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CBF/GA News

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Disaster Help Sought in Texas Crisis

CBF Disaster Response is working with CBF Texas and other partners, monitoring the tropical storm in Texas and preparing to respond. You can give to the relief efforts at www.cbf.net/harvey. For additional ways that you can help, see [this article](#) from *Texas Monthly*.

September 1st Is Deadline for Executive Coordinator Applications and Nominations!

Résumés and recommendations for the next CBF/GA Executive Coordinator will be accepted through September 1, 2017. Please consider carefully and with prayer who might be a good candidate for this position, and encourage those persons to apply by September 1. Résumés and recommendations may be submitted, and questions may be directed to, the Executive Coordinator Search Committee at cbfgasearch@gmail.com. For a full job description, visit www.cbfga.org/news/. The Search Committee asks for all in CBF/GA to support the committee's work with prayer.

The following people make up the Search Committee:

Henry Tyson, Chair and Past Moderator, First Baptist, Carrollton
Don Brewer, First Baptist, Gainesville
John Paul Harris, Horizon Baptist Fellowship, Summerville
LeAnn Gunter Johns, First Baptist Church of Christ, Macon
Joyce McCartney, First Baptist, Griffin
Julie Long, Moderator, First Baptist Church of Christ, Macon
Keithen Tucker, Moderator-Elect, First Baptist, Eatonton

Nominating Committee Seeks Recommendations

The CBF/GA Nominating Committee, chaired by Kay Green of Trinity Baptist Church in Moultrie, seeks nominations for Coordinating Council members. The final nominations will be presented at the Spring General Assembly at First Baptist Church, Griffin, on April 6, 2018. Council members serve a 3-year term and represent a balance of male/female, pastor/staff/layperson, age, and each of our eight CBF/GA neighborhoods. Please submit nominations by **September 30**. Nominations may be made through Renée Bennett by [clicking here](#) or calling 478-742-1191, ext. 3.

Senior Celebration Registration Now Open

Register [here](#) for Senior Celebrations! This year, you may either choose to prepay when you register, or you may pay at the door as in past years. This fall's first Senior Celebration will take place **Tuesday, October 24**, at First Baptist, Griffin, with Edward Bolen of Milledge Avenue Baptist Church, Athens, preaching; musical entertainment will be provided by *Lonesome Road*. The second Senior Celebration will be **Thursday, November 9**, at First Baptist, Commerce, with Bill Ross of First Baptist Church, Marietta, preaching; musical entertainment will be offered by *The Todd Chandler Family*. Check-in each day will open at 9:30 am, with worship beginning at 10:30. Lunch and entertainment follow, and the program will end by 2 pm. Mark your calendars and plan to join CBF/GA friends for a fine day of worship and fellowship! Please contact Renée Bennett at rbennett@cbfga.org or 478-742-1191, ext. 3, with questions.



Peer Learning Group Funding Requests Due October 2

CBF/GA is now accepting funding requests from Peer Learning Groups. Requests can be submitted through October 2, 2017. For more information and details on how to apply please [click here](#). Please contact Martha Kate Hall at mkhall@cbfga.org with any questions.

Winter Youth Summit in Huntsville, AL

CBF/GA is partnering with Alabama CBF for this weekend discipleship event to be held January 12-14, 2018, at First Baptist Church of Huntsville, Alabama. Our speaker, Josh Griffin, and Worship Leader, Sharon Irving, will lead middle and high school students in meaningful and intentional worship throughout the weekend. Students will also have time to attend topical breakout sessions and have a bit of free time to explore the city. Registration and more information may be found [here](#).



Save the Dates for March Mission Madness

March 9-11, 2018: First Baptist, Rome

March 16-18, 2018: Northeast Baptist Church, Atlanta

Registration opens October 2!

CBF/GA Assembly Set for First Baptist Griffin, April 6-7, 2018

Put Spring General Assembly 2018 on your calendars and plan to come to First Baptist, Griffin, Friday-Saturday, April 6-7! We will be welcoming our new Executive Coordinator while we celebrate Frank Broome's retirement after 20 years as Executive Coordinator. More details will follow.

Senior Adult Retreat Set for April 29-May 1, 2018

Save the dates now for the 2018 Senior Adult Retreat at Saint Simons Island, Sunday, April 29 - Tuesday, May 1, 2018!

We look forward to another great experience hosted by First Baptist Church, Saint Simons Island. More details will be shared as they become available.



Love Your Neighbor

How is your church loving your neighbors through missions? We would like to share your story on the new CBF/GA website! Please send stories and pictures to mkremer@cbuga.org and join in celebrating how God is working across Georgia through CBF/GA congregations.

Address Changes?

Please send information about physical and/or email address changes or phone number changes to Melissa Kremer at mkremer@cbuga.org.

