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PLEASE NOTE: All CBF/GA contributions to be credited to 2020 MUST be postmarked by Friday, December 31, 2020 (the actual envelope must have a 2020 postmark – we cannot count for 2020 checks that are dated 2020 but are mailed in 2021)!

Online contributions for 2020 will be accepted through December 31, 2020 as well.

Please direct any questions to Rachel Greco at 478-742-1191 or rgreco@cbfga.org.

MISSIONS AND MINISTRY

In the spring of 1792, a thirty-one-year-old cobbler who also toiled away as a not-particularly-good preacher, convinced a gathering of Baptists in Nottingham, England, to form “a Baptist society for propagating the gospel among the heathen.” As the society began its work, this young shoemaker/preacher, filled with missionary zeal, readily volunteered to leave England even before talking it over with his wife. Begrudgingly, she quickly packed up her life and the belongings of their ever-growing family and joined him on a ship bound for India. And with that boat ride and evangelistic zeal, William Carey launched Baptists into the wide world of missions.

For more than two hundred twenty-five years, Baptists have traditionally embraced missions — sending out members to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to the world in word and deed — as a core tenet of our faith. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship was birthed nearly thirty years ago, in part because we wanted missions to include ministries of mercy, hospitality, and healing alongside evangelism.

Today, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship supports and partners with over sixty field personnel in over twenty-five countries as well as locations across the United States. Additionally, CBF supports other ministry partnerships in locations around the world. These field personnel work alongside refugees, practice ecumenical hospitality, offer medical care, address rural poverty, and minister to the imprisoned as they bear witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

These field personnel and their families are integral to the ongoing

witness and work of CBF. But the good ministers do not work or serve for free. And that is where we come in. Several years ago, CBF committed to funding the personnel expenses related to the field personnel’s salary, living expenses, insurance, and retirement savings. Your gifts to CBF’s Offering for Global Missions secure the long-term presence of these field personnel in their ministry settings.

The field personnel, however, are responsible for raising funds and resources to support their ministry operations. And this is where we, both individual supporters and congregational partners, are essential. Each field personnel has a ministry account that can receive support funds from donors. Additionally, CBF has the Encourager Church program whereby local congregations covenant with field personnel with whom they have relationships or with whom they are developing partnerships. This allows congregations to know and claim the work of field personnel as part of their ministry. Most of us are unable to travel to Uganda or Indonesia or Belgium, but establishing a partnership with ministry presence in these locales allows us to actively participate in the good Gospel work going on in these countries.

In 2019, CBF/GA identified field personnel who have connections to our state, whether they are from Georgia or previously served in a CBF/GA partner congregation, and we began a partnership with them. We provide funds out of our operating budget and State Mission Offering to support their ministries as well as publicize their ministry work through our communications. We also plan to host

mission immersion experiences with these partners, once COVID travel restrictions are lifted and we can best ensure participant safety. Our partners are:

- **Anna and LaCount Anderson**, Eastern North Carolina, rural poverty ministry
- **Tina and Jonathan Bailey**, Indonesia, arts and prison ministries
- **Laura and Carson Foushee**, Japan, cultural and hospitality ministry
- **Lesley-Ann Hix-Tommey**, New York City, urban ministry
- **Missy Ward-Angalla**, Uganda, refugee, women’s, and children’s ministry
- **Karen**, North Africa, immigrant and refugee work

In this edition of *Visions*, you will read more of their stories and how you can connect to their work. I pray you will be inspired to give and partner with these good servants as they seek to do good work around our country and world. If your congregation would like to know more about developing an Encourager Church covenant, please contact Jody Long at jlong@cbfga.org.

May William Carey’s zeal for missions and ministry around the world continue to live on in Cooperative Baptist Fellowship partners and supporters today. ■



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March Mission Madness Takes on a New Look in 2021

MARCH MISSION MADNESS will have a different look for 2021! After surveying youth ministers from around the state concerning March Mission Madness, CBF/GA has decided for this year to develop a youth missions retreat resource that can be used either as a weekend retreat for youth groups or even as a one-day missions gathering for churches. This FREE downloadable resource is being produced in collaboration with and supported by PASSPORT Camps, CBF of Alabama, CBF of North Carolina, CBF of South Carolina, and CBF of Virginia.

