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# CBF/GA ReVisions

September 19, 2018



## Hurricane Florence Response

Many of our hearts have been stirred by the devastation that Hurricane Florence has wreaked over the past days. As conditions improve enough for groups and individuals to engage in on-the-ground responses, CBF/GA will be communicating those opportunities to our partner congregations. Here is a response from Rick Burnette, U.S. Disaster Response for the CBF Global:

"CBF Disaster Response continues to monitor the ongoing effects of Tropical Depression Florence in the Carolinas as well as Virginia. In consultation with CBF of North Carolina and local congregations, Alan Williams, CBF's Disaster Response Specialist, will begin assessing damage and needs in various impacted communities. Williams will be joined by other team members and consultants over the next few days.

We will continue to provide updates when we have determined specific communities for CBF engagement, and we will share opportunities for network and congregational involvement. Our priority is to assist neighborhoods that tend to be overlooked during disaster recovery. *As we prepare for response efforts, please be advised that CBF Disaster Response is not capable of handling donations of food, water, clothing and other material goods.* However, we will be following up as quickly as possible regarding volunteer needs in specific communities."

CBF is accepting disaster response funds in preparation for the response efforts to Hurricane Florence. Churches and individuals wanting to contribute to Hurricane Florence Disaster Response may give online [here](#). If you prefer, you may also give by mailing a check payable to "CBF" to: Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, PO Box 102972, Atlanta, GA 30368-2972 (*\*be sure to include "Hurricane Florence response" in the memo line*).

CBF/GA will be collecting funds as well, and you may donate through CBF/GA at [www.cbfga.org/donate](http://www.cbfga.org/donate). Checks may also be mailed to CBF/GA, PO Box 4343, Macon, GA, 31208. Please include "Hurricane Florence response" in the memo line.

[Senior Celebrations: Online Registration Now Open](#)

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

**Marietta**

Speaker: Steve Davis, First Baptist Church,  
Carrollton

Entertainment: Mary Burndrett, Violinist  
Registration deadline: Friday, October 19



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

Speaker: Nathan LaShoto, First Baptist Church, Claxton  
Entertainment: Mary Alice Wilder, Minnie Pearl Impressionist  
Registration deadline: Thursday, November 1

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

Speaker: Jerry Mahan, First Baptist Church, Fitzgerald  
Entertainment: Music with John Grobe and Scott Graham  
Registration deadline: Thursday, November 8

**Registration is now open online at [www.cbfga.org/adult/](http://www.cbfga.org/adult/). Cost is \$15, which includes a delicious lunch. No cash will be accepted at the door this year. If you need to pay by check at the door, please register by calling Renée Bennett at (478)731-6139 (cell) or (478)742-1191 (office). Contact Renée Bennett at [rbennett@cbfga.org](mailto:rbennett@cbfga.org) with questions.**

## **Student Event Dates Announced for 2019**

Look for more information soon on these exciting upcoming events sponsored by CBF/GA! Please contact Martha Kate Hall at [mkhall@cbfga.org](mailto:mkhall@cbfga.org) with questions.

## **Amplify: A Georgia Youth Choir Festival**



Dates: February 15-17, 2019

Location: Mercer University, Macon, GA  
(Registration opens October 1.)

Cost: \$50 per person (does **not** include hotel  
- blocks of hotel rooms are being reserved)

## **Mid-Winter Retreat Planned for College Students**



For more information, go to [www.cbfnc.org/events/mid-winter-young-adult-retreat-2019](http://www.cbfnc.org/events/mid-winter-young-adult-retreat-2019).

## March Mission Madness Set for Two Sites



### **March Mission Madness:**

John's Creek Baptist Church, Alpharetta, GA

Dates: March 15-17, 2019

(Registration opens October 1.)

Note: \$50 per person cost does **not** include hotel - group blocks of rooms will be reserved at area hotels.

**March Mission Madness:** Americus/Plains (includes a visit to the Habitat Global Village & Discovery Center)

Dates: March 29-31, 2019

(Registration opens October 1.)

Note: \$50 per person cost does **not** include hotel - group blocks of rooms will be available at area hotels.

## Our Condolences

Our condolences are with the family of Charles Massey, husband of Carolyn Massey, CBF/GA Moderator from 1998-1999, who passed away on Thursday, September 13, 2018.

