



## Re-Visions

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## CBF/GA News

### Spring General Assembly

Make plans to attend our Spring General Assembly **Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, 2015**, at Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta. The theme of "Let's Get Serious" will find expression in worship, fellowship, breakouts, church staff networks, the Pastors' Gathering, Deacon Network event, exhibits, and book signings. We will conclude with a service of communion on Saturday at noon. Visit our website at [www.cbfga.org](http://www.cbfga.org) for more information and to register, reserve meals, and find hotel information. Special hotel rates end **April 3**. Online registration ends **April 22**. Register now!

### CBF/GA Scholarships for 2015-2016

**The deadline for applying for CBF/GA scholarships for the 2015-2016 school year is April 1!** Students applying for a scholarship must be enrolled in a master's level degree program at an accredited institution, must demonstrate a connection to CBF/GA and must show potential for leadership within the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. For a complete list of requirements and to complete an application, please click [here](#). For questions or for more information, please contact Martha Kate Hall at [mkhall@cbfga.org](mailto:mkhall@cbfga.org) or 478-742-1191, ext. 2.

### Journeying Together - BWIM of Georgia Spring Gathering Celebrating 30 Years of Baptist Women in Ministry in Georgia

Register to join us for the Spring Gathering/Annual Meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, in the Peachtree Room of Wieuca Road Baptist Church in Atlanta. Our preacher for worship will be the Rev. Mimi Walker. Cost is \$15 for lunch. Annual dues are \$10 for students and \$20 for regular membership. The deadline for registration is Monday, April 6. For more information, visit [www.bwimga.org](http://www.bwimga.org).

### "A Time to Grow" -- Senior Celebrations May 18 and 19

The Senior Celebration Planning Committee cordially invites you to "A Time to Grow"! The Monday event will be held on May 18 at First Baptist Church in Jasper. The speaker will be Joel Snider, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Rome. The trio "Amazing Grace and Joy" will provide entertainment. The Tuesday event will be held on May 19 at Haddock Baptist Church in Haddock. The speaker will be Jerry Mahan, recently retired pastor of Horizon Baptist Fellowship in Summerville. Amedeo Tritto and Diana Reynolds will provide the afternoon entertainment.

Lunch will be served for a cost of \$15 per person. Reservations are required and may be made by registering for the event. Attendees may register online or by mail. Please visit [www.cbfga.org/68/Senior-Celebration](http://www.cbfga.org/68/Senior-Celebration) or contact Renee Bennett at 478-742-1191, ext. 3, to learn more. Online registration ends Sunday, May 10.

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## Disaster Response Update from Tommy Deal

One of our churches needs assistance in completing the interior of its sanctuary. Trey Harper and Amanda Wilson Harper are the energetic pastors of Community Baptist Church in Milledgeville. While they are now celebrating their first anniversary with the church, the church has been a beacon of Christ's light in Milledgeville for 18 years. During this time, they have prayerfully avoided over-extending themselves by building when they could with what they had. They currently have a shell for a sanctuary and are now eager to begin to finish out the interior.

### Community Baptist Church, Milledgeville, GA

You as an individual or a church team can have a tremendous impact. Community Baptist needs teams to help with insulation, sheet rock and flooring. While labor is the main item they are asking for, they want to assure that needed materials are there for the teams when they come, so they are seeking contributions for that as well. This is a great need and would mean so much to one of our sister congregations here in Georgia and their pastors. Please contact Trey and Amanda for more information and details. They may be reached by email at [communitybcpastors@gmail.com](mailto:communitybcpastors@gmail.com) or by cell phones: 770-328-2828 (Trey) or 817-368-4206 (Amanda). If you would like to discuss this or other possibilities for your church, contact Tommy Deal at [tdeal@cbfga.org](mailto:tdeal@cbfga.org) or call him at 706-313-5066.

## Touching Taliaferro with Love

The dates for summer day camp have been set for June 15-19 and June 22-26. Details will be available soon.

## 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](mailto:rbennett@cbfga.org) or 478-742-1191, ext. 3. A CBF/GA Ambassador is one who actively promotes CBF/GA and encourages connections between his/her local church and CBF/GA. We will be glad to send you information on becoming an Ambassador.

