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# Re-Visions

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## CBF/GA News

### February/March *Visions* Newsletter Now Available

The February/March 2014 issue is available in print and online. This issue contains photos of the 2013 events along with articles by Paul Baxley, Edward Bolen, Frank Broome, and Martha Kate Hall.

Click here for a *PDF* copy. If you would like print copies of the issue or to subscribe to the mailing list, please contact ElizaBeth Ruff at [eruff@cbfga.org](mailto:eruff@cbfga.org) or 478-742-1191, ext. 4.

### CBF/GA Accepting Scholarship Applications

CBF/GA is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2014-2015 academic year. Students applying for a scholarship must be enrolled in a master's level degree program at an accredited institution (not restricted to Baptist institutions), must demonstrate a connection to Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia, and must show potential for leadership within the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. For a complete list of requirements and application, please click [here](#). Applications are due by Thursday, May 1.

### Save the Date for Senior Celebration

This year's Monday event will be held on May 5 at Smoke Rise Baptist Church in Stone Mountain. The speaker will be Paul Baxley, moderator of the CBF/GA Coordinating Council, and pastor of First Baptist Church of Athens. 8th of January, a bluegrass band, will be the afternoon entertainment.

The Tuesday event will be held on May 6 at First Baptist Church of Fitzgerald. The speaker will be Jake Hall, pastor of Highland Hills Baptist Church in Macon. Claude Hicks will provide the afternoon entertainment. Both events will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration for Senior Celebration will open on Saturday, March 1.

Attendees will be able to register online or by mail. The fee is \$15 per person and can be paid online using the registration form, by check, or at the door. Click [here](#) for the Senior Celebration webpage.

### Visit Our Photo Galleries

Click [here](#) to see photos from Georgia Youth Choir Festival and the

CBF/GA and McAfee School of Theology Partnership Conversation.

## Deacon Network Events

The February Deacon Conversation events at Trinity Baptist Church in Moultrie and First Baptist Church of Dalton have been postponed. If you would like to be notified of the new dates, please email Rachel Greco at [rgreco@cbfga.org](mailto:rgreco@cbfga.org) with your name, email address, and which meeting you plan to attend.

Milledge Avenue Baptist Church in Athens will host a deacon meeting on Sunday, March 2, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Click [here](#) for a flyer with more information.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Baptist Deacon Network.

## Disaster Response Update from Tommy Deal

### CBF Fly-ins

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 Baptists 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 as well as 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, they will plan a CBF fly-in to match our needs. If we do not have a group, interested pilots can participate in one of their previously scheduled ones. 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](mailto:tdeal@cbfga.org) or call me at 706-313-5066.

### From Augusta

The winter storm that blew through Georgia week before last still has folks in east Georgia needing help. First Baptist Church of Augusta has been busy since then going out clearing debris, patching roofs, and helping folks in neighborhoods. As they are out, they find more and more needs. If you and/or a group from your church can help, please

contact Andy Jones, minister of missions at FBC Augusta. He is coordinating the need requests and the work assignments and will work with you on the details of your trip. The best ways to reach him are email at [ajones@fbcaugusta.org](mailto:ajones@fbcaugusta.org) or cell phone at 706-306-3015.

### **Be a CBF/GA Advocate**

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

## **Friends**

### **EthicsDaily Prison Documentary**

EthicsDaily.com's documentary on faith and prisons, *Through the Door*, is now available. The documentary highlights the faith community's engagement with prisons (including inmates and officers, being in and out of prison, and charity and justice). It will also raise awareness of what some faith communities are doing on the prison front by highlighting stories in Nashville, Richmond, Atlanta, and more. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **Self Preaching Lectures**

The William L. Self Preaching Lectures will be held on Monday-Tuesday, March 10-11, in the Cecil B. Day Hall on Mercer University's Atlanta campus. Luke A. Powery, dean of the chapel at Duke University, will be the speaker. Click [here](#) for more details.

### **BWIM/GA Scholarship Opportunity**

The Sara Owen Etheridge Scholarship is given each year by Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia to a Baptist woman who has completed at least one year of seminary education at the masters or doctoral level. Recipients should be from Georgia or a current resident. The application deadline is Saturday, March 1. Click [here](#) to learn more.