More details, including the release date and access instructions, will be available after the beginning of 2021. For more information, contact Jody Long at jlong@cbfga.org. ■



2021 Nominating Committee Report

2021 Coordinating Council New Members

Jenny Burns, clergy – First Baptist Church, Gainesville

Katie Faison, clergy/BWIM of Georgia representative –
Central Baptist Church, Newnan

Sherry Lester, laity – Milledge Ave. Baptist Church, Athens

Steven Norris, clergy – First Baptist Church, Griffin

Kay Shurden, laity – First Baptist Church of Christ, Macon

Loretta Smith, laity – Heritage Baptist Fellowship, Canton

Anna Walker, student (McAfee School of Theology) –
First Baptist Church, Jasper

2021 Endowment Management Board

Lamar Barden, clergy/laity – Chair –
Garden Lakes Baptist Church, Rome

2021 Coordinating Council Officers

Moderator: **Ron McClung**, clergy,
Haddock Baptist Church, Haddock

Past-Moderator: **Wendy Peacock**, clergy,
Fellowship Baptist Church, Americus

Moderator-Elect: **Norma Rushing**, laity,
First Baptist Church, Decatur

Clerk: **Glenda Kessler**, laity,
First Baptist Church, St. Simons Island

Treasurer: **Neil Heath**, laity,
Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon

CBF/GA Gathering Recap

CAPPING OFF A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER, the CBF/GA annual State Gathering this fall, originally planned for Rome, was forced to move to a shortened online, virtual experience.

Registered participants were able to participate in the annual business meeting, during which the nominating committee report and the budget for 2021 were approved. They also participated in a round table discussion via Zoom about the priorities of CBF/GA and how we can best meet the needs of partner congregations, particularly in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The recorded worship experience was open to all to view and continues to be available through the CBF/GA website.

We thank First Baptist Church, Rome for planning and providing the musical elements of worship, and to Pat Peacock of Fellowship Baptist Church, Americus, for bringing the various segments together for us. ■





BWIM OF GEORGIA MET VIRTUALLY alongside the CBF/GA State Gathering on Sunday, November 8. The first order of business was to recognize the recipient of the annual Sara Owen Etheridge scholarship, Martha Kate Hall, Director of Weekday Education at First Baptist Church, Augusta.

After reviewing the history of BWIM of Georgia, which was started in 1985, and with the recognition that several other organizations now exist which help fill earlier needs for fellowship and mentoring for women in ministry, a change in focus for the organization was discussed and proposed. A survey of active participants in BWIM revealed that the most important current concern is for scholarship help for young women in ministry. The proposal, which will be voted on in a January 13, 10:00 a.m. Zoom meeting, is that BWIM of Georgia focus primarily on scholarship support and partner more closely with CBF/GA. The Steering committee would change to a five-person scholarship committee, with one member serving as a representative on the CBF/GA Coordinating Council. Rather than collecting annual dues, two members of the committee would work on building up the scholarship fund.

Please contact Katie Faison, Associate Pastor to Children, Women and Senior Adults at Central Baptist Church, Newnan, at kfaison@centralbaptistnewnan.org, with questions or concerns. ■

State Mission Offering

December is a wonderful time to give to the 2020 State Mission Offering! You may give by mail or online, at www.cbfga.org/donate/.

On pages 6-9 of this newsletter, you will find updates from the field personnel who are supported in part by your gifts.

The other focus of our State Mission Offering is Congregational Ministry Grants, and information about applying for those will be in the next issue of *Visions*. ■



CBF/GA CONVERSATIONS about PREACHING

On Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m., CBF/GA hosts a weekly conversation between pastors and preachers about upcoming revised Common Lectionary texts, the craft of preaching, and the art of worship. Beginning 2021, a guest preacher will join us for the conversation once a month.



JANUARY 25 • Will Willimon

Will Willimon is a widely-read and admired American preacher and has served as Bishop of the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church. He serves as Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry at Duke Divinity School.



