



ReVisions - a monthly e-newsletter from CBF/GA

"Nostalgia and The Statesmen Quartet"

I have a confession to make: I like Southern Gospel music. Well, at least some of it. My grandfather had a booming bass voice, and before my mother and her brothers came along, he often sang with various Southern Gospel quartets around middle and southern Georgia. As I helped him feed hay to his cows or slop his pigs, I would hear him singing Southern Gospel standards like "The Church in the Wildwood" by the Chuck Wagon Gang...

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

Latest *iVisions* Now Available!

The new interactive issue of *iVisions* is now available online at the CBF/GA website at <https://www.cbfga.org/newsletter-archive/> or directly by [clicking here](#). If you currently receive *Visions* in the mail but would prefer to receive it only in the interactive version, please contact Melissa Kremer at mkremer@cbfga.org.

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. Music Ministers, join the new CBF/GA Music Ministers' page on Facebook!

CBF/GA Office Information during the Pandemic Crisis

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.

Senior Adult Retreat Will Transition to "Virtual Experiences"

With COVID-19 cases going up, and with another surge still anticipated in the fall, the CBF/GA Senior Adult Committee has decided that it would be unwise to go forward with the in-person Senior Adult Retreat, which had been tentatively rescheduled for Dalton September 27-29. Instead, we will seek to provide some virtual programming for senior adults, still featuring elements of the retreat that had been planned. Katie Faison, Associate Pastor for Children, Women, and Senior Adults at Central Baptist Church, Newnan, will lead us in a virtual worship



experience, and selected breakouts will be offered from time to time during the fall. More details will be announced by early September!

CBF/GA State Meeting Video Available for Viewing

You may view the CBF/GA state meeting video anytime at

<https://vimeo.com/432250828>.



2020 CBF General Assembly

If you missed any of the 2020 CBF Virtual General Assembly, you can find links to worship, plenary sessions, and workshops at <https://cbf.net/virtualassembly>.

If you missed the CBF/GA State Gathering Video, launched during the General Assembly, you can find it here - <https://vimeo.com/432250828>.

If your church or missions groups would like to view messages and greetings from our Field Personnel Partners, go here:

Jonathan and Tina Bailey, Bali, Indonesia - <https://vimeo.com/433744512>

Carson and Laura Foushee - <https://vimeo.com/433744049>

Karen, North Africa - <https://vimeo.com/433743114>

Lesley-Ann Hix Tommey, Rauschenbusch Ministries in New York City - <https://vimeo.com/433739878>

Missy Ward-Angalla, Amani Sasa, Uganda - <https://vimeo.com/433742188>

For an update on our partnership with Together For Hope, go here - <https://vimeo.com/433745165>

CBF Global Offers "Resources for Resuming"

CBF Global continues to dedicate 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.

In Memoriam Hardy Clemons 5/28/1933-7/1/2020 Our love and thoughts go out to the family of Hardy Clemons, who died July 1, 2020, in San Antonio, Texas. An early leader in the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Clemons served as moderator in 1993-94. He was long-time pastor of Second Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, and First Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina.

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

We are planning and hoping that the 2020 CBF/GA State Gathering will take place Sunday - Monday noon, November 8 - 9, hosted by 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 with Nate Myrick of the Townsend

School of Music of Mercer University will take place on Monday afternoon. More information will be made available later in the summer as plans take shape and we know more about the status of COVID-19.



September Marriage Retreat Still Planned

Registration for the CBF/GA Marriage Retreat at The Lodge on Lake Oconee 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: 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.

GA BWIM Offers Survey

BWIM of Georgia, in an effort to more fully meet the needs of women ministers in our state, is offering a survey for women ministers to complete. [Click here to access the survey.](#) Please contact Katie Faison at kfaison@centralbaptistnewnan.org for more information.



McAfee School of Theology Announces Fully Online MDiv program

McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University is excited to now offer the first and only fully accredited and fully online Master of Divinity at a research university in the Southeast. Read the letter from Interim Dean and longtime CBF/GA partner and supporter, Dr. Greg DeLoach, about the online program [here](#).

Learn more about online learning at McAfee [here](#).

If you would like to talk to a McAfee graduate about their experience, contact our Executive Coordinator Jody Long, McAfee Class of 2004, at jlong@cbfga.org. He is always glad and excited to talk about the life-forming and life-changing experience he had at McAfee!

North Carolina CBF Hosts "Cultivating Generous Congregations" Virtual Seminar

CBFNC invites you to participate in a seminar experience that could change the way you and your congregation approach giving and generosity in these uncertain times. Sponsored by the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving, the 2-hour seminar will focus on how a church can get a handle on congregational finances in the present crisis and how one can plan for the future in uncertain times. Space is limited, The cost is FREE. [Click here](#) to learn more or to register.

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: \$69,830.56
(This amount includes the second of three disbursements from CBF of our 25th Anniversary Grant in the amount of \$33,333.00.)

Frank & Susan Broome Endowment

January - March 2020 Gifts: \$1,238.27
Balance as of March 31, 2020: \$932,860.68

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.

Madison Baptist Church, Madison, GA - Pastor
First Baptist Church, Cornelia, GA - Senior Pastor
Alpine Baptist Church, Talladega County, AL - Bi-vocational Pastor
Central Baptist Church, Johnson City, TN - Administration and Education Pastor
First Baptist Church, Black Mountain, NC - Pastoral Leader
Johns Creek Baptist, Alpharetta - Executive Director of Operations
Johns Creek Baptist, Alpharetta - Children's Pastor
Johns Creek Baptist, Alpharetta - Mobilization Pastor
Johns Creek Baptist, Alpharetta - Preschool Ministry Associate (part-time paid internship)
Johns Creek Baptist, Alpharetta - Children's Ministry Associate (part-time paid internship)
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, Dalton, GA - Minister to Children and Their Families

Call Jody Long (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.