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CBF/GA News

CBF/GA at CBF General Assembly Info

The 2014 CBF/National General Assembly will be held on Monday, June 23, to Friday, June 27, at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta. CBF/GA will meet on Thursday, June 26, at 4:15 p.m. in the International Ballroom South room. 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 in 2013 and 2014. The Georgia Youth Choir Festival choir will be the pre-worship music for the Thursday night worship service.

CBF/GA is looking for volunteers for the assembly. Click [here](#) for information from Randy Shepley about joining a team. Randy is the local arrangements co-chair and pastor of First Baptist Church of Tucker.

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 provide 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 be open until Sunday, April 27. 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. The online registration page was temporarily unavailable, but is now fixed. Click [here](#) for the Senior Celebration webpage.

April/May Visions Coming Soon

The April/May 2014 issue will be available soon in print and online. This issue contains the 2013 financial report along with articles about deacon meetings, the CBF/National General Assembly, Now Serving:

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Atlanta, and the CBF/GA Fall General Assembly. The issue also has columns by Paul Baxley, Frank Broome, Steve Davis, and Martha Kate Hall.

If you would like print copies of the issue or to subscribe to the mailing list, please contact ElizaBeth Ruff at eruff@cbfga.org or 478-742-1191, ext. 4. To read previous issues of *Visions* and *Re-Visions*, visit www.cbfga.org/newsletters.

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.

Visit Our Photo Gallery

Click [here](#) to see photos from Now Serving: Atlanta.

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 with your name, email address, and which meeting you plan to attend.

Disaster Response Update from Tommy Deal

Help Needed in Augusta

The winter storm that blew through Georgia four weeks ago 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. They have already completed over sixty jobs and have more than eighty jobs on the waiting list. 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. Contact Andy at ajones@fbcaugusta.org or at 706-306-3015.

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, 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, 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 or call me at 706-313-5066.

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 or 478-742-1191, ext. 3. We will be glad to send you information on becoming an advocate.

CBF/National

CBF/National General Assembly

Registration for CBF/National General Assembly is free and online. Participants who preregister will receive information with the latest event information. Visit [here](#) to sign up.

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 co-missioning banquet and service for field personnel, church starters, and new endorsed chaplains and pastoral counselors will be held Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Make your reservations [here](#).

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 the Friday evening speaker.

For more information about General Assembly, visit [here](#). If you

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

CBF Spiritual Retreat

CBF/National is hosting a spiritual renewal retreat for lay leaders and ministers from Monday, April 21, to Thursday, April 24, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club in Naples, Florida. Practicing Resurrection: The Call to the Shore will provide times of fellowship, worship, and fun. Meredith Stone, women in ministry specialist with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will lead the morning sessions. Roger Paynter, pastor of First Baptist Church of Austin, will lead the evening sessions. Click [here](#) to learn more.

CBF Fellows Information

The CBF Fellows program is designed to train congregational ministers during the first two years of their first full-time ministerial position. To learn more about this program, click [here](#). Contact Terry Hamrick, program director, at thamrick@thefellowship.info or 404-428-6171.

Reference and Referral

Church Seeking Minister to Children and Families

First Baptist Church of Griffin, a moderate congregation affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and with historic ties to the Southern Baptist Convention, is seeking a skilled and passionate minister to children and families. This staff minister is responsible for planning, coordinating, and evaluating a comprehensive ministry to children, birth through fifth grade. This can be a part-time or full-time position. Resumes and cover letters should be sent to Children's Minister Search Committee, 106 W. Taylor Street, Griffin, GA 30223 or to searchcommittee@fbcgriffin.org by Thursday, May 15.

Church Seeking Pastor

Carlton Baptist Church is a small, caring congregation seeking a pastor with deep faith who will lead the church in spiritual and membership growth. The candidate will perform pastoral care responsibilities and lead worship, proclamation, education, and ministries. The candidate should have minimum of a bachelors degree and five years experience in the ministerial field. Please email resumes to Annette Blackmon at annetteblackmon@windstream.net or mail resumes to 1574 Paoli Road, Carlton, GA 30627. Emails will be acknowledged by email. If acknowledgement is not received, please call 706-255-0683.

Church Seeking Youth Minister

Smoke Rise Baptist Church, a CBF church in Stone Mountain, is seeking a full-time minister to families with youth (specifically sixth grade through college) and their families. Smoke Rise is looking for a

creative, organized, and energetic individual to coordinate a comprehensive program of ministry. The ideal candidate will have a seminary degree from an accredited institution as well as prior experience in a similar position. Maturity, flexibility, and a love of helping create spiritually enriching experiences for youth are essential traits of the candidate. Applications will be accepted through Tuesday, April 1. Click [here](#) for a job description and more information.

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. They will be accepted until Tuesday, April 1.

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 by Monday, April 21. Click [here](#) to learn more about the job.

Financial Report

Budget Receipts as of 2/28/2014

Budget Year Begins in January

Year to Date Budget Receipts:	\$91,462.04
Year to Date Budget Requirement:	\$92,013.08
Over/(Under)	(\$551.04)

February Budget Receipts:	\$33,509.48
February Budget Requirement:	\$46,006.54
Over/(Under)	(\$12,497.06)

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