FEBRUARY 8 • Teresa Fry Brown

Teresa Fry Brown is the Bandy Professor of Preaching at the Candler School of Theology of Emory University. Her research interests include homiletics, socio-cultural transformation, and African diaspora history focusing on African-American spiritual values.



MARCH 15 • David Lose

David Lose serves as Senior Pastor of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN, and he previously was president of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. His work has been featured on www.workingpreacher.com and in Duke Divinity School's *Faith & Leadership*.



APRIL 12 • Eric Barreto

Eric Barreto is Associate Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Princeton Theological Seminary and is a proud CBF Baptist. He contributes regularly to www.workingpreacher.com and to several other blogs and platforms for preaching and New Testament studies.



MAY 3 • Karoline Lewis

Karoline Lewis holds the Marbury E. Anderson Chair of Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. She co-hosts the Sermon Brainwave podcast and contributes to www.workingpreacher.com. She also serves as program coordinator for the Festival of Homiletics.

To receive ZOOM log-in information, contact Jody Long at jlong@cbfga.org

The “Glue” in Ministry and Mission

RON McCLUNG, CBF/GA Moderator, ronmcclung@windstream.com

LET ME EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia family for electing me to serve as the Moderator for 2021. It is an honor for me to serve like-minded Baptists, and I pray the Lord will continue to guide us in the coming year.



As we approach that time of year when many of our congregations traditionally focus on international missions, I thought I might share a bit of my personal story so you would know your moderator better and the great value I place on this worthy endeavor. Missionary partnerships are the “glue” that holds Baptists together.

My childhood was shaped by a small Baptist church in Stone Mountain that started just a couple of miles from where our family moved when I was still a preschooler. This fellowship instilled within the lives of its members the importance of praying and giving to missions.

Missions education was a critical part of my religious training in childhood and into adolescence as I learned more about the work of the church around the globe. My twin brother, Don, and I attended RA Camp. These experiences shaped my life and calling to ministry in very clear and distinct ways.

After graduating from college at Mercer University in Atlanta, I married my wife, Sharon, who had joined our church a few years before. I began my career as a teacher as Sharon was finishing nursing school. Soon I was called to serve as a part-time Minister of Youth in another church. Our understanding of missions expanded as we took youth groups to participate in hands-on missions experiences from puppet shows in hospitals to visiting Baptist mission centers in the urban center of Atlanta.

God used these experiences to open our hearts to develop a better understanding of missions. And together we both began to discuss the possibility of serving overseas as missionaries one day.

After a few years of teaching and doing youth ministry, we followed a call to attend seminary in Kentucky. The calling to serve in overseas missions became clearer as I attended seminary, and simultaneously as I was called to pastor my first church. Our family was blessed with the birth of our two daughters in these seminary years. Our years of praying for God to lead us to where we should serve came

I look forward to the opportunities God will provide CBF of Georgia in 2021 and beyond as we seek to connect with our missionary personnel with Georgia roots.

together quickly as we applied and were appointed to serve as missionaries to South America only a few weeks after my seminary graduation. By the end of that calendar year we were on our way to language school, and later we would end up in Ecuador.

Some of our favorite memories from our work on the mission field from 1983-1992 were helping to start two churches and teaching in the Baptist seminary. The missionary partnerships we developed with churches and individuals back in the states were significant and meaningful in our work and ministry.

Two Georgia Baptist churches — Second Ponce de Leon Baptist and Dunwoody Baptist — were especially helpful as both provided for our housing needs while we were stateside on furloughs, and the former even sent a group overseas to teach our children and others in our mission family in VBS.

We returned to the US in 1992 and answered a call to pastor Haddock Baptist Church, where we were blessed to find a church which also understood the value of mission partnerships: praying, giving, sending, and going. Our church has been blessed to have developed long-term ministry partnerships with Pastors Nathan and Carrie Dean at Edgewood Church in Atlanta, with Jessy Togba-Doya and Sustainable Liberia, and with former church staff and current US Army Captain (CBF endorsed) Chaplain William Beaver.

