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## CBF/GA News

October 31, 2017



### Registration Ends Thursday, Nov. 2 for Senior Celebration in Commerce!

Register [here](#) for Senior Celebration! You may choose either to prepay when you register, or you may pay at the door as in past years. The second Senior Celebration takes place Thursday, November 9 at First Baptist, Commerce, with Bill Ross of First Baptist, Marietta, preaching; musical entertainment will be offered by *The Todd Chandler Family*. Coffee will be available at 9:30 am, with check-in beginning at 10:00 am and worship at 10:30 am. Lunch and entertainment follow, and the program will end by 2 pm. Please contact Renée Bennett at [rbennett@cbfga.org](mailto:rbennett@cbfga.org) or 478-742-1191 (option 1, or option 2, ext. 3) with questions or to register by phone or email.



### State Mission Offering Materials Now 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.

### March Mission Madness Registration Is Now Open!



[Click here](#) for details. Contact Martha Kate Hall at [mkhall@cbfga.org](mailto:mkhall@cbfga.org) with questions.

### Rise Against Hunger Event Open to Middle Neighborhood CBF/GA Congregations



Middle Neighborhood CBF/GA congregations are invited to join together once again in a *Rise Against Hunger* (formerly *Stop Hunger Now*) event at Highland Hills Baptist Church in Macon, Sunday afternoon, November 5, at 4 pm. Please register online at the Highland Hills website by [clicking here](#), or call the church office at 478-746-4846. This is a fast-paced, fun way to support hunger relief around the world and is open to volunteers of all ages. Expect to pack 12,096 meals in about two hours!

### Hurricane Response Opportunities

CBF and CBF/GA are responding to hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. Visit [www.cbfga.net/dr-volunteer](http://www.cbfga.net/dr-volunteer) for up-to-date information on how to assist directly in disaster response and recovery.

Churches and individuals may contribute through CBF/GA or through CBF Global. To donate through CBF/GA, [click here](#). Checks may also be mailed to CBF/GA, PO Box 4343, Macon, GA 31208. To give through CBF Global, [click here](#). Checks may also be mailed to CBF, PO Box 102972, Atlanta, GA 30368-2972. Please include "Hurricane Response" in the memo line of checks.

### CBF/GA Churches Celebrate Milestones

We celebrate with these CBF/GA churches which have recently celebrated significant anniversaries:

**The Oaks Baptist Church**, Lyons - 15 years, October 8

**North Broad Baptist Church**, Rome - 150 years, October 22

### Appleton Book Reception and Celebration November 5

First Baptist, Athens, invites the CBF/GA family to a reception Sunday, November 5, 2:30 - 4:00 pm, in recognition and celebration of the newly published book, *This Hope We Have: Selected Sermons and Meditations by Jon Appleton*. Jon Appleton was Senior Pastor of the church from 1976 - 1999. The book is edited by John Pierce.

### CBF/GA Spring 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.

### 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! We look forward to another great experience hosted by First Baptist Church, Saint Simons Island. More details, including lodging options, 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@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 or phone number changes to Melissa Kremer at [mkremer@cbfga.org](mailto:mkremer@cbfga.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@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 Benefits Board Search for President Moves Forward

Continuing its process to replace retiring president Gary Skeen, CBF Church Benefits has completed the development of its president's profile and is actively seeking names and resumes of potential candidates. The full profile is available for download [here](#). Skeen, the founding president of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's financial ministry that offers Fortune 500-quality benefits to thousands of ministry professionals, will retire in June 2018. Interested applicants or those wanting to submit names for consideration should contact Anne F. Keating at 917-207-1587 or [akeating@fraserkeating.com](mailto:akeating@fraserkeating.com).

### Announcing CHURCHWORKS 2018



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!](#)

Early Bird Rate: \$60 (before January 1, 2018)  
 Seminary Student Rate: \$30 (Currently enrolled at a CBF Partner seminary)  
 One-Day Rate: \$30

### 2018-2020 CBF Fellows Cohort Invitation



Recent seminary/divinity graduates (preferably within the past five years) or soon-to-be graduates who have a clear call to serve as ministers in local congregations are invited to apply. Applications are received in odd-numbered years from October 1 - December 31. New cohorts begin in August of even-numbered years and are announced in June at General Assembly. Find out more at [www.cbf.net/fellows](http://www.cbf.net/fellows).

### Updated CBF Church Start 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](mailto:ahale@cbf.net) or at 919-971-4412 for more information and to register for the cohort.

### Mission Resource Available from CBF Global



A new congregational mission resource is now available from CBF Global, "Maximizing Your Church's Mission Engagement." Go to [www.cbf.net/engage](http://www.cbf.net/engage) for more information and to order.

### Looking Ahead to CBF Global Assemblies

More 2018 General Assembly information will be available soon at [www.cbf.net/general-assembly.m](http://www.cbf.net/general-assembly.m)



## From Our Friends

### OASIS Youth Ministry Retreat

Register at [www.CBFYMN.org](http://www.CBFYMN.org)

### Opportunities to Volunteer in China in 2018

David and Ann Wilson, of Volunteers for China (VFC), are seeking people interested in teaching oral English in China in July of 2018. Two types of volunteers are needed: ones to spread the word about oral English teaching opportunities, and ones who are willing to serve. Detailed information is available at [www.volunteersforchina.org](http://www.volunteersforchina.org). You may also call 865-983-9852 with questions.