Be a CBF/GA Ambassador

If you are interested in becoming a CBF/GA Ambassador for your congregation, please contact Renée Bennett at rbennett@cbuga.org or 478-742-1191, ext. 3. A CBF/GA Ambassador actively promotes CBF/GA and encourages connections between his/her local church and CBF/GA.

From CBF Global

Nominate a Youth for *Young Leaders to Know 2018*

In 2018, CBF will again honor 25 Young Leaders, focusing on young people who are (1) current middle or high school students, (2) active in a CBF partner congregation, and (3) making a difference in their community. If you would like to nominate a student, please [click here](#). Those selected will be featured in *fellowship! magazine*. The deadline for nominations is September 1, 2017.

CBF Church Start Information Available

The CBF Church Start Discernment Cohort, a free 8-week online experience for persons interested in discerning and living out a call to start new churches, takes place four times a year. This is a creative space for people who are already in the process of starting a church to explore and work through their vision and mission. The final Church Start Discernment Cohort for 2017 will be October 8-December 1. Contact Andy Hale at ahale@cbf.net or at 919-971-4412 for more information and to register for the cohort.

From Our Friends

Training Opportunity

Because Ministry Is Unscripted!



In any type of setting, the ability to be creative, flexible, and intuitive is critical. These abilities are key components of building and sustaining hopeful relationships and they can distinguish the best leaders from others. Yet there are few tools to develop the capacity for intuitive and creative action, "in the moment". That's where improvisation can help.

Using the basic skills of improvisation, in this workshop, participants will learn how to improve creative thinking, create hopeful solutions to problems, elicit positive responses from those with whom they interact daily, and be better communicators in their personal, professional, and pastoral relationships.

RSVP to allison@dumoreimprov.com to attend

What: Specific skills taught will include Active Listening, Accepting New Ideas and Concepts, Creative Brainstorming, Fostering Teamwork, and Sharing Leadership.

Who: Anyone needing to foster these skills for ministry and personal development!

Where: Park Avenue Baptist Church
486 Park Avenue SE Atlanta

When: September 14, 2017
9:30 a.m. until
12:00 noon

How: \$65
per participant



Preaching Consultation 2017: Oct 1-3 in Chattanooga

The 2017 Mercer Preaching Consultation takes place October 1-3 at The Chattanooga Hotel and Conference Center, Chattanooga, TN. Brian McLaren is the keynote speaker. For more information or to register, [click here](#). CBF/GA is a co-sponsor of the Preaching Consultation.

Reference and Referral

Viewmont Baptist Church in Hickory, NC, is seeking a senior pastor. We are a suburban Baptist church in a city with a population of about 50,000. Our church has a Sunday morning attendance of about 200. We are seeking a pastor who is ready for the challenge of growing our church young again.

Potential candidates can send information and resumes by our September 30 deadline to the email - pastorsearch@viewmontbaptist.org. Any questions may be directed to our search committee chairman, Tim Turner.

Central Baptist Church, 14 W. Broad St., Newnan, GA, is searching for a youth ministry intern. The church is located south of Atlanta near I-85. The intern would work with the church's students on Wednesdays, Sundays, and at additional bi-monthly activities. Job will require approximately 20 hours per week with the possibility of increasing to a full-

time position in the future. Compensation and mileage are negotiable. If interested, please forward résumé to: Matt Headley at headleyhvac@numail.org.

Madison Baptist Church in Madison, GA, has an immediate opening for a Minister/Director of Youth and Children's Ministries. Our church is seeking a committed Christian who is enthusiastic, personable, motivated, and compassionate. Madison is located 60 miles east of Atlanta and 25 miles south of Athens. MBC is a multi-staffed church that values ministry to youth and children. We are a dually-aligned CBF/SBC church with average weekly worship attendance of 200. Minimum requirements for the position include a Bachelor's degree; church youth/children leadership experience is preferred. Résumé and cover letter should be submitted to mbcyouthpastorsearch@gmail.com or MBC Search Committee, 328 South Main Street, Madison, GA 30650. If you need further information, please contact us at the above email address.

First Baptist Church of Griffin, GA, is an avowedly moderate Baptist congregation affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. We are searching for an Associate Pastor with strong people skills as well as gifts in preaching and management of ministry areas. This pastor must work well as a team with other ministers and focus upon the entire congregation. However, he/she will also need to lead and preach weekly in the Connexion worship ministry, our contemporary worship service that meets at the same time as our traditional worship service. There will also be recurring times throughout the church year where preaching in the traditional service will also be expected. Preference will be given to candidates with the equivalent of an M.Div. degree from an accredited seminary and a minimum of four years of preaching/church ministry experience. Deadline to receive resume and cover letter is September 15. Send resumes and cover letter to searchcommittee@fbcgriffin.org.

