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CBF/GA News

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CBF/GA Names New Executive Coordinator



The Coordinating Council of the CBF/GA has approved the search committee's recommendation of Jody T. Long as the organization's second Executive Coordinator, to succeed Frank Broome, who is retiring following 20 years of service. Long, who will begin his tenure on February 1, 2018, has served as Minister of Students and Missions at First Baptist Church of Christ in Macon, GA, since 2004. He held part-time student ministry positions from 1996-2003 while attending Macon State College (A.A., 1998), Mercer University (B.A., 2001), and McAfee School of Theology (M.Div., 2004). Long, who completed a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership through Mercer University in 2013, has been a member of the CBF Youth Ministry Network and the Passport Camps Youth Advisory Board, in addition to serving in local community ministries. He is married to Julie Whidden Long and they have two children.

Last Call for March Mission Madness!

Limited space at both the Atlanta and Rome locations is still available at \$110 per participant, but late registration ends January 19. Cost includes lodging in an area motel, a t-shirt, five meals, and program and supply costs. Josh Plant, Associate Pastor of The Church on the Drive, Orlando, FL, will be the preacher for both MMM weekends. [Click here](#) for more details. Contact Martha Kate Hall at mkhall@cbfga.org with questions.

Registration Now Open 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 for information.

Senior Adult Retreat Returns 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! 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](#).



Registration opens online January 15, or you may register by contacting

Renée Bennett at rbennett@cbfga.org or 478-742-1191 (option 1, or option 2, ext. 3) with questions.

Save the Dates for Senior Celebrations 2018

Tuesday, October 30: First Baptist Church, Marietta
Thursday, November 8: The Oaks Baptist Church, Lyons

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 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 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@cbfga.org.

Be a CBF/GA Ambassador

To become a CBF/GA Ambassador for your congregation, please contact Renée Bennett at 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

CHURCHWORKS 2018 Happens in February



CHURCHWORKS is a three day event for all practitioners of education and spiritual formation in the congregational setting. CHURCHWORKS creates space for renewal in ministry through practices of creativity, community, and worship. To teach the people of God, educators need a place to be equipped, inspired, and renewed. [Click here](#) to register now!

Regular Registration Rate: \$75 (registration closes February 12)

Seminary Student Rate: \$30 (Currently enrolled at a CBF Partner seminary)

One-Day Rate: \$30

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 2018 dates are January 14 - March 9, 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 or at 919-971-4412 for more information and to register for the cohort.

CBF Global Assembly Set for June in Dallas



More 2018 General Assembly information will be available soon at www.cbf.net/general-assembly. Registration opens January 16.

From Our Friends

BWIM of Georgia Seeks Nominations for Annual Award

Each year, Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia honors a woman from our state as 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 for this honor are reviewed, and the final selection is made by the Steering Committee of Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia. 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 in Griffin, GA. Nominees for the award are evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Demonstrated 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 visions of Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia.

Please email all nominations by February 15 to Renee Bennett at renee.bennett954@gmail.com.

Apply Soon for BWIM of Georgia 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 csoparas@gmail.com. Read more [here](#).

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. If your church has never had a woman preach, perhaps you will prayerfully and thoughtfully take small steps to help move your church toward being open to women in ministry. For churches that have a woman pastor or that often have women preach, this event is a great opportunity for you to stand with and support Baptists who are still hoping for and dreaming of the day that their church will allow women to preach. Take the 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 preacher. To learn more, click [here](#).

OASIS Youth Ministry Retreat



What is Oasis?
Oasis is a three day retreat to address the spiritual health and professional development of our CBF youth ministers. Youth ministers across the CBF network gather to build community while being refreshed for ministry.

Guest Speaker: Brad Griffin
Brad Griffin is the Director of the Fuller Youth Institute and coauthor of *Growing Young*.

Cost:

- Sharing a room: \$275
- Private room: \$350

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Register at www.CBFYMN.org

Reference and Referral

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 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.

Vineville Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia, is seeking a full-time Minister for Family Life and Education. The Minister for Family Life and Education is tasked with providing leadership for ministries of faith formation among children (ages birth - 6th grade), bolstering the overall educational ministry of the church, and assisting with the congregation's pastoral care needs. This minister would also provide direction and guidance to parents and lay leaders for faith formation with children. A Master of Divinity Degree is essential, and some Clinical Pastoral Education would be desirable. Prior experience in children's ministry and/or educational ministry is desirable and administrative experience is helpful. Résumés and cover letters may be submitted to vbchildrenresume@gmail.com.

Celebration Church in suburban Atlanta (located near Chateau Élan and the Mall of Georgia) seeks a Youth Minister. The church has two Sunday services, dynamic children and youth opportunities midweek, and ongoing small groups. This dynamic student minister's purpose is to inspire middle and high school students to love Christ, live as He would, and to love our world to a life-giving relationship in Him. This minister will be responsible for planning, developing, and implementing a balanced youth ministry (grades 6 -12) in group building, worship, discipleship, mission and leadership. The candidate should have a bachelor's degree, proven success in youth ministry program planning, implementation, and execution, strong communication skill, exceptional ability to work well within a staff group environment, a drive to meet and exceed personal and professional standards of productivity, a teachable spirit and

willingness to learn, and an outstanding ability to handle conflict and to coach both student and student-parent relationships. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Interested applicants may submit résumés and cover letters to hr@celebrationfamily.com.

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 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. (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 January 31, 2018.

First Baptist Church, Decatur, seeks a full-time Pastor for Youth and Families. The Pastor for Youth and Families will lead students in grades 6-12 as well as a team of adult volunteers. Key areas of responsibility include spiritual development, youth participation/engagement, parent engagement, mission engagement, event planning/programming, leadership development, communication, and administration. Résumés and questions may be submitted to jeremylewis@urbanrecipe.org.

Community Baptist Church, Milledgeville, Georgia, is seeking a pastor. We are located in a community of roughly 50,000 people, about 100 miles east-southeast of Atlanta, near Macon. Our church is twenty years old, is affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and tends toward traditional worship with contemporary elements from time to time. We average 40-50 each Sunday and have historically identified ourselves as a mission-oriented congregation active in our community. Résumés and questions may be directed to edweimer53@gmail.com.

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

Financial Report

Budget Receipts as of 11/30/2017

(Budget year began July 1, 2017)

Year to date:	2017/2018	2016/2017
Requirement:	\$245,063.35	\$250,373.45
Receipts:	\$182,978.33	\$178,528.66
Expenses:	\$207,825.18	\$211,473.05
Over/(Under) Expenses	(\$24,846.85)	(\$32,944.39)
Over/(Under) Requirement	(\$62,085.02)	(\$71,844.79)

Monthly	November 2017:	November 2016:
Requirement:	\$49,012.67	\$47,783.03
Receipts:	\$33,225.81	\$35,811.42
Expenses:	\$35,438.45	\$34,700.27
Over/(Under) Expenses	(\$2,212.64)	\$1,111.15
Over/(Under) Requirement	(\$15,786.86)	(\$14,263.27)

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