose!
Lunch provided. RSVP to Martha Kate at mkhall@cbfga.org

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

First Baptist Church, Marietta 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thursday, January 19, 2017

CBF/GA office, Macon, GA, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

As Frank and I visit churches throughout the state, youth ministry is a frequent topic of conversation. We are often asked about the programs and events that CBF/GA offers for youth and youth ministers.

CBF/GA is made up of a wide variety of churches in varying cities, cultures and geographic areas. Youth groups represented within our fellowship average anywhere from 8 to over 100 in Sunday School. This presents a unique challenge when it comes to planning events and programs for CBF/GA churches. As our programming has recently gone through some changes, we have realized that the time has come to have a more organized conversation with you about what we have done, are doing, need to do and hope to do in regards to youth ministry in Georgia.

We are inviting you to be a part of this conversation by participating in one of our Youth Ministry Summit meetings in January. Please make every effort possible to send a representative from your church to one of these meetings. A staff member responsible for youth ministry, the pastor, or a lay youth leader would be an ideal representative.

If you need help with travel expenses or overnight accommodations, please send me an e-mail so I can help. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

MARTHA KATE HALL, Associate Coordinator for Congregational Life, mkhall@cbfga.org

New Look for CBF/GA Coming in 2017!

We are pleased to announce that development of the new CBF/GA website is proceeding nicely and that our "new look" soon will be ready to use. The benefits for everyone in the CBF/GA family will be great. Staff will be able to update pages easily and expand what we can share online, and users will find the website much simpler to navigate. Stay tuned as we move toward this improvement in communication!

\$1 MILLION BY 2020 ... The Frank and Susan Broome Endowment Fund

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I AM HAPPY TO REPORT:

- The Frank and Susan Broome Endowment Fund (Endowment) is doing well. The balance as of June 30 was \$746,101.56.
- Earlier in 2016, the Endowment Board recommended to the Coordinating Council that some interest from the Endowment be used to help fund the Student.Church Internship Program. The Coordinating Council accepted our recommendation, and \$8,567.01 of the Endowment interest assisted with what was a very successful ministry venture. The Student.Church Internship Program was a three-way partnership between CBF/GA, CBF Global, and the local church. Five females served in churches around the state, and a favorable report was given concerning this endeavor at the last Coordinating Council Meeting. How incredibly gratifying for the Endowment to be used to support the mission and ministry of growing God’s Kingdom through CBF/GA.

I AM HAPPY TO REPORT:

- Beginning in spring of 2017, the Coordinating Council is launching a campaign to grow our Endowment, centering on the CBF/GA 25th Anniversary theme “Imagine.” The Endowment Board will be taking the lead in this important endeavor to grow the Endowment.
- The goal for our campaign is to raise an additional \$250,000 so that the corpus of our Endowment will reach \$1 million. Anyone and any church may give any denomination of money. There has, however, been a suggestion that were 250 individuals and/or churches to give \$1,000 each, our goal would be reached. Three family units have already designated \$1,000 each toward the Frank and Susan Broome Endowment Fund.

- The goal of this Endowment campaign goes beyond growing The Frank and Susan Broome Endowment. An equally important aspect is to raise awareness within the local church of your own church’s need to have an Endowment Fund. The last two churches where I served as a pastor each established an Endowment Fund. My hope was to grow these endowments to the point that their annual interest would cover the cost of capital improvement needs. I wanted every penny of each church’s tithe and offering to go toward mission and ministry. It will take years before the endowments at these two churches will fulfill this goal, but at least they each had the foresight to begin the process by establishing an endowment.

I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO REPORT:

- That in the year 2020 that we will have exceeded our goal of raising \$250,000 for the Frank and Susan Broome Endowment Fund, and I hope to be able to report that the corpus as of 2020 stands well over \$1 million.

I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO REPORT:

- The overwhelming majority of the churches who partner with the CBF/GA have established their own Endowment Funds, so that their tithe and offering can be used for the mission and ministry of growing God’s Kingdom.

Only time will tell, but I hope and pray you will begin today making these dreams come true.

Grace and Peace,

H. Darrell Watson, D. Min., MSW
Endowment Board Chair

FRANKLY SPEAKING:

Connecting the Dots

FRANK BROOME, Executive Coordinator, fbroome@cbfga.org

Some years ago, the finance committee at one of our churches presented a drama to the congregation designed to encourage its members to understand how their money was used. As the actors were talking about building needs, the lights would go out. When it came to responding to a benevolence request, the answer had to be “no.” The cast found creative ways to demonstrate what happened when the financial support fell short. I have often thought about this in relation to what the CBF/GA office does with, through, and for congregations. When the support declines, what do we lose? Here is what I see.

We lose the ability to easily start new congregations. In our early days that was a big priority. Not so much now.

Unless you have a minister who does not need a salary, planting a church is expensive. Here is the hard part.

Because we do not plant more congregations, we are not likely to be the diverse fellowship we long to be. We will have neither the ethnic mix we desire nor the kind of congregations that are open to male and female leadership. Of about 105 partner congregations in Georgia, two are predominately Hispanic, two are predominately African American, and the rest are predominately Caucasian. This has to change.

We lose the ability to have a strong disaster relief effort. When a disaster occurs (continues on next page)



Connecting the Dots (continued from page 6)

nearby, the demands on our Macon office escalate. Without the full-time mission staff we once had, our response is less than robust. That is not to say we have no response — we find a way to respond to damage when it is reported. But disaster relief requires a certain level of staffing to do well, and that requires a certain level of giving.

