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CBF/GA News

Spring General Assembly is here!

Spring General Assembly is this week, **Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, 2015**, at Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, located at 2715 Peachtree Rd NE in Atlanta! Here are a few last-minute reminders:

*Online registration continues through April 22 at www.cbfga.org. On-site registration will be available as well, with a limited number of additional meals available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please continue to invite friends and fellow church members!

*Come by the North Bridge Welcome Center to pick up your information packets and name tags and to pay for meals. CBF/GA event signs will direct you to this door.

*Children ages 5-10 are invited to participate in a Children's Assembly on Saturday morning from 8:45 - 11:45 a.m. Please contact Martha Kate Hall at mkhall@cbfga.org or at 478-742-1191, ext. 2, for more information and to register your child for this opportunity. Children must be registered by April 22.

*The first session of breakouts and network meetings begins at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, so plan to come then and stay through worship (excellent

pre-service music begins at 6:30 p.m.) and the dessert reception that evening. Saturday's events begin with breakfast (by reservation) at 8:30 a.m., accompanied by Dave Odom's discussion of the "State of the Congregation." We will conclude with a brief service of communion at noon on Saturday.

*A new feature of our Assembly will be "neighborhood" meetings on Friday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. Meet other CBF/GA participants from your area of Georgia to share ideas and plan for future neighborhood events.

*Take time to visit the exhibits in the Resource Fair area during breaks and during the dessert reception. The Resource Fair is located near the meeting areas and is where you will find snacks during break times.

*For assistance during Spring General Assembly, please call or text Renee Bennett at (478)731-6139 or ask any CBF/GA staff member.

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

Register now for "A Time to Grow," the 2015 edition of Senior Celebration! The Monday event begins with check-in at 10 a.m. 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 Senior Celebration is planned for May 19 at Haddock Baptist Church in Haddock, also beginning at 10 a.m. The speaker will be Jerry Mahan, recently retired pastor of Horizon Baptist Fellowship of Summerville. Amedeo Tritto and Diana Reynolds will provide the afternoon musical entertainment. Each event will end by 2 p.m.

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 or contact Renee Bennett at 478-742-1191, ext. 3, to learn more. Online registration ends Sunday, May 10.

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 co-pastors of Community Baptist Church in Milledgeville, which 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

As an individual or as part of a church team, you can have a tremendous impact by helping Community Baptist install insulation, sheet rock and flooring. While labor is the main need, contributions toward materials are also welcomed. This is a great need and would mean so much to one

of our sister congregations here in Georgia and to their pastors. Please contact Trey and Amanda for more information and details. They may be reached by email at 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 possible projects for your church, contact Tommy Deal at 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 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 Italian buffet 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.cbf.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). The CBF/GA state meeting will take place on Thursday afternoon from 4:15-5:15. See the CBF website, www.cbf.net/assembly, for information.

From Our Friends

Interfaith Prayer Garden Dedication Celebration

CBF/GA and Mercer University 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

Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA, is seeking a **Minister of Children and Families** who will work in cooperation with the Minister of Congregational Life to oversee and direct Wieuca Road's ministry to infants, preschoolers, and elementary school students and their families. The candidate for this position will have either a master's level degree from an accredited seminary or a degree in a field related to childhood education. He or she will have the necessary temperament and talents to work effectively with children and their families. In addition, the candidate should be able to articulate a God-given call to local church ministry and a desire to minister to children and their families. He or she will have at least 3 years' experience in children's ministry or a related field. Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter by email to Pam Jernigan at pjernigan@wieuca.org. This position is available immediately. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. Wieuca Road is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.

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. 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. To see a full description, please visit 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.

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), 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.

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 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.

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 inquiries to 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. 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.

For a full listing of open positions, visit www.cbfga.org

Financial Report

Budget Receipts as of 3/31/2015

Budget Year Begins in January	2015
Year to Date Budget Receipts:	\$109,053.40
Year to Date Budget Requirement:	\$145,264.68
Over/(Under)	(36,210.68)
March Budget Receipts:	\$30,840.37
March Budget Requirement:	\$48,421.36
Over/(Under)	(17,580.99)

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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