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## CBF/GA News

February 14, 2018



### Register Now for Spring General Assembly!



Join us at First Baptist, Griffin, Friday-Saturday, April 6-7! We will be welcoming our new Executive Coordinator, Jody Long, along with celebrating Frank Broome's retirement after 20 years as Executive Coordinator. To register and learn about hotel options for Spring General Assembly, [click here](#). Organizations interested in exhibiting at Spring General Assembly may contact Renée Bennett at [rbennett@cbfga.org](mailto: rbennett@cbfga.org) for information.

### Students Wanted for Student.Church and Student.Go!

CBF's Student.Church summer internship program and its Student.Go summer mission program are both seeking interested students for 2018. Applications are now being accepted for students and churches desiring to participate in either of these programs. CBF/GA will supplement the stipends for up to ten students who are serving in CBF/GA churches or in Georgia Student.Go locations. Information is available on the CBF/GA website, [www.cbfga.org/college](http://www.cbfga.org/college), or on the CBF Global website at [www.cbf.net/studentdot](http://www.cbf.net/studentdot). Please contact Martha Kate Hall at [mkhall@cbfga.org](mailto: mkhall@cbfga.org) with questions.

### Senior Adult Retreat April 29 - May 1 - Register Now

Register now for the 2018 Senior Adult Retreat at First Baptist Church, Saint Simons Island, Sunday, April 29 - Tuesday, May 1, 2018! Erin Robinson Hall of Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon, will be our retreat speaker. This year's theme is "Voices on the Journey," and there will be ample time for fellowship, expanded breakout session offerings, and an opportunity to be part of the retreat choir! We look forward to another great experience hosted by First Baptist Church, Saint Simons Island. For lodging options, [click here](#).



Register online at [www.cbfga.org/senior-adults](http://www.cbfga.org/senior-adults), or you may register by contacting Renée Bennett at [rbennett@cbfga.org](mailto: rbennett@cbfga.org) or 478-742-1191 with questions. The registration deadline is Monday, April 23, 2018.

### Scholarship Applications Accepted through April 16

CBF/GA will accept scholarship applications for the 2018-2019 academic years until Monday, April 16. [Click here](#) for more information. Students should be currently enrolled in a master's level or higher degree program at an accredited theological education institution (not restricted to Baptist institutions). Contact Martha Kate Hall at [mkhall@cbfga.org](mailto: mkhall@cbfga.org) with questions.

### Check Out Our Visions Newsletter Online

The latest Visions newsletter is being mailed this week and is now available online at [www.cbfga.org/newsletter-archive](http://www.cbfga.org/newsletter-archive). To subscribe to the print edition of Visions, fill out the online form or email Melissa Kremer at [mkremer@cbfga.org](mailto: mkremer@cbfga.org).

### Save the Dates for Senior Celebrations 2018

**Tuesday, October 30:** First Baptist Church, Marietta

**Thursday, November 8:** The Oaks Baptist Church, Lyons

**Thursday, November 15:** Trinity Baptist Church, Moultrie

### State Mission Offering Materials Still Available

The State Mission Offering materials (including poster, bulletin insert, and video) are now available online or through the CBF/GA office. Learn more [here](#). Please contact Renée Bennett at [rbennett@cbfga.org](mailto:rbennett@cbfga.org) or 478-742-1191 (option 1, or option 2, ext. 3) to request extra materials.

### Love Your Neighbor

How is your church loving your neighbors through missions? Please send stories and pictures to [mkremer@cbfga.org](mailto:mkremer@cbfga.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, name changes, or phone number changes to Melissa Kremer at [mkremer@cbfga.org](mailto:mkremer@cbfga.org).

### Be a CBF/GA Ambassador

To become a CBF/GA Ambassador for your congregation, please contact Renée Bennett at [rbennett@cbfga.org](mailto:rbennett@cbfga.org) or 478-742-1191 (option 1, or option 2, ext. 3). A CBF/GA Ambassador actively promotes CBF/GA and encourages connections between his/her local church and CBF/GA.

## From CBF Global

### CBF Church Start Cohort Information

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 remaining 2018 dates are April 22 - June 15, July 8 - August 31, and October 7- November 30. Click [here](#) for more information. Contact Andy Hale at [ahale@cbf.net](mailto:ahale@cbf.net) or at 919-971-4412 for more information and to register for the cohort.

### CBF Global Assembly Set for June in Dallas



The Georgia State Meeting will take place from 3 p.m.- 4 p.m., Thursday, June 14.

More 2018 General Assembly information is available at [www.cbf.net/general-assembly](http://www.cbf.net/general-assembly). Registration is now open!