## From CBF/National

### CBF Sponsors Thomas Merton Exhibit Event

CBF Peer Learning Groups are hosting a luncheon in conjunction with "The Journeys of Thomas Merton" exhibit at the Pitts Theology Library of Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Dr. E. Glenn Hinson will speak at the luncheon Thursday, May 14, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (the exhibit will be open from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.). Cost for the luncheon event is \$25 per person. More information is available at [www.cbfga.net/events/](http://www.cbfga.net/events/).

### CBF General Assembly Set for Dallas

Join CBF in Dallas June 15-19, 2015! The entire event will take place under one roof, at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Dallas, Texas. Access from the airport is available via DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit). See the CBF website, [www.cbfga.net/assembly](http://www.cbfga.net/assembly), for information.

## From Our Friends

### Interfaith Prayer Garden Dedication Celebration

McAfee School of Theology and CBF/GA cordially invite you to the Interfaith Prayer Garden Dedication Ceremony Thursday, May 14, at 11:00 a.m. The ceremony will take place at the West Parking Lot of Mercer University's Atlanta Campus. In case of rain, the celebration will be moved to the Cecil B. Day Auditorium.

### Fall Preaching Consultation

The Preaching Consultation takes place October 4-6, 2015, at the Chattanooga Hotel in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Dr. Thomas Long, Bandy Professor of Preaching at Candler School of Theology at Emory University, will be the keynote speaker. For more information, call Diane Frazier at 678-547-6470. The 2015 Preaching Consultation is sponsored by McAfee School of Theology of Mercer University, CBF National, and the state CBFs of Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee.

## Reference and Referral

**Metanoia Fellows**, Charleston, SC: the Metanoia Fellows Initiative is an opportunity to learn the theory and practice behind Asset Based Community Development in a supportive and rigorous learning environment. This is a two-year commitment; Fellows will be paid \$21,000 in year one of the Fellows opportunity and \$23,000 in year two of the opportunity. Individuals interested in applying should thoroughly review the information contained on the Metanoia Fellows Website, [www.metanoiafellows.org](http://www.metanoiafellows.org). The website contains links to the formal application. Completed application packages must be received by June 15, 2015.

First Baptist Church of Asheville is a caring and compassionate church which, like Jesus, accepts everyone and is committed to serving our neighbors, community, and world. We are currently seeking an individual to fill the full-time position of **Minister with Children and Families**. The ideal candidate will be a seminary graduate, have experience in local church ministry, a primary calling to work with children and their families, an awareness of and sensitivity to stages of development in children, express creativity in ministry, emphasize developing and deepening spiritual formation in children and their families, and be able to affirm our church's mission, vision and values. Interested persons should send a resume and cover letter to: First Baptist Church of Asheville, 5 Oak Street, Asheville, NC 28801, Attn. Minister with Children Search Committee; or email it to [tbratton@fbca.net](mailto:tbratton@fbca.net). To see a full description, please visit [www.fbca.net](http://www.fbca.net).

First Baptist Church, Commerce, Ga., is seeking a full time **Minister to Youth, Children and Families**. FBC is dually aligned with the CBF and SBC and adheres to the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message. Our church has a traditional style of worship. The ideal candidate will be a seminary graduate or be working toward a seminary degree with some ministry experience. Commerce is a small town located 18 miles north of Athens, GA, just off I-85. Resumes should be mailed to FBC, 1345 South Elm Street, Commerce, GA 30529, or emailed to [carlton@fbc-commerce.org](mailto:carlton@fbc-commerce.org).

The First Baptist Church, Orangeburg, South Carolina is seeking one full-time and one part-time **Associate Pastor** to minister in the areas of Family Life([fbcorangeburg.org/family-life-center](http://fbcorangeburg.org/family-life-center)), Students (6th-12th Grade) and Children (Cradle-5th Grade). Individuals or ministry couples are invited to apply and identify their skills and gifts associated with the

desired grouping of ministry roles. Associate Pastors at FBCO are responsible for providing pastoral leadership specific to their assigned ministries to include Family Life Center, students, children and families. Each Associate will work toward leadership and oversight in all aspects of planning, promoting and implementing ministry, which guides individuals in spiritual growth and development. Inquiries and Resumes may be sent to First Baptist Church, Orangeburg, attention: FBCO Search 1240 Russell Street, Orangeburg, SC 29115, or to [FBCOsearch@fbcorangeburg.org](mailto:FBCOsearch@fbcorangeburg.org).