### **BWIM/GA Churchwoman of the Year**

Each year Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia honors a woman from Georgia as Distinguished Churchwoman 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. Nominations by persons throughout the state are welcomed and should include a brief summary of the woman's call, qualifications for ministry, and a letter of recommendation. All nominations should be received in writing by Saturday, March 1. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **Martha Stearns Marshall Month**

Baptist Women in Ministry invites all Baptist churches to make plans

now to have a woman preach on any Sunday in February. The number of participating churches in the Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching has steadily increased each year since beginning in 2007. Click [here](#) to learn more.

### Lenten Bible Study

Baptist Center for Ethics and Baptist World Alliance's Lenten Bible study guides adults through the season with special emphasis on the witness and work of global Baptists. It is an eight-week study, designed for use in Sunday school. Student and leader guides are available. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Reference and Referral

### Church Seeking Minister of Music

First Baptist Church of Augusta is seeking a qualified, spiritual, and creative candidate for the full-time position of minister of music. First Baptist Church is a large faith community with a diverse and extensive music program. The minister of music is responsible for leading and directing all aspects of music within the church. This includes planning and leading worship services (traditional and contemporary), leadership for adult and children's choirs, instrumental music, selecting music content, organizing special music services, supervising music program staff, overseeing worship technology, and pastoral care. A seminary (or equivalent) degree is required. Experience in growing and maintaining an expansive music program is also preferred. Resumes should be sent to Attention: Search Committee, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 14489, Augusta, GA 30919, or to [dedemaddox@fbcaugusta.org](mailto:dedemaddox@fbcaugusta.org). They will be accepted until Tuesday, April 1.

### Church Seeking Pastor

Horizon Baptist Fellowship is currently seeking a full-time pastor. Located in Summerville in Chattooga County in northwest Georgia, HBF is looking for a candidate with a seminary degree and at least five years of ministerial experience. Resumes should include the candidate's current position, academic degrees held, a brief career history, information about family and current church, and three or four references. Horizon Baptist Fellowship is a small, caring CBF congregation looking for a pastor that will help the church reach its community with love and build up the body of Christ. Resumes should be sent to Susan Mullis, 535 Farmersville Rd, Summerville, Georgia 30747.

### Church Seeking Worship Arts Leader

First Baptist Church of Decatur is seeking a worship arts leader for the traditional worship service. This person will facilitate the dialogue of worship and enhance the worship life of our congregation and engage with the Decatur community through music and the arts. The

worship arts leader at FBC Decatur will be responsible for the worship and creative arts ministries in our historic, growing, and innovative church. This person will serve as leader and mentor to musicians, vocalists, and other creative arts volunteers. Those interested should email cover letter and resume (with at least four references) to Mary Ann Eaddy, Pastor's Assistant, at [meaddy@fbcdccatur.com](mailto:meaddy@fbcdccatur.com) by Monday, March 17. Click [here](#) to learn more about the job.

### Church Seeking Minister of Youth and Recreation

First Baptist Church of Laurens located in upstate South Carolina is seeking a minister of youth and recreation. The position will join three other full-time ministerial staff members in serving our growing congregation which averages over 400 in weekly attendance. The candidate should be a graduate of an accredited seminary and have a minimum of two years of experience in working with students. FBC Laurens is dually aligned with the SBC and CBF and offers a very competitive salary and benefits package. Resumes can be sent to First Baptist Church of Laurens, 300 West Main Street, Laurens, SC 29360 or [rickey@fbclaurens.org](mailto:rickey@fbclaurens.org). Resumes will be received through Sunday, March 30. Interested candidates are encouraged to visit the church's website at [fbclaurens.org](http://fbclaurens.org).

## Financial Report

### Budget Receipts as of 1/31/2014

Budget Year Begins in January

Year to Date Budget Receipts:	\$39,020.71
Year to Date Budget Requirement:	\$46,006.54
Over/(Under)	(\$6,985.83)
January Budget Receipts:	\$39,020.71
January Budget Requirement:	\$46,006.54
Over/(Under)	(\$6,985.83)

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