



ReVisions - a monthly e-newsletter from CBF/GA

"Scattered, Smothered, and Covered"

Much to my doctor's chagrin, I enjoy hash browns from the Waffle House. I don't eat there as often I'd like because of said doctor, but when I do, I order my hash browns "scattered, smothered, and covered." Over the past few weeks, I've noticed most of our partner congregations are scattered, smothered, and covered, too...

To read more of Jody Long's latest blog, [click here](#).

COVID-19 Resources Available on CBF/GA Website

Go to the CBF/GA website, <https://www.cbfga.org/covid19/>, for a list of and links to many wide-ranging resources for you and for your church during this time of crisis. You may also check the CBF/GA Facebook page for information. Pastors, check the CBF/GA Pastors' Page on Facebook to stay up-to-date.

CBF Global Announces Coronavirus Relief Fund

CBF Global has launched a fund to help assist our refugee and immigrant brothers and sisters in the U.S., who have been especially hard-hit by the coronavirus pandemic. [Click here](#) to learn how to give to help families in crisis receive emergency food, essential items like diapers and baby formula, and assistance with rent or utilities so that families can stay in their homes.

CBF Global Offers "Resources for Resuming"

CBF Global has dedicated a website page to "Resources for Resuming," geared to helping churches navigate the complicated process of when and how to reopen church gatherings in a safe and thoughtful manner. Resources will continually be added at www.cbf.net/resuming.

CBF/GA Office Information during the Pandemic Crisis

Because of COVID-19, the CBF/GA staff is currently working from home, and Jody Long, Melissa Kremer, and Rachel Greco are available at these email addresses: jlong@cbfga.org, mkremer@cbfga.org, and rgreco@cbfga.org. You may also reach us through the office phone, 478-742-1191.

For more information, please visit us at www.cbfga.org!

**Save the Date for CBF/GA State
Gathering in Rome!**

We are happy to announce that the 2020 CBF/GA State Gathering will take place Sunday - Monday, November 8 - 9, at First Baptist Church, Rome. Save the dates and plan to be there! Paul Baxley, Executive Coordinator of CBF Global, will be our featured speaker. A separate Ministers' Conference will take place on Monday afternoon.



September Marriage Retreat Still Planned

The second CBF/GA Marriage Retreat, set for September 18-20, remains in our plans at The Lodge on Lake Oconee, near Eatonton. Registration will open May 1 and ends July 15. Total cost of the retreat is \$300 per couple, with a deposit of \$150 per couple due at time of registration. **Note: we are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic may alter retreat plans. Deposits will be completely refundable until August 1, and any changes in plans will be announced by that date.**



Melody and Sam Harrell will lead the retreat, which will focus on using the Enneagram to enhance relationships within marriage. [Click here](#) for more information.

CBF/GA's Coordinator of Young Baptist Ministries Position Delayed

In February, the CBF/GA Coordinating Council nominated, approved, and blessed the formation of a Search Committee for the new CBF/GA staff position of Coordinator of Young Baptist Ministries. The committee, with Coordinating Council approval, has decided, in light of the coronavirus pandemic, to delay the search until fall. The job listing will be reposted closer to that date, and applications already submitted will be considered when the search resumes.



BWIM Hosts "Office Hours"

Baptist Women in Ministry is hosting occasional "Office Hours" for participants to share their anxieties and fears during this difficult season. Email Emily Brinkley, lynnbrinkley@bwim.info, for the time of the next gathering and for the Zoom link.

Earn CPE Credit through Emory Healthcare

Emory Healthcare offers a unique and creative environment for CPE students of all levels to engage in diverse activities of spiritual care, education and research. The Resident, Intern and Certified Educator Candidate (CEC) programs involve daily interaction in clinical area offering spiritual care through evening/weekend coverage, providing spiritual solace in moments of crisis, end-of-life care and spiritual support to patients, families and staff. Summer and semester programs are available.

Contact Emory Health Spiritual Health Education, (404)686-2764 or shcpe@emory.edu with questions. For more information, go to www.emoryhealthcare.org/spiritual-health/.

CBF General Assembly Will Be Held Virtually Rather Than In-Person this June

Because of the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, the June CBF General Assembly will be a virtual rather than in-person experience. More information will be available in the weeks ahead and will be communicated by CBF/GA via Constant Contact and social media. All Hyatt hotel rooms have been cancelled. In a statement released April 2, 2020, Executive Coordinator Paul Baxley says, "We ask that you hold June 24-26 for a series of virtual experiences of worship, inspiration, education, fellowship and business."

[For continuing updates, click here.](#)



2020 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

June 22-26 | Atlanta, Ga.
TWENTY TWENTY | Hyatt Regency Atlanta

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www.cbf.net/assembly | REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1

Quarterly Financial Report

First Quarter 2020: January - March

Operating Budget Revenue: \$146,051.91
Operating Budget Expenses: \$120,008.05
Gain/(loss): \$26,043.86

Designated Fund Revenue: \$48,552.61
Designated Fund Expenses: \$7,666.66
Gain/(loss): **(\$56,219.27)**

** Note about Designated Fund: Like many stock-market based funds, our Endowment Fund experienced a major decline at the very end of March. The slowing down of the US economy and the calling stock market prices fueled a decrease in our Endowment Fund's value by nearly \$120,000.00. This decline, for accounting purposes, is recorded in our Designated Fund's accounts. Hopefully, as the coronavirus pandemic slows and subsides, our Endowment Fund will regain the value it lost.

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.

BWIM (Baptist Women in Ministry), Inc. - Executive Director
Earle Street Baptist Church, Greenville, SC - Minister to Preschoolers and Children
Rocky Creek Baptist, Forsyth, GA - Senior Pastor
First Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC - Minister with Youth and College
First Baptist Church, Corbin, KY - Senior Pastor
Baptist Church of the Covenant, Birmingham, AL - Pastor
Pulaski Heights Baptist Church, Little Rock, AR - Senior Pastor
First Baptist Church, Dalton, GA - Minister to Children and Their Families
First Baptist Church, Jasper, GA - Minister of Music (part-time)
First Baptist Church, Greenwood, SC - Associate Pastor and Minister to Students
Central Bearden Baptist Church, Knoxville, TN - Associate Minister of Worship and the Arts

Johns Creek Baptist Church, Alpharetta, GA - Youth Pastor
First Baptist Church, Claxton, GA - Minister of Music/Music Director (part-time)

Call Jody Long ([jlong @cbfga.org](mailto:jlong@cbfga.org)) 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. Ministers seeking opportunities to move may go to www.cbfga.org/minister-seeking-church.