First Baptist Church of Lenoir, N.C., is prayerfully seeking a full-time **Senior Pastor**. FBC affirms the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message. The church is now in its 126th year and has 782 members. It is important to our members to have opportunities for personal spiritual growth, continue in our local and national missions, and have appealing programs for youth and children. Candidate should be a strong spiritual leader, and an inspirational worship leader, who is mission-minded. Qualifications should include an advanced theological degree from a seminary or divinity school. Please send resume and references to [pastorsearch.fbclenoir@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsearch.fbclenoir@gmail.com) or to Pastor Search Committee, First Baptist Church, 304 Main Street NW, Lenoir, NC 28645.

First Baptist Church Sylva, North Carolina, is offering summer, semester, or year **internships** offering experience in a variety of ministry disciplines, including but not limited to: children's ministry, youth ministry, music ministry, social justice ministry, and pastoral and preaching ministries. Compensation includes a stipend and housing (on-site as available). Sylva is a mountain town near the Blue Ridge Parkway, Western Carolina University, and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Cover letters and resumes may be sent to [fbcsylva@gmail.com](mailto:fbcsylva@gmail.com).

First Baptist Church Marietta, Georgia, is searching for an **Associate Pastor** with responsibility in three areas: Spiritual Development, Congregational Care, and Adult ministry. Experience is preferred but not required; however, a seminary degree is required. Please send resumes or any inquires to [bross@mariettafbc.org](mailto:bross@mariettafbc.org).

**Interim Minister of Children:** First Baptist Church Jefferson, Georgia, located between Athens and Gainesville off Hwy. 129, three miles off I-85, is actively seeking an interim Minister of Children and Families. FBC is dually aligned with the CBF and the SBC and adheres to the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message. Our church has both traditional and contemporary services of worship. The ideal candidate will be experienced in working with children in a professional setting, relate well to adults and demonstrate the ability to work as a part of a church ministry team. The job demands up to 25 hours per week, which includes responsibilities on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. A job description is posted at [www.fbcjefferson.org](http://www.fbcjefferson.org). Resumes may be sent to FBC Jefferson, 81 Institute Street, Jefferson, GA, 30549 to the attention of Personnel Committee Chairman Fred Gurley or you may call him at 706-367-5285 (work). Resumes will be received until the position is filled.

**Minister of Children and Families:** First Baptist Church Jefferson, Georgia, located between Athens and Gainesville off Hwy. 129, three miles off I-85, is actively seeking a Minister of Children and Families. FBC is dually aligned with the CBF and the SBC and adheres to the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message. Our church has both traditional and contemporary services of worship. The ideal candidate will be a seminary graduate or have a degree related to Christian Education of

children and families, and have some ministry experience. This candidate should be called to ministry as a Christian vocation, to children's and family ministry as a primary calling, and be able to affirm FBC's mission, vision, and values. Resumes should be sent to FBC Jefferson, 81 Institute Street, Jefferson, GA, 30549 to the attention of Personnel Committee Chairman Fred Gurley. Resume deadline is April 30. A job description is posted at [www.fbcjefferson.org](http://www.fbcjefferson.org).

**For a full listing of open positions, visit [www.cbfga.org](http://www.cbfga.org)**

## Financial Report

### Budget Receipts as of 2/28/2015

Budget Year Begins in January	2015	Vs. 2014
Year to Date Budget Receipts:	\$78,213.03	6,582.84
Year to Date Budget Requirement:	\$96,842.72	
Over/(Under)	(18,629.69)	
February Budget Receipts:	\$37,132.92	4,523.44
January Budget Requirement:	\$48,421.36	
Over/(Under)	(11,288.44)	

#### 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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