### CBF Global Seeks Health Care Professionals

CBF Global is updating and expanding its resource and referral network of health care professionals. These health care professionals lend their expertise and support to CBF field personnel who may have difficulty accessing adequate medical care in their places of ministry. Lindsi Hines, Member Care and Wellness Manager at CBF Global, is creating a list of providers to include mental health clinicians, physicians, pediatricians, developmental specialists, physical therapists, and a range of other specialists who are willing to provide second opinions, referrals, and professional advice to these field personnel. Please contact Lindsi Hines at [lhines@cbf.net](mailto:lhines@cbf.net) if you or someone in your church is interested in being included in this effort.

## From Our Friends

**PASSPORT, Inc. Offers Lenten Devotional Series**

Journey to the Cross, the devotional series for Lent, returns to Passport, Inc.'s devotional website, [www.d365.org](http://www.d365.org). The series is available from Ash Wednesday, February 14, through Sunday, April 8. The series features scripture, prayer, and meditative thoughts accompanied by gentle music.

### **Summer Mission Team Opportunities in Miami**

Touching Miami with Love (TML), a long-running CBF mission effort in Miami, Florida, has opportunities for Summer Mission Teams at its TML: West Homestead location. The available weeks are June 18-22, July 2-6, and July 9-13. For more information about TML, [read here](#).

### **BWIMGA Award Nominations Deadline is Feb. 15**

Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia honors a woman from our state with an award recently renamed as the Pearl DuVall Distinguished Churchwoman of the Year. Qualifications for this award include significant contributions to ministry by a Baptist woman who has experienced a call to ministry and is fulfilling that call in a salaried or non-salaried position, lay or clergy. Nominations by persons throughout the state are welcomed and should include a brief written summary of the woman's call, qualifications for ministry, and 2 letters of recommendation.

*All nominations should be received in writing by February 15, 2018.* The recipient of the award will be honored during the annual Spring Meeting of the Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia on April 7th at FBC Griffin. Nominees for the award are evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Demonstrates faithful commitment to the development of her ministry
- Exhibits the characteristics of a mentor of women in ministry
- Exemplifies qualities of gifted leadership and redemptive service
- Maintains an active role in the ministry of her local church
- Displays support for the goals and vision of Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia.

\*Please email all nominations by February 15 to Renee Bennett at [reneebennett954@gmail.com](mailto:reneebennett954@gmail.com).

### **Deadline is Feb. 15 for BWIMGA Scholarship**

Annually, BWIM of Georgia awards the Sara Owen Etheridge scholarship to a Baptist woman who is from or currently resides in Georgia and has completed at least one year of seminary education (30 hours of study) at the Masters or Doctoral level. Applicants may attend a Baptist or non-Baptist seminary. Applications must be received by February 15, 2018. All applications and references should be sent to Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia, c/o Christie McTier, 675 McArthur Dr., Harlem GA 30814 or to [csopraras@gmail.com](mailto:csopraras@gmail.com). For more information, see [www.bwimga.com](http://www.bwimga.com).

### **English Teachers Needed in China this July**

Volunteers for China is seeking native English speakers for spoken English classes in China during July. You do not need to speak Chinese. You must have a passport that is good past January 2019 and be in good physical health. You must be flexible in spirit and be able to tolerate hot, humid temperatures. Please see

[www.volunteersforchina.org](http://www.volunteersforchina.org) for details or email us at [info@volunteersforchina.org](mailto:info@volunteersforchina.org)

or call 865-983-9852. Pray, Plan, Act! You can do all three at the same time!

### **Mercer Hosts Self Preaching Lecture**

The 2018 Self Preaching Lectures take place February 26-27, featuring Dr. Raphael G. Warnock, Senior Pastor of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. All lectures will be held in Cecil B. Day Hall on the Mercer University Atlanta Campus. The reservation deadline is February 20. To RSVP, please contact Diane Frazier at [frazier\\_d@mercer.edu](mailto:frazier_d@mercer.edu) or 678-547-6470.

### **Celebrate Women with the Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching in February**

February is the Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching. Since 2007, Baptist Women in Ministry has invited Baptist churches to participate in Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching by having a woman preach during February. Take this opportunity to publicly voice your support of women in ministry, to be counted with other Baptist churches in celebrating the calling and gifts of women, and to remind your congregation that God does indeed call women to the work of the kingdom. This is also an opportunity for your church to invite into your

pulpit a woman who has never had the opportunity to preach. Use Martha Stearns Marshall Month as a time to invite and support a first-time female preacher. To learn more, click [here](#).