We are already investigating the possibility of partnering with other CBF missionaries for future ministry. I look forward to the opportunities God will provide CBF of Georgia in 2021 and beyond as we seek to connect with our missionary personnel with Georgia roots. ■



Together in Ministry and Mission

NEWS FROM CBF/GA MISSION PARTNERS

Missy Ward-Angalla **Amani Sasa Uganda**

I direct a ministry that serves vulnerable refugees in Kampala, Uganda, by offering them access to safety, wholeness, and empowerment. Our ministry has continued to go well in Uganda, despite the various challenges and complexities of the COVID pandemic. We were able to move to new space last year, and our ministry programs have grown to full capacity. This year, we were able to help more refugee families than ever before, thanks to CBF/GA and CBF churches in Georgia.

The pandemic and full lockdowns have caused parts of the Ugandan economy to collapse and vulnerable families to become even more vulnerable. Families lost their jobs and businesses, and many struggle to survive.

With a full lockdown announcement from the government in March, our

ministry shifted temporarily to putting a greater emphasis on providing humanitarian relief. From March until now, we have been able to offer emergency food, rent, and medical assistance to hundreds of refugee families facing extreme crisis. Many of these families shared how the food and care provided during this time showed them God's faithfulness and love. One father of eight told us, "This food is the miracle we have been praying for."

Families remained in dire economic situations following the lifting of the lockdown restrictions. When we re-opened our offices in June, we saw a sharp increase in the number of refugees seeking emergency services. Two hundred families came in per day on some days. People were desperate. Amid all the difficulties, God has called our ministry to take on a greater challenge by continuing to stand with refugees.

We have also celebrated special milestones this year. In September, we celebrated the first anniversary of the opening of our ministry center. We also celebrated the seven-year anniversary of the opening of our shelter. Now almost half of Amani Sasa's staff of twenty-three are program graduates, and it is my greatest joy to see these graduates grow and minister among the most vulnerable in our community.

Our biggest current challenge is the increase in costs because of the need for assistance to meet the most critical and complex needs of our program participants and refugee clients. This along with the US recession has resulted in financial shortfalls for our ministry.

We remain deeply grateful to you, CBF/GA – for you, your ongoing friendship, prayers, and generous support! They continue to make a huge difference in our community!

Lesley-Ann Hix-Tommey New York City

Hello from New York City! I serve in ministry alongside those experiencing homelessness in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood of Manhattan. There's an African proverb that says, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." Over the past few months, I have been repeating this a lot, as it is how I explain our Living Well program to prospective participants.

Living Well is a trauma-informed life skills program for survivors of domestic violence who have also experienced homelessness. With the disorienting and restricting nature of COVID, many of our survivors have been launched back into crisis. For women who already tend to self-isolate because of the shame of traumatic experience, the stay-at-home order was crippling. We have focused on our alumnae, checking in by phone and providing virtual gatherings. We connected them with resources, worked through housing crises, virtual school challenges, job applications and stimulus check applications, and we counseled them in the high stress of this season. We also offered a virtual financial literacy series this summer.

Since March, we have been in emergency response mode and are now moving toward a new sustainable ministry approach. In July, it became clear we were not going to be able to hold a traditional Living Well group this fall. After encouragement from my local partners to consider an online group, I started calling the women who had been referred to our program. My partners were right – virtual support is meeting a need right now. Instead of our typical four-person group, we have eight women who are participating in this Living Well cohort, which began on October 6.

Many women in this group are able to commit to the program now because travel and timing with bedtimes are not issues. Our eight women are hopeful as they are not alone now. They want to be a part of the mutual giving and receiving of support because they know we can only go far when we go together. I thank God for the opportunity to firmly stand with survivors and provide a space of hope amid isolation and grief.

Pray for all our Living Well alumnae, for their stability and progress in healing. Pray for the eight women in our virtual group this year. Pray for our leadership, for community-building to flourish and hope to grow among our whole group.

Carson and Laura Foushee Japan

2020 has been a year like no other, with the COVID-19 pandemic bringing unforeseen circumstances that have drastically affected our ministry. Our family was scheduled to return to Tokyo in March, but that return never happened. In consultation with

our Baptist partners in Japan, we delayed our trip home until a safer time. That was nearly nine months ago.