Vineville Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia, seeks a part-time Minister to Children and Young Families. This person will provide leadership for comprehensive ministry among children ages birth through sixth grade, along with providing direction and guidance to parents and lay leaders. This person will participate fully with church staff, attending staff meetings and Children's Team planning, participating in worship leadership, and supporting the larger ministry of the church. A commitment of 15-20 hours per week is expected, including Sundays and Wednesdays. The ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree and experience in ministry with children and/or teaching experience; some administrative experience is a plus, and seminary education is highly valued but not required. Résumés with cover letters may be submitted to Candace Fry, chair, at vbccchildrenresume@gmail.com. Résumés will be accepted until the position is filled.

First Baptist Church of Decatur, GA, welcomes applicants for the position of Lead Pastor. A church with a 150-year history, FBC Decatur is a CBF partner congregation. Led by a staff of 4 ministers and 2 worship leaders, FBC Decatur has a traditional and a contemporary worship service each Sunday, welcoming a diverse congregation to worship and study the Bible together. We are seeking a pastor who is committed to strong preaching and pastoral care; who will partner with us to craft a vision for the next season of our ministry; who will continue to build and encourage a team of ministers, staff and members to lead and care for everyone in the church community; and who will lead us in reaching out to the larger communities of Decatur and metro Atlanta. The successful applicant will bring passion, joy, and proven abilities in worship leadership and preaching, ministerial and administrative leadership, and congregational care. Applicants should be ordained and have an accredited seminary degree and prior pastoral experience. Candidates who are interested should submit a cover letter including a statement of faith and ministry, and resume including list of references, to SearchCommittee@fbcdccatur.com, or by mail to Pastor Search Committee, First Baptist Church of Decatur, 308 Clairemont Avenue, Decatur, Georgia, 30030. Links to

audio or video sermon content are also encouraged. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

First Baptist Church, Augusta, GA is seeking a qualified, spiritual, and relational candidate for the full-time comprehensive position of Youth/College Minister. The candidate should have a great love for student ministry and a passion for teaching students to grow deeper in their relationship with Christ. First Baptist is a large faith community who values and supports Youth/College Ministry and is excited to see it continue to grow and improve. The Minister is responsible for planning, coordinating, administering, supporting and evaluating the comprehensive ministry to students and their families. First Baptist is blessed to serve over a hundred students attending multiple middle/high schools and colleges in the greater Augusta area. It is our desire to equip our students with a solid Biblical foundation and to help students have an attitude of compassion for others and to have an authentic and undeniable love for God. A Seminary or education degree is preferred, as well as experience in Youth Ministry and partnering in church growth. Resumes will be accepted immediately and should be submitted to youthsearch@fbcaugusta.org. A detailed job description can be found at www.fbcaugusta.org.

Lake Nixon Outdoor Center, a ministry of Second Baptist Church Downtown Little Rock, AR, is looking for staff candidates who have a strong love for God and service to families, students and children. The Program Director/Educator is a new position created to help expand the services of the Lake Nixon Outdoor Center. The successful candidate is responsible for maintaining the Lake Nixon Outdoor Center's summer day camp programs, which have been in operation since 1969 and primarily serve kindergarteners through 5th graders. The day camp operates for nine weeks in the summer. The successful candidate will also work alongside staff to develop a new Outdoor Preschool Program for children age 3 to 5, based on the Nature Preschool/Forest Kindergarten model, to begin in the Fall of 2017 or Winter of 2018. Please visit <http://www.2bclr.com/employment/> for details on how to apply.

First Baptist Church of Mount Airy, NC, a 135-year-old church with 600+ resident members, is prayerfully seeking a full-time associate pastor. The search committee is seeking a compassionate, caring servant-leader, led by the Holy Spirit, exhibiting visionary leadership and committed to the spiritual formation of members. The Associate Minister's responsibilities will be focused on youth, children, and their families while giving attention and oversight to the educational ministry for all age groups. Applicants should be biblically grounded and mature in their faith. A Bachelor's Degree is required; seminary training is preferred and the applicant should be a candidate for ordination. The search committee prefers to receive resumes by email at fbcapresumes@gmail.com; however, hard copies will be accepted. Please mail hard copies to: Associate Pastor Search Team, First Baptist Church, 714 N. Main Street, Mount Airy, NC 27030.

For an updated listing of open positions, visit www.cbfga.org.

Financial Report

Budget Receipts as of 7/31/2017

(Budget year began July 1, 2017)

Year to date:	2017/2018	2016/2017
Requirement:	\$49,012.67	\$47,783.03
Receipts:	\$27,743.34	\$23,721.52
Expenses:	\$45,262.81	\$33,533.18
Over/(Under)Expenses	(\$17,519.47)	(\$9,811.66)

Over/(Under) Requirement (\$21,269.33) (\$24,061.51)

Monthly	July 2017:	July 2016:
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