We reduce our ability to support partner organizations. When local churches receive less support from their members, they tend to cut what they give to mission organizations. When those mission organizations receive less support, their only option once staff is reduced is to cut what they give to partner organizations.

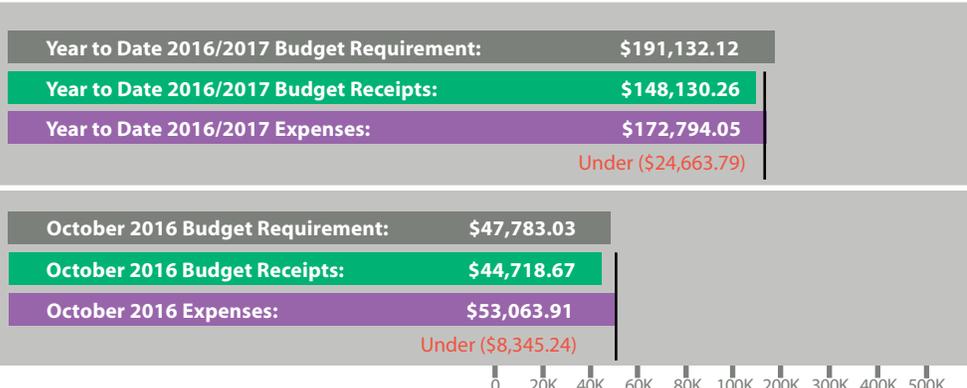
We limit the quality and frequency of fellowship events. Most of us enjoy our annual gatherings as well as neighborhood fellowships. At a recent council meeting, someone noted that we were overspent in the general assembly line item. We either need to increase that line item or reduce what we spend on the assembly. It is simply a matter of math.

I have been studying how other nonprofits are responding to these same issues. On the whole, they are increasing their efforts to solicit support from individuals. They are doing cost recovery where participants must pay their way and are requiring fees for programs delivered. For the past twenty years, we have tried to avoid soliciting funds from individuals unless it was for a specific mission project. We have tried to avoid charging for services rendered, lest we make it difficult for less well-off congregations to be served. We have avoided heavy fees so the maximum number of people could participate.

We stand the chance of losing our voice at the table when it comes to transforming the culture. Over the past twenty-plus years, we have made significant progress in relationships with ecumenical and interfaith groups as well as non-religious communities. It would be sad to see that effort wane.

When I became your coordinator twenty years ago, I assumed congregations would give sacrificially to CBF as they had done to the SBC, dividing their contributions on a 50/50 basis between National and State. In too many cases, that has not been the case. If we want a state fellowship where new and different kinds of churches are started, where a robust missions emphasis exists, where we look more like the population of the state, where the beloved community is practiced, where those who have been called and trained regardless of age or gender will have a chance to find a place of service, then we must find ways to undergird our work together. Consider putting both CBF Global and CBF/GA in your church budget on a percentage basis. Consider at least a 50/50 split between State and National as is done by several of our sister states. Such actions will allow CBF to grow as the churches grow and will encourage all of us to work toward growing the Fellowship. ■

FINANCIAL UPDATE | BUDGET RECEIPTS AS OF 10/31/2016 (fiscal year begins in July)



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January 10 & 19, 2017
Youth Ministry Summits
(See page 5 for details.)

January 19-31, 2017
Young Pastors' Gathering
First Baptist Church of Christ, Macon

February 3-4, 2017
Now Serving: Atlanta

February 20-22, 2017
Churchworks
Jacksonville, FL

March 3-5, 2017
March Mission Madness
First Baptist Church, Roswell

March 10-12, 2017
March Mission Madness
First Baptist Church of Christ, Macon

March 24-25, 2017
Spring General Assembly
Vineville Baptist Church, Macon

April 30-May 2, 2017
Senior Adult Retreat
First Baptist Church,
St. Simons Island

June 26-30, 2017
CBF National General Assembly
Atlanta, GA

October 24 AND
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CBF/GA Spring General Assembly in Macon

Friday, March 24 - Saturday, March 25
Vineville Baptist Church, Macon,

at the intersection of Pierce and Vineville Avenues. www.vinevillebaptist.org.

Registration opens at 12:30 p.m. on Friday. Breakouts and network gatherings, our 25th Anniversary Celebration dinner, and worship round out Friday's schedule. Saturday brings breakfast, and more breakouts.

Participants are invited to join BWIM of Georgia for worship on Saturday morning.

Hotels with blocked rooms at special rates:

**Make hotel reservations early, as we are meeting during Macon's annual Cherry Blossom Festival!*

—Marriott Courtyard—

3990 Sheraton Dr., Macon, GA 31210
478-477-8899

\$89/night through 2/24/2017
Code: CBFGA

—Wingate by Wyndham—

100 Northcrest Blvd. (off of Riverside Dr.), Macon, GA 31210
478-476-8100

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Code: Baptist Fellowship of Georgia

—Hilton Garden Inn—

1220 Stadium Dr., Macon, GA
(at Mercer University) 31204

478-741-5527
\$119/night through March 10, 2017.
Code: CBF

—Homewood Suites by Hilton—

1514 Bass Rd, Macon, GA 31210
478-477-9776

\$129/night
(king suite) through 2/24/2017.
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