## Reference and Referral

First Baptist Church of Mount Airy, NC, a 135-year-old church with 450+ resident members, is prayerfully seeking a full-time Associate Pastor for Families. 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. 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 ordained or a candidate for ordination. The search committee prefers to receive resumes by email at [fbcapresumes@gmail.com](mailto:fbcapresumes@gmail.com); however, hard copies will be accepted. Please mail hard copies to: Associate Pastor Search Team, First Baptist Church, 714 N Main St, Mount Airy, NC 27030

First Baptist Church, Orangeburg, SC, is seeking a seminary student or a college student to serve as an intern and help with children and youth ministries for the summer. The internship will be for 10 weeks, pay a \$3000 stipend (\$300 per week), and include housing. The intern will report directly to the church's Associate Pastor for Students and Family Life and the church's Associate Pastor for Children. For information about the church and a more detailed job description, please email Rev. Kris Aaron at [kris@fbcorangeburg.org](mailto:kris@fbcorangeburg.org). The deadline to apply is Monday, April 2.

First Baptist Church of Griffin, Georgia, is seeking an Associate Pastor to join our ministry staff. He or she needs to have strong people, preaching, and management skills. This person must work well as a team with other ministers and focus upon the entire congregation. However, he/she will lead and preach weekly in the Connexion worship ministry, our contemporary service that meets at the same time as our traditional service. This candidate will at times throughout the church year also preach in the traditional service. Preference will be given to candidates with an M.Div. degree from an accredited seminary and a minimum of four years of church ministry/preaching experience. Résumés and cover letters will be received at [searchcommittee@fbcgriffin.org](mailto:searchcommittee@fbcgriffin.org) until February 15, 2018.

University Baptist Church (UBC) located in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and partnered with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and with the Alliance of Baptists, is seeking a Senior Pastor to serve our congregation and lead its ministries. We desire a dynamic and energetic pastor who possesses strong preaching skills, with five or more years of ministry experience. Candidates should hold a masters or doctoral degree from an accredited seminary or divinity school. In addition, the Senior Pastor will serve as the leader of the church's pastoral ministries and will work with the board of deacons and the congregation to offer pastoral care to members and others in our community to encourage spiritual growth. Many of our members participate each Sunday by leading litanies, prayers, and scripture readings, and the Senior Pastor will facilitate lay leadership. Similarly, the Senior Pastor will work closely with standing committees and the church staff. Compensation in the form of salary and benefits for the Senior Pastor will be dependent on qualifications and experience and will range from \$65,000 to \$75,000. Résumés may be sent to [ubcsearch@ubchm.org](mailto:ubcsearch@ubchm.org).

Oakland Baptist Church, a theologically moderate church in Rock Hill, SC (twenty-five miles south of Charlotte, NC), seeks a Minister of Music. Our church offers two distinct weekly worship experiences and an expansive music program. Our church is an inclusive and open fellowship, seeking to love all people by being the hands and feet of Christ in our community and around the world. The Minister of Music will be a devoted follower of Christ, hold a music degree, and have a background that includes theological training, experience as a church musician conducting choirs and handbells, and the ability to participate in and/or provide guidance for traditional and non-traditional services. She or he will also be responsible for overseeing other musical activities of the church. We hope to fill this position with someone who possesses a variety of gifts beyond music. We are interested in any and all areas of expertise (e.g., teaching, working with children, youth, or senior adults, preaching, technology, spiritual formation, administration, outreach, counseling, visitation, etc.) and encourage the candidate to list these areas and expound upon them in her or his résumé.

Visit [oaklandchurch.com/music-search](http://oaklandchurch.com/music-search) for more specific information regarding requirements for and a description of duties for this position. Interested individuals should submit a cover letter and résumé, including references and, if available, a digital file that demonstrates the candidate's ability as a conductor to the Minister of Music Search Committee at [musicsearch@oaklandchurch.com](mailto:musicsearch@oaklandchurch.com). (Candidates who have a CD or DVD demonstrating their work may mail those to Oakland Baptist Church, 1067 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, SC 29732, Attn: Music Search Committee). All applications are due by February 28, 2018.

For an updated listing of open positions, visit [www.cbfga.org](http://www.cbfga.org).

## Financial Report

### Budget Receipts as of 12/31/2017

*(Budget year began July 1, 2017)*

<b>Year to date:</b>	<b>2017/2018</b>	<b>2016/2017</b>
Requirement:	\$294,076.02	\$300,448.14
Receipts:	\$226,155.85	\$259,643.42
Expenses:	\$253,336.11	\$255,270.25
Over/(Under)Expenses	(\$27,180.26)	\$4,373.17
Over/(Under) Requirement	(\$67,920.17)	(\$40,804.72)

<b>Monthly</b>	<b>December 2017:</b>	<b>December 2016:</b>
Requirement:	\$49,012.67	\$50,074.69
Receipts:	\$43,177.52	\$81,114.76
Expenses:	\$45,710.93	\$43,797.20
Over/(Under) Expenses	(\$2,533.41)	\$37,317.56
Over/(Under)Requirement	(\$5,835.15)	\$31,040.07

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