We have tried to take the opportunity to grow and be present where we are, even as we long to be back with those we minister among in Japan. Being present in America has allowed us to deepen relationships with partner CBF congregations as well as build relationships with new congregations through online interviews and worship videos. Being present in America has allowed us to become closer with the Japanese Baptist Church of Raleigh. We have preached by video for worship services and have been blessed to attend weekly online Bible studies with our Japanese brothers

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Right: Lesley-Ann with Monique, the Living Well facilitator

Below top left: Yarn box sent to Living Well group alumnae.

Below bottom left: Box of supplies for virtual group participants.

Below center: A virtual alumnae gathering in New York City.





Top left: Laura and Carson Foushee enjoy a visit home with daughter Ada.



Top right: Anna and LaCount Anderson in Conetoe, North Carolina, with Welcome House in background.

Right: The Andersons produced a children's book about their ministry.



In Conetoe, North Carolina, we work in the areas of education and food insecurity. This new work will help us provide decent housing to a family that works in our 27-acre garden, created some years ago to help provide nutritious food for the community and serve as a center for nutrition education for families in this food desert. The Conetoe Family Life Center also provides a summer-long day camp for children and a honeybee operation.”

The Andersons are working to supply water to Welcome House, and then will pursue electric service and begin renovation. They also provide a safe drive-through food distribution at Conetoe, with food provided by the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC.

Anna and LaCount have created a book entitled *Anita from Conetoe*, which is designed to help children (and adults, too) learn about life in this small rural community in eastern North Carolina. To receive a copy of the book, they ask that a donation be made to their ministry at: www.classy.org/give/103181?amount=25#!/donation/checkout.

The Andersons are grateful to First Baptist Church, Griffin, Georgia, which has sent volunteers to help with the food distribution program. While the Andersons have had to limit their ministry because of safety concerns during COVID-19, they continue all possible ministries and appreciate the partnership with CBF/GA through our State Mission Offering.

Tina and Jonathan Bailey Bali, Indonesia

Tina and I left Bali for the States in late March with COVID on the rise. We had already planned to be in the States during the summer for fundraising and we had curtailed most of our ministry activities, so leaving early seemed a no-brainer. We hope to be in our Bali home by Christmas. In twenty-five years in Bali, this has been our longest ever visit to the States! While being nearer our families has been an enormous blessing, we have struggled being stranded far from our loved ones in Bali. Normally at this time of year, we would be getting to know a host of new students. I would be teaching Balinese music and preparing for a year of music activities, and Tina would be leading dance workshops and keeping up with the lives of the inmates in the prison.

Life for Bali's four million inhabitants has been severely altered, as tourism has come to a standstill. Balinese dance troupes and the music ensembles they depend on have been severely restricted because Hindu religious worship that supports them has been limited. One avenue of assistance is a project I am developing for collaboration between foreign composers and our Balinese music ensemble to create hymn arrangements for the traditional music of Bali. This will provide some much-needed

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and sisters. That helps to sharpen our Japanese theological language skills and creates opportunities to learn more about the joys and concerns of Japanese immigrants. Carson even officiated a funeral for a church member alongside the JBCR pastor, since most who gathered for the memorial service spoke only English.

Technology has allowed us to be more present than previously imagined with our partners across the Pacific. This has allowed for continued conversation about long-term partnership with the Japan Baptist Convention. We also hosted a summer *Student.Go* intern, who was in Florida but taught English weekly to Japanese preschoolers in Tokyo on Zoom, while we supervised her from North Carolina!

In October, Japan announced new measures for long-term visa holders, opening the door for our return. As we leave America in the coming months, we hope that the lessons learned during this waiting period will continue to help us to be present wherever we are. We hope you, too, find ways to be present in the days ahead wherever the Spirit leads.

