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CBF/GA News

March Mission Immersion Spots Available!

Due to last minute cancellations we have additional space for March Mission Immersion at Park Avenue Baptist Church in Atlanta, March 27-29. If you would like to attend, please contact Martha Kate Hall at mkhall@cbfga.org.

Children's Ministers Retreat

CBF/GA children's ministers are invited to attend a retreat on Thursday, February 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Griffin. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to attend, please contact Martha Kate at mkhall@cbfga.org.

Disaster Response Update

Mason Harris, Disaster Response Coordinator for CBF/SC, saw a billboard during Hurricane Preparation month that read, "It won't happen to me is NOT a disaster preparedness plan." Tommy Deal, CBF/GA Disaster Response Coordinator, is available to any CBF/GA church who would like to consider what they can do to be prepared for a local disaster and how they can be a positive Christ-like presence in their community. These thoughts and ideas are easily transferable when a disaster occurs in a neighboring community or state.

Let's not be like the ostrich and think, "If I just hide my head in the sand it won't affect me." Let's see how we can prepare to make a difference. If you would like to discuss this possibility for your church, contact Tommy Deal at tdeal@cbfga.org.

Be a CBF/GA Ambassador

If you have an interest in becoming a CBF/GA Ambassador for your congregation, please contact 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 CBF/National

CBF is "Forming Together"

CBF/National is developing a way of telling the story of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship with renewed clarity. Look for changes in the coming weeks in CBF/National's publications and website. Click [here](#) to read a letter from Suzii Paynter, Executive Coordinator.

From Our Friends

Songulashvili Awarded Peace Award

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Malkhaz Songulashvili, Bishop of Tbilisi and Senior Minister of the Baptist Peace Cathedral, was awarded the annual Shahbaz Bhatti Freedom Award in Berlin, Germany. The award was presented to Songulashvili by German Government minister Hermann Groehe who praised his bridge building ministry between cultures, religions, and minority communities. The Shahbaz Bhatti Freedom Award is given to a person for his or her outstanding work in promoting religious liberty and minority rights around the globe. Shahbaz Bhatti was a 21st century martyr for freedom and minority rights. Click [here](#) to read more.

Religious Liberty Essay Scholarship Contest

High school juniors and seniors can win up to \$2,000 for college in the 2015 Religious Liberty Essay Scholarship Contest, sponsored by the Religious Liberty Council of the Baptist Joint Committee. Essays must focus on the topic of an employer's ability to dictate an employee's attire, including religious apparel that an employee requests to wear on the job. Visit www.BJOnline.org/contest for more information.

Reference and Referral

Church Seeking Associate Pastor

First Baptist Church of Eatonton, a moderate church strongly aligned with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, seeks to fill the position of Associate Pastor for Music and Family Ministries. Eatonton is a lovely town in middle Georgia's lake country, centrally located between Athens and Macon. The candidate will be a passionate and energetic Christian who can lead and build a vibrant youth ministry through solid biblical teaching, and oversee a children's ministry that will partner with parents to help children grow physically, mentally, and spiritually. The candidate will also have the musical acumen to lead a blended music program for the church through authentic worship. Qualified candidates may email resumes to etrice@fbceatonton.org or mail resumes to the First Baptist Church, Eatonton, P.O. Box 3400, Eatonton, Georgia 31024.

Financial Report

Budget Receipts as of 12/31/2014

Budget Year Begins in January

Year to Date	2014	2013	Over/(Under)
Receipts:	548,921.27	562,036.38	(13,115.11)
Requirement:	581,056.32		
Over/(Under)	(32,135.05)		

December	2014	2013	Over/(Under)
Receipts:	99,399.62	75,137.37	24,262.25
Requirement:	48,421.36		
Over/(Under)	50,978.26		

NOTE FOR 2015 CONTRIBUTORS

All 2015 contributions to CBF/GA must be received in the office, or be postmarked, by Thursday, December 31, 2015. If you have questions or concerns, please Dawn Williams, Assistant to the Coordinator for Finance, at 478-742-1191, ext. 5.

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