## Reference and Referral

The North American Baptist Fellowship is searching for its next General Secretary. Persons interested in consideration for this position should forward (1) a letter of interest that communicates how your gifts align with the scope, responsibilities, and qualifications and (2) a résumé, to Suzii Paynter at [spaynter@cbf.net](mailto:spaynter@cbf.net), with NABF General Secretary in the subject line, not later than November 1, 2017.

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. 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](mailto:edweimer53@gmail.com).

First Baptist Church of Tucker, a 400-person congregation with an average attendance of 175 for worship, is seeking a part-time Media Specialist to work in our office two days per week. The primary responsibility of this position is to develop and maintain all communication tools including social media and print publications. Successful candidates will be highly creative, self-motivated, a team player and able to multi-task. Two years' experience in communications and/or web design and knowledge of web, graphic, and media design software packages are desired. Send résumé to [employment@fbctucker.org](mailto:employment@fbctucker.org). Résumés will be accepted until the position is filled.

Forest Hills Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC, is seeking an experienced Senior Pastor to be a spiritual leader to our 400-member congregation, a mentor to our associate pastors and ministerial staff, and a catalyst to foster a new vision for reaching the unchurched. To access the senior pastor profile, church profile, and application, visit <http://foresthills.org/careers> by November 15.

Minister to Children and Youth. Second Avenue Baptist Church in Rome, GA, a 500-person congregation with an average attendance of 160 for worship, is seeking a full-time Minister to Children and Youth. His/her primary responsibility is to guide the spiritual growth and maturity of children, youth, and college students and to encourage and equip them to become disciples of Christ. Successful candidates will demonstrate maturity of faith, relational leadership, excellence in communication, and creative vision. The minister will organize and execute innovative programs for children, youth, college students, and families while working alongside the senior pastor, other staff members, and various ministry teams. A graduate degree in ministry from an accredited college or seminary, as well as experience in full-time children or youth ministry, is desirable. Send résumé to [monty@sabcrome.com](mailto:monty@sabcrome.com) or mail to Second Avenue Baptist Church, 823 E 2nd Avenue, Rome, GA 30161. Application deadline is December 31, 2017.

Abingdon Baptist Church (ABC), Abingdon, VA is seeking a full-time Senior Pastor. ABC was founded in 1910 and associates with both CBF and SBC. We are looking for a pastor with a minimum of 4 to 7 years of associate and/or pastoral experience who is flexible with both traditional and contemporary services. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, a current résumé (with at least three professional references) and the completed application in one package. Submit package to: Roger Garrett, Chairman, Pastor Search Committee, PO Box 208, Abingdon, VA 24212, or to [jarvisg1940@gmail.com](mailto:jarvisg1940@gmail.com). All applications must be received by November 1, 2017.

Second Avenue Baptist Church in Rome, Georgia is seeking a part-time (15 hrs. per week) Minister to Senior Adults. A graduate degree from a recognized seminary is highly desirable or formal ministerial training from an accredited college, seminary or equivalent experience. Send résumé to [monty@sabcrome.com](mailto:monty@sabcrome.com) or mail to Second Avenue Baptist Church, 823 E 2nd Avenue, Rome, GA 30161. Application deadline is December 1, 2017.

Central Baptist Church in Newnan, Georgia (30 miles south of Atlanta) seeks full-time Associate Pastor for Students. Central is a 100+ year old congregation averaging 300-400 in weekly attendance at two traditional Sunday services with strong presence of youth and young families. Associate Pastor will primarily be responsible for planning, promoting and implementing Christian Youth Education activities, as well as for other general ministry responsibilities within the church. College degree plus some seminary required. Seminary graduate with some practical experience in the field preferred. Please forward resumes to Matt Headley at [headleyhvac@numail.org](mailto:headleyhvac@numail.org).

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](mailto:pastorsearch@viewmontbaptist.org). Any questions may be directed to our search committee chairman, Tim Turner.

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 [vbchildrenresume@gmail.com](mailto:vbchildrenresume@gmail.com). Résumés will be accepted until the position is filled.

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

## Financial Report

### Budget Receipts as of 8/31/2017

(Budget year began July 1, 2017)

<b>Year to date:</b>	<b>2017/2018</b>	<b>2016/2017</b>
Requirement:	\$147,038.01	\$143,349.09
Receipts:	\$112,356.17	\$99,029.64
Expenses:	\$116,635.88	\$120,667.13
Over/(Under)Expenses	(\$4,279.71)	(\$21,637.49)
Over/(Under) Requirement	(\$34,681.84)	(\$44,319.45)

<b>Monthly</b>	<b>September 2017:</b>	<b>September 2016:</b>
Requirement:	\$49,012.67	\$47,783.03
Receipts:	\$28,105.05	\$37,341.12
Expenses:	\$32,394.44	\$43,992.67
Over/(Under) Expenses	(\$4,289.39)	(\$6,651.55)
Over/(Under)Requirement	(\$20,907.62)	(\$10,441.91)

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