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CBF/GA News

State Mission Offering for 2015/16:

January is a great time to give to the CBF/GA State Mission Offering, to be used for young leader development and neighborhood mission initiatives.

You may give by check or online through Paypal. For more information, contact Renée Bennett at rbennett@cbfga.org at 478-742-1191, ext. 3.



Together in Our Neighborhoods

Visions available online at www.cbfga.org

The December 2015 edition of *Visions* is now available online at the CBF/GA website, www.cbfga.org. The next edition will be produced in late February, 2016.

Now Serving: Atlanta coming soon - register today!



Registration is still open for Now Serving: Atlanta, coming Feb. 5-6 at the Atlanta campus of Mercer University. Individual students are welcome to participate! The cost is only \$20 for a 24-hour mission, fellowship, and worship time, jointly sponsored by CBF/GA and McAfee School of Theology of Mercer University. Click [here](#) for more information. **Scholarships are available for students if needed.** Contact Martha Kate Hall at mkhall@cbfga.org with questions.

Senior Adult Retreat Set for May

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Join CBF/GA at St. Simons Island Monday, May 16 - Tuesday, May 17, for the first ever CBF/GA Senior Adult Retreat! Tony Lankford, pastor of FBF St. Simons Island, will lead the retreat, and accommodations may be reserved at the Saint Simons Inn by the Lighthouse, 912-636-1101 or www.saintsimonsinn.com. Ask for Angie and use the code **CBF**. A retreat registration fee of \$10 is required and is payable upon arrival at FBC St. Simons. To register or for more information, call Renee Bennett at 478-742-1191, ext. 3, or email Renee at rbennett@cbfga.org.

CBF/GA News Updates

CBF/GA congregations? How is your church loving your neighbors? We want to know and to celebrate

how your church is involved in missions. Please send stories and pictures to mkremer@cbfga.org and join us in celebrating how God is working across Georgia through CBF/GA congregations to love our neighbors. Many churches are already doing local missions and building relationships and collaboration. Let us know!



Address Changes?

Please continue to send information about physical and/or email address changes to Melissa Kremer at mkremer@cbfga.org.

Be a CBF/GA Ambassador

If you have an interest in becoming a CBF/GA Ambassador for your congregation, please contact Renée Bennett at rbennett@cbfga.org or 478-742-1191, ext. 3. A CBF/GA Ambassador is one who actively promotes CBF/GA and encourages connections between his/her local church and CBF/GA.

From CBF National

Register now for CHURCHWORKS



Join colleagues for substantive conversation about sometimes difficult subjects, February 22-24, 2016, at First Baptist, Asheville, NC. Featured speaker will be the Rev. Prince Rivers of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC, and trained facilitator for the Center for Courage and Renewal. Register before February 1 to qualify for the earlybird \$60 registration fee.

CBF New Church Start Discernment Cohort Organizes

CBF 's New Church Starts Initiative continues to see fresh and innovative expressions of church. CBF seeks to be intentional in its church starting efforts through a process of discerning, selecting, training, commissioning and resourcing church starters for their particular calling. *The next free online 8-week New Church Start Discernment Cohort will begin February 7 and end April 2*; others are scheduled for April 24-June 18 and July 10-September 2 of 2016. For more information, please contact Andy Hale at ahale@cbf.net or by calling 919-971-4412.

2016 CBF General Assembly Set for Greensboro

A graphic celebrating 25 years. The number '25' is large and stylized in shades of purple and blue. The word 'YEARS' is written in white below the '5'. An orange box in the top left corner contains the word 'Celebrate!'. Below the graphic, a red banner contains the text: 'The 2016 CBF General Assembly will be hosted and held at the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel and Joseph S. Koury Convention Center in downtown Greensboro, N.C., June 20-24, 2016. Registration opens October 1.'

From Our Friends

BJC Offers Fellows Program in 2016

Young professional who are willing to commit to being advocates for religious liberty in their houses of worship and communities are invited to apply to be BJC Fellows. The program includes an educational seminar at Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, with lodging and travel expenses covered by the Fellows program. Click [here](#) to learn more. Applications are due by February 16.