Anna and LaCount Anderson Conetoe, NC

Anna Anderson serves alongside her husband, LaCount, in eastern North Carolina with Together for Hope, CBF's rural development coalition, focusing on providing poverty relief and finding more sustainable solutions to systemic poverty. The Andersons report:

“Our newest project for 2020 is called Welcome House. Working with CBFNC and CBF field personnel Kim and Marc Wyatt, we have begun to restore a donated mobile home. This home was donated two years ago, and we have been working to restore it for occupancy by a family.

income for musicians. The recordings will be made available to churches for use in online worship.

At the Kerobokan Prison in Bali, things are bleak. Tina says, “I’m deeply concerned for the inmates I work with and for their safety. No visitors are allowed and there is a lack of trust in the authorities. Being so far away from them has been hard. The rate of positive cases is increasing. One of the inmates I work closely with tested positive and was put into a quarantine hall with over one hundred inmates. The room has no ventilation and three toilets. It would be an unbearable situation anywhere, but in the tropics and with no air conditioning, it is a terrible situation.”

One bright spot during the pandemic has been the growth of our contemplative prayer group. We began it over ten years ago as an alternative faith community, intended to draw on the richness of Asian religious consciousness and to find its intersection with the ancient Christian contemplative tradition. With Zoom, the group went from ten years of meeting in person on Sunday evenings in Sanur Bali to an online community on four continents! We are still a small group, but it has been a lifeline for many seeking stability and a faith connection. Please join with us in prayer for all our Bali brothers and sisters during these challenging times.

The Baileys work in the arts and in prison ministry in Bali.



Karen North Africa

When I was commissioned to serve as field personnel in 2018, I thought I had a pretty good idea of what I was getting into! Now I realize that there is no way I could have anticipated what was ahead—the joys, pains, pandemics, and sense of belonging to this place I now call home.

CBF has allowed me to dedicate the first two years of my ministry here in Northern Africa to building roots for long-term ministry. I have enrolled in French and Arabic courses and have attended countless church board meetings. I am learning not only to communicate but also to understand the systems and culture that drive our unique ministry. Our church is the only authorized Protestant Church in this Muslim kingdom. We have eleven branches in different cities, nine of whom have volunteer teams that operate our national outreach ministry for Sub-Saharan migrants and refugees. We are a poor church—most of our members are international college students—and we rely on funding from church partnerships across Africa, Europe, and North America. As my two-year introductory phase wraps up, I have started gradually assuming leadership roles in our church, and I even preached in French recently!



Reaching out to a young family in Northern Africa.

In March, the government here took drastic measures to control the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, which devastated our economy. Our ministries plunged into a humanitarian crisis as our church members and vulnerable neighbors faced hunger, eviction, grief, and impossible medical challenges.

We are not yet out of crisis, but I am so proud to belong to this church. We pivoted to focus exclusively on emergency food, housing, and medical relief. Your offerings helped us keep church members from losing their apartments and helped provide baby clothes to newborns. We developed partnerships with other organizations and even the government, and God has provided for our financial needs through the generosity of our international friends. It is truly an honor for me to have a seat at this table and to witness the work that God is doing among the Christian community in Northern Africa. Thank you for your prayers and for your financial support! We pray for you and are glad that we can call you our friends and family in Christ. ■

2021 CBF/GA BUDGET

To say that 2020 brought its share of challenges for CBF/GA partner congregations, ministries, and individuals is an understatement. The office staff and organizational leadership are hopeful that 2021 will bring a renewed sense of cooperating around our state and world for mission and ministry that is life-giving and life-changing. The approved budget for 2021 is divided into five core priorities: Missions, Administration, Personnel, Fellowship, and Communications.



MISSIONS:
2021: \$55,600.00

The COVID-19 pandemic forces us to shift and even cancel some of our annual events, including March Mission Madness for youth. For 2021, there are some substantive changes in our proposed Missions core priority, due in large part to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We will not be planning the anticipated mission immersion experience with one of our field personnel partners in 2021. In addition, we will lower costs for our March Mission Madness experience for youth by collaborating with PASSPORT Camps to produce a published resource that youth groups may use in place of an in-person gathering.

