



Re-Visions

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CBF/GA News

CBF/GA Coordinating Council Nominations Due by Friday, July 25

This year's CBF/GA Nominating Committee is beginning its work to fill spaces on the Coordinating Council. One of the goals of the nominating process is to create a sense of parity on the Coordinating Council based on the following criteria: geography, gender, age, and clergy/laity.

If you would like to nominate someone for this position, please ask him or her if he or she is willing to serve before submitting the name. Nominations can be sent to Renée Bennett at rbennett@cbfga.org or submitted online at <http://cbfga.org/114/Coordinating-Council-Nomination>. A list of responsibilities can be found at the above webpage.

ReCharge Registration Open July 1 though August 29

ReCharge will be held Friday through Sunday, October 3-5, at Woodland Christian Camp in Temple. The weekend will offer middle and high school students opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal. Group leader information can be found at rechargecbf.org or leaders may contact Martha Kate Hall at mkhall@cbfga.org.

CBF/National General Assembly Photo Albums

The 2014 CBF/National General Assembly was held Monday, June 23, through Friday, June 27, at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta. On Thursday, June 26, the CBF/GA family heard and approved the discernment task force's report. This report can be found in the June/July issue of Visions. Click [here](#) for a PDF copy. Please contact ElizaBeth Ruff at eruff@cbfga.org or 478-742-1191, ext. 4, if you would like print copies of the report.

Photos and videos from the event can be found on the CBF/GA and CBF/National websites. Click [here](#) for the galleries.

Disaster Response Update from Tommy Deal

Disaster Response Training

CBF Disaster Response encourages interested participants to join with Alabama CBF for a day of general training on disaster response.

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Volunteers of America will lead the training on Saturday, August 9, in Birmingham, Alabama. Final details, church, location, times, and content are being finalized. Contact Tommy Deal, disaster response coordinator, at tdeal@cbfga.org or 706-313-5066. Further information will be sent to those on the Disaster Response lists. Pastors are asked to ensure interested persons are made aware of this information.

Be a CBF/GA Ambassador

Based upon action by the Coordinating Council which met Tuesday, May 20, 2014, CBF/GA **Advocates** will now be called **Ambassadors**. The new name of **Ambassadors** better aligns with the Discernment Task Force Report/Recommendations. You will see more information about this in a future article by Frank Broome, Executive Coordinator, CBF/GA.

If you have an interest in being a CBF/GA Ambassador in your congregation, please let us know by contacting Renée Bennett at rbennett@cbfga.org or 478-742-1191, ext. 3. We will be glad to send you information on becoming an Ambassador.

From Our Churches

Barbara Brown Taylor Preaching At Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta

Barbara Brown Taylor will preach during the 11:00 a.m. worship service at Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church on Sunday, July 27. She is the Butman Professor of Religion at Piedmont College in Demorest, an adjunct professor of spirituality at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, and author of twelve books. Contact Lisa Jones at 404-591-4346 or ljones@spd.org for more information.

July Conversations Events at First Baptist Church of Decatur

Conversations at First Baptist Church of Decatur is pleased to partner with the Georgia Center for the Book to host a book discussion of *The Mockingbird Next Door* by Marja Mills. The book examines the life of Harper Lee, writer of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The event will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 25. Click [here](#) for a PDF of the event flyer.

Conversations is also pleased to partner with Little Shop of Stories to host a book discussion of Eric Litwin's new book, *The Nuts: Bedtime at the Nut House*. Litwin is the author of the New York Times bestselling book, *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes*. He will be reading, singing, playing his guitar, and signing books at this event on Tuesday, July 29, at 7:00 p.m. Click [here](#) for a PDF of the event flyer.

Church Van Needed

This request is from Alton Taylor, Pastor of New Life Christian

Ministries, in regards to a need at his church.

In the past, New Life Christian Ministries relied heavily upon our church bus ministry for several important functions. We serve a working class community in which transportation, especially on Sundays, can be an issue. Our bus ministry helped get children and adults to Sunday School, Bible Study, and to our Sunday worship services. We transported members to special events and engagements, such as out of town services or fellowship activities. We transported children to and from Vacation Bible School. In the community in which we serve, we would frequently provide transportation for children to Sunday School or Vacation Bible school, and found that the parents would eventually come. So the bus ministry was an important part of our evangelism effort. Since our bus is no longer operational (the cost of repairs would be more than the bus is worth), we have felt a void in these areas and know that a working bus or van would greatly enhance our ministry. One of the issues with our previous bus was the size and the difficulty of having a qualified driver that was willing to handle a twenty-one passenger vehicle. Therefore, a passenger van that can transport twelve to eighteen would be more appropriate for our needs. It would be nice if we could have a van donated. Our church has limited resources. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Please give Alton a call if you need any additional information. His cell number is 404-451-6962.

Reference and Referral

Church Seeking Minister to Senior Adults

Second Avenue Baptist Church in Rome is seeking a part-time (fifteen hours per week) Minister to Senior Adults. A graduate degree from a recognized seminary or formal ministerial training from an accredited college, seminary, or equivalent experience is highly desirable.

Resumes should be emailed to Monty@sabcrome.com or mailed to Second Avenue Baptist Church, 823 E 2nd Avenue, Rome, Georgia 30161. The application deadline is Wednesday, October 1.

Church Seeking Bi-Vocational Pastor

Carlton Baptist Church is a small caring congregation seeking a bi-vocational pastor with deep faith who will lead the church in spiritual and membership growth. Candidate will perform pastoral care responsibilities, leading worship, proclamation, education, and ministries. The candidate should have minimum of a bachelors degree and five years experience in the ministerial field. Please mail resumes to Annette Blackmon at 1574 Paoli Rd. Carlton, GA 30627 or email to annetteblackmon@windstream.net. Emails will be acknowledged upon receipt. If acknowledgement is not received, please call 706-255-0683.

Financial Report

Budget Receipts as of 6/30/2014

Budget Year Begins in January

Year to Date Budget Receipts:	\$248,191.29
Year to Date Budget Requirement:	\$276,039.24
Over/(Under)	(\$27,847.95)
June Budget Receipts:	\$32,014.83
June Budget Requirement:	\$46,006.54
Over/(Under)	(\$13,991.71)

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