Interfaith Harmony Celebration Set for McAfee

"Turn Toward Your Neighbor," Sunday, January 31, 2 - 5 p.m. in Cecil B. Day Hall of Mercer University - Atlanta, is a celebration hosted by Mercer's McAfee School of Theology, to kick off the United Nations' World Harmony Week. Come celebrate Interfaith Atlanta, enjoy international performances, hear personal stories, and participate in "hands-on" activities. For more information, click [here](#).

BWIM of Georgia Seeks Applicants, Nominees



Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia has set a deadline of March 1, 2016 for nominations for their Distinguished Churchwoman of the Year award and for applications for the Sara Owen Etheridge Student Scholarship. More information is available at

www.bwimga.org. Scholarship applications may be emailed to jessica@rfbc.org. Nominations for Churchwoman of the Year may be sent to SarahMurray@fbcgriffin.org or leanngunter@gmail.com.

Veteran Friendly Congregation Program Joins MCA

Care for the Troops (CFTT) has ceased activities as of the end of 2015, but the Veteran Friendly Congregation (VFC) program will continue as part of the Military Chaplains Association (MCA). This transition will permit the program to remain an interfaith effort and will add a national focus, as the MCA provides ministry in all fifty states and all commonwealths of the United States. For more information, contact Chaplain Lyman Smith at chaplains@mca-usa.org or by phone at 703-533-5890.

Faith in 4D Curriculum Launched

The Center for Teaching Studies, McAfee School of Theology of Mercer University, has launched a six-session study of faith questions gathered from churches around the Southeast. DVDs may be ordered from Dr. Ron Grizzle at McAfee by calling 678-547-6479. A \$40 donation by check, for the scholarship funds for McAfee, is requested with each DVD ordered.

Essay Contest from Baptist Joint Committee - Scholarship Opportunity for High School Students

High school juniors and seniors can win up to \$2,000 for college in the 2016 Religious Liberty Essay Scholarship Contest, sponsored by the Religious Liberty Council of the Baptist Joint Committee. The grand prize includes a trip for two to Washington, D.C. Entries must be postmarked by **March 4, 2016**. For more information, visit www.BJConline.org/contest.

Stewardship Conference Offered by CBF of SC

Join Fellowship Baptist friends for "Growing Generous Givers," a stewardship planning conference for pastors and church leaders hosted by CBF of SC and set for January 28 at First Baptist, Shelby, NC. For more information, visit www.cbfofsc.org/stewardship.

Oasis Retreat for Youth Ministers

Join other CBF youth ministers to bolster your spiritual health at OASIS: A Spiritual Retreat for Youth Ministers. OASIS takes place February 23-26, 2016, at Montreat Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC. For more information and to register online, visit www.cbfgymn.org. This event is sponsored by the CBF Youth Ministry Network in partnership with Passport, Inc. **Attend both CHURCHWORKS and OASIS and receive a discounted registration to CHURCHWORKS, which begins Monday, February 22, in neighboring Asheville, NC.*

Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching, 2016

Baptist Women in Ministry has sponsored the Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching emphasis each February since 2007, as an avenue for encouraging women in ministry to find ministry positions and live out their calling as ministers. Invite a woman to preach in your church this February!

William L. Self Preaching Lectures

The William L. Self Preaching Lectures, featuring Otis Moss III, Pastor of the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, will take place March 14-16, 2016, at the Atlanta Campus of Mercer University and is sponsored by McAfee School of Theology. For more information, contact Diane Frazier at 678-547-6470 or 888-471-9922.

Reference and Referral

Harlem Baptist is seeking a **full-time minister of youth** to lead students in grades 6 - 12. Harlem, Georgia is a quaint, small community located in fast-growing Columbia County and within 20 minutes of Augusta, Georgia. We seek a leader who will work with the students of our church and community. The church of 150-200 active members worships in a blended style of traditional and contemporary instrumentation. We hold to Baptist traditions through a dual support of SBC and CBF. Must have a vibrant walk with the Lord and have prior experience working with youth in a Christian setting. Please send resumes to searchcommittee@harlembaptist.org.

Heritage Baptist Fellowship in Canton, GA is looking for a **part-time minister of music** to oversee planning and direction of music in all worship services. Heritage is a CBF congregation

that aims for energetic, modern traditional worship each Sunday, and is looking for someone with experience as a choral director and who enjoys creating meaningful worship experiences. A CBF background is preferred but not required. Resumes may be submitted to Matt Sapp at msapp@heritagebaptistfellowship.com and will be accepted until the position is filled.