## New Blog Offered by Jody Long, Executive Coordinator

Jody Long, Executive Coordinator, has started a new blog for CBF/GA, found at [www.cbfga.org/news](http://www.cbfga.org/news). Updates will be posted regularly and will explore CBF/GA life, Baptist comings and goings, and other thoughts and conversations that could be helpful for our

congregations.

## Peer Learning Group Funding Available: Apply Soon

CBF/GA is now accepting funding requests from Peer Learning Groups for the 2018-2019 year. Requests can be submitted through October 26. For more information and details on how to apply please visit [www.cbfga.org/peer-learning-groups](http://www.cbfga.org/peer-learning-groups).

## Thank you, Wayne Martin!

We are deeply grateful for the work of Wayne Martin, who has served as the pioneer for CBF/GA's interfaith work. For many years Wayne has led a letter-writing campaign during respective holy days to both Jewish congregations and Islamic groups throughout our state. We hope that our congregations will help us to carry on this tradition by sending greetings to various interfaith groups in your area during their own holy seasons. We have shared some of Wayne's previous writings on our website at [www.cbfga.org/interfaith/](http://www.cbfga.org/interfaith/) as resources for you to utilize for this purpose.

## State Mission Offering Materials Available in October

Materials for promoting the CBF/GA State Mission Offering will be available in October this year. They will be available for download on the website and featured in the 4th quarter edition of *Visions* rather than in the 3rd quarter *Visions* as in past years.

## Visions Schedule Note

The third quarter 2018 *Visions* should be in your mailboxes in a few days. Because of the editor's shoulder surgery and our designer's living in the path of Hurricane Florence, we have had to delay production by about a week. Thank you for your patience!

## Address Changes?

Physical and/or email address changes, name changes, or phone number changes are welcomed 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. 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 takes place four times a year. The remaining 2018 dates are October 7- November 30. Click [here](#) for more information.

## From Our Friends

James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology

September 30-October 2, 2018

"Seeking a Better Way to be Christian"

The Chattanooga, Chattanooga, TN

Featuring Brian McLaren - Author, Speaker, and Activist

[Click here](#) for more information or to register!

Register Now for New Baptist Covenant Summit



For more information, [read here](#).

## Reference and Referral

CBF/GA is happy to post your church's job listings for staff positions on our website. Listed below are the positions currently posted. For full information, go to [www.cbfga.org/job-listings](http://www.cbfga.org/job-listings).

[First Baptist Church, Manchester, GA](#) - Minister of Music (part-time)

[First Baptist Church, Jefferson, GA](#) - Minister of Youth and Missions

[First Baptist Church, Griffin, GA](#) - Minister of Music (deadline to apply: October 12, 2018)

[Ox Hill Baptist Church, Chantilly, VA](#) - Senior Pastor

[Northeast Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA](#) - Director of Family Ministries

[Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA](#) - Interim Director for Children and Family Ministries

[First Baptist Church, Dalton, GA](#) - Minister of Community Ministry and Missions

[First Baptist Church, Savannah, GA](#) - Senior Pastor

[Briarcliff Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA](#) - Church Replant Pastor

[Vestavia Hills Baptist Church, Birmingham, AL](#) - Minister to Students

[First Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC](#) - Minister with Community

Call Jody Long or Martha Kate Hall at 478-742-1191 with any questions about reference and referral assistance. To advertise a position on the CBF/GA website, go to [www.cbfga.org/church-seeking-minister](http://www.cbfga.org/church-seeking-minister). Ministers seeking opportunities to move may go to [www.cbfga.org/minister-seeking-church](http://www.cbfga.org/minister-seeking-church).

## Financial Report

### Budget Receipts as of 7/31/2018

*(Budget year began July 1, 2018)*

<b>Year to Date:</b>	<b>2018/2019</b>	<b>2017/2018</b>
Requirement:	\$42,291.67	\$49,012.67
Receipts:	\$26,221.51	\$27,743.34
Expenses:	\$25,138.92	\$45,262.81
Over/(Under) Expenses	\$1,082.59	(\$17,519.47)
Over/(Under) Requirement	(\$17,152.75)	(\$21,269.33)

<b>Monthly</b>	<b>July 2018:</b>	<b>July 2017:</b>
Requirement	\$42,291.67	\$49,012.67
Receipts	\$26,221.51	\$27,743.34
Expenses	\$25,138.92	\$45,262.81
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