ADMINISTRATION:
2021: \$57,500.00

Administration undergirds our work around the state. Our administrative costs cover everything from office equipment rentals to accounting services to hospitality and travel budgets for our staff as they work with congregations and ministry partners.

PERSONNEL:
2021: \$248,350.00

Each CBF/GA staff member brings his or her considerable skills and gifts to the ministry of CBF/GA. The costs associated with the Personnel core priority cover salary and benefits for employees, including retirement, insurance, and employment taxes. We hope to fill the delayed Coordinator of Young Baptist Ministries position by the beginning months of 2021, and the budget projections for 2021 include the anticipated costs for the new position.

FELLOWSHIP:
2021: \$18,500.00

The Fellowship core priority is the means by which we gather as God's peculiar and particular people called the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia. While COVID-19 made us alter our planned 2020 State Gathering to be hosted by FBC Rome, we are already planning for our fall 2021 gathering, at FBC Gainesville, November 7-8. Also included in this budget are projected expenses for the CBF/GA gathering at the CBF General Assembly, June 28-July 2, in Washington, DC.

COMMUNICATIONS:
2021: \$45,050.00

Telling the story of CBF/GA and her partner churches is vital to tying us together in the bonds of love and fellowship. The Communications budget includes *Visions*, *iVisions*, and *ReVisions*. Our communications work also extends to database management and the CBF/GA website. In 2020, we undertook redesigning our website with the help of FaithLab, a well-known and trusted web design partner to many CBF churches. We hope to debut this new, more versatile, and interactive website soon.

CBF/GA MONTHLY WEDNESDAY WEBINARS

On select Wednesdays through the spring of 2021, CBF/GA is hosting FREE monthly webinars on a variety of topics ranging from missions to ministry to best congregational practices.

January 13, 10:00 a.m.

Conflict Mediation with Harold Tessendorf



Harold Tessendorf is an experienced negotiator and mediator in the non-profit sector around the world. Having served for two decades leading Habitat for Humanity affiliates in Georgia, Harold now works alongside CBF's Together for Hope Black Belt Region as a consultant in housing and environment.

February 10, 10:00 a.m.

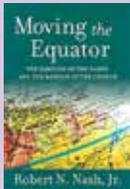
Field Personnel Report with Karen in North Africa



Karen is one of CBF/GA's field personnel partners, located in North Africa. She will share updates to her work as well as offer ways for partners to invest more deeply in her work. (Note: Because of security concerns, Karen's last name and photo cannot be shared.)

March 17, 10:00 a.m.

Global Missions with Dr. Rob Nash



Rob Nash serves as an associate dean and Professor of World Religions at McAfee School of Theology. He also serves as Senior Pastor of Heritage Fellowship in Canton, GA. In *Moving the Equator*, Rob challenges the church to reimagine missions as seeking God's presence already at work around the globe.

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April 14, 10:00 a.m.

Together for Hope Black Belt Region Update

Anna Anderson, a CBF field personnel, works with rural poverty in Eastern North Carolina alongside CBF's Together for Hope. Rachel Gunter Shapard, Regional Vice-President for Together for Hope, Black Belt Region, will join the conversation to discuss how churches and individuals can engage in these efforts.



May 5, 10:00 a.m.

Children's and Family Ministry with Jessica Asbell Oravec

Jessica Asbell Oravec is Minister to Children and Families at CBF/GA partner congregation FBC Roswell and a prolific children's educational curriculum writer. She is the author of *Where Faith and Family Meet*, a collection of weekly family-centered devotions.



To register for any of these free webinars, go to www.cbfga.org

Contact Jody Long, jlong@cbfga.org, for questions or details.

Quarterly Financial Report

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2020

Operating Budget Receipts: \$101,067.48
 Operating Budget Expenses: \$61,468.17
 Year-to-Date Budget Receipts: \$332,604.21
 Year-to-Date Budget Expenses: \$249,921.05
 Year-to-Date Over/(Under): \$82,683.16

FRANK & SUSAN BROOME ENDOWMENT

July - September 2020 Gifts: \$890.00
 Year-to-Date 2020 Fund Gifts: \$2,548.27
 Balance as of September 30, 2020: \$1,177,941.55



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