Memorial Baptist Church, Columbia, MO, is seeking a **full-time senior pastor**. We are a mission-minded church, seeking common ground in a diverse community. We desire a pastor with strong preaching skills who loves people and has a passion for connecting with the congregation as well as the community. We affirm both men and women to serve as deacons. The candidate will hold a degree from an accredited seminary and have experience as a senior pastor. Applications should be sent to pastorsearch@memorialbaptist.org or to Memorial Baptist Church, 1634 Paris Rd, Columbia, MO 65201, and should be received prior to April 4, 2016, to ensure full consideration. More info: www.memorialbaptist.org.

The Oaks Baptist Church, Lyons, Georgia founded in 2002, is seeking a **full-time pastor**. Located in middle/south Georgia, we are a progressive Baptist Church affiliated with CBF and strongly involved in missions, especially within our community. We strive to be all inclusive, and we affirm both men and women in leadership positions. We worship in an exciting yet reverent style that is traditional/liturgical. We value this style of worship as a means of teaching, serving, and connecting with God, ourselves, and our community. The ideal candidate is a seminary graduate who possesses strong preaching skills and is committed to CBF and Baptist distinctives. This candidate should have leadership skills that build relationships and be one who continues to lead our congregation spiritually as we respond to the grace, love, and mercy of Jesus. Please find us on Facebook or visit our website, www.theoaksbaptist.com to know us better. Please mail resumes to: The Oaks Baptist Church (attn: Pastor Search Team), PO Box 388, Lyons, GA 30436, or electronically to pete2028@yahoo.com.

Knollwood Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC, is seeking a full-time **Minister of Youth and Recreation**. Founded nearly 60 years ago, Knollwood currently has more than 800 active members from a variety of faith traditions - young and old, diverse in thought, and singularly committed to the unique spiritual DNA that defines our church: Jesus-centric, Inviting, Grace-Filled, Free, Liturgical, Interfaith, and Missional. The Minister of Youth and Recreation will be responsible for ministry activities with youth (grades 6-12), including retreats, mission experiences, weekly gatherings, and summer experiences. This minister will also be responsible for developing and leading a church-wide recreational ministry in the church's new Wellness and Community Center (under construction). With the ministry team, this individual will participate in pastoral ministry and worship leadership. Candidates should have college and theological degrees. Resumes may be emailed to linda@splashperformance.com or mailed to: Search Committee, c/o Knollwood Baptist Church, 330 Knollwood St., Winston-Salem, NC 27104.

First Baptist Church of Cornelia, GA, partnering with CBF and SBC to live out our vision to love the world as God loves us, seeks a

Minister of Children and Servant Ministries. We are looking for a passionate, visionary, disciple-making male or female pastor who loves children and can generate excitement, build teams, and be a catalyst for God's kingdom in our whole church. 60% of this position will be dedicated to children's ministry and 40% will be determined working with the giftedness of the candidate and the needs of our congregation. Resumes and recommendations will be received beginning immediately. Please send resumes and recommendations to Children's Minister Search committee at administrator@fbccornelia.org. For a full job description, visit www.fbccornelia.org.

Edgewood Church of Atlanta is looking for a **worship leader** who is called to lead people towards God through worship and is also passionate about investing in the diverse group that makes up this church and community. Candidates must play a lead instrument (guitar or piano), be proficient at MS Office - particularly PowerPoint, and be comfortable leading other musicians and a congregation in worship. Our church is a racially and economically mixed church just east of downtown Atlanta. We average about 45-55 people on an average Sunday and our songs are mostly a mix of contemporary Christian songs and updated hymns. Read more about our church at www.EdgewoodChurchAtlanta.org. This position requires availability on Sunday mornings from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm; compensation is \$150 per Sunday. To apply, email Pastor Nathan Dean at Nathan@EdgewoodChurchAtlanta.org.

First Baptist Church of Forsyth, Georgia is accepting resumes for a **part-time position of Minister to Youth and their Families.** The candidate should be a Christian with theological training, committed to leading a vibrant youth ministry through biblical teaching. Interim and intern candidates are welcome to apply as well. The Minister to Youth and their Families will teach Sunday school on Sunday mornings and Bible study on Sunday evenings, along with leading youth activities on Wednesday evenings. This Minister is responsible for planning and leading extracurricular youth activities. The complete job description may be viewed at the church's website. Resumes and references should be emailed to fbcmain@bellsouth.net, Attention: Tim Heath, Youth Committee chairman, or mailed to: First Baptist Church, 95 West Morse St., Forsyth, GA 31029.

Augusta Road Baptist Church, a moderate, CBF-related congregation in Greenville, SC, is seeking a **full-time Minister to Families** to provide pastoral leadership to the congregation with emphasis on ministry among children and youth. Augusta Road Baptist Church is a loving, inclusive Christian community with a traditional liturgical worship. The ideal candidate will be an ordained seminary graduate with ministry experience who is passionate about spiritual formation and can ensure consistency in curriculum and programming as the youngest members of our community of faith grow from one stage of life to the next. This

person will need to be able to cultivate relationships with people of all generations, effectively balancing multiple ministry responsibilities and recruiting, equipping, and leading volunteers to assist in ministry activities for children and youth. Resumes may be sent to mking@arbc.com.

Trinity Baptist Church is seeking a **part-time Children's Minister** for grades K-5 through 5th grade to oversee Wednesday and Sunday programming, as well as supervise nursery and Children's Church volunteers. Trinity Baptist Church, 301 Honey Creek Road, Conyers, GA 30094, is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Congregation committed to being the presence of Christ in the community, to pursuing a vision of social justice and mission, and to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus' inclusive Kingdom for the world today. Resumes may be sent to trinityassociate@bellsouth.net.

Briarcliff Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia is accepting resumes for a **part-time Music Director**. Our congregation averages 110 on Sunday morning and we have a blended music service on Sunday morning at 11 am. The Music Director will be responsible for directing and leading the adult choir, praise band, and children's choir, and for assisting in planning and leading the Sunday morning worship service. Resumes and references should be sent to Amanda Miller at amiller@briarcliffbaptist.org, or to Briarcliff Baptist Church, 3039 Briarcliff Road, Atlanta, GA 30329.

Madison Baptist Church in Madison, Georgia, is searching for a **part-time or full-time Minister of Music**. We are looking for an individual who is a committed Christian, loves people, and appreciates all types of music. Madison is located 60 miles east of Atlanta and 25 miles south of Athens. Madison Baptist Church is a multi-staffed church that values blended worship. We are a dually aligned CBF/SBC church with 575 resident members. Preference will be given to candidates with at least a Bachelor's degree and some church music experience, but other inquiries are also welcomed. Resume and cover letter should be submitted to Minister of Music Search Committee, 328 South Main Street, Madison, GA 30650. If you need further information, please contact us at the above email address.

First Baptist Church Sylva, NC, is offering summer, semester, or year **internships** offering experience in a variety of ministry disciplines, including but not limited to: children's ministry, youth ministry, music ministry, social justice ministry, and pastoral and preaching ministries. Compensation includes a stipend and housing (on-site as available). Sylva is a mountain town near the Blue Ridge Parkway, Western Carolina University, and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Cover letters and resumes can be sent to fbc sylva@gmail.com.

For an updated listing of open positions, visit www.cbfga.org.

Financial Report

Budget Receipts as of 11/30/2015

(Budget year began July 1, 2015)

Year to date:	2015	2014
Requirement:	\$250,373.45	\$242,106.80
Receipts:	\$190,199.07	\$200,024.81
Expenses:	\$209,625.85	\$219,068.01
Over/(Under) Expenses	(\$19,426.78)	(\$19,043.20)
Over/(Under) Requirement	(\$60,174.38)	(\$42,081.99)

Monthly	November 2015:	November 2014:
Requirement:	\$50,074.69	\$48,421.36
Receipts:	\$44,197.48	\$41,521.25
Expenses:	\$45,897.61	\$47,419.13
Over/(Under) Expenses	(\$1,700.13)	(\$5,897.88)
Over/(Under) Requirement	(\$5,877.21)	(\$6,900.11)