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## **Save the Date for Senior Celebration**

CBF/GA's fourth annual Senior Celebration will be held Monday-Tuesday, May 6-7. The Monday event will be hosted by First Baptist Church of Rome, and our speaker will be Bill Coates. The Tuesday event will be hosted by First Baptist Church of Forsyth, and the speaker will be Mike Ruffin. Keep watching *Visions*, *Re-Visions*, and the CBF/GA website for more details.

## **Now Serving: Atlanta Registration Ends January 25**

Church and campus college groups may still register for Now Serving: Atlanta, a collegiate missions weekend event co-sponsored by CBF/GA and McAfee School of Theology. Registration ends Friday, January 25. For more information, visit [www.nowserving.org](http://www.nowserving.org).

## **March Mission Madness 2013 Registration Closed**

Online registration for March Mission Madness and March Mission Immersion is closed. If you would like to inquire about possible availability, please contact Laura Foushee at [lfoushee@cblfga.org](mailto:lfoushee@cblfga.org).

## **Deacon Summit, Macon, April 5-6**

CBF/GA, the Center for Teaching Churches of McAfee School of Theology, and the Eula Mae and John Baugh Center for Baptist Leadership of Mercer University invite deacons and pastors to a deacon summit on Friday-Saturday, April 5-6. Held at the new Football Field House on Mercer University's Macon campus, the purpose of this meeting is to give deacons and pastors opportunities for prayer, conversation, and fellowship, as they explore challenges facing Baptist laity and discover resources for education and enrichment. This meeting will also be the launch of a Baptist deacon network. Keep watching the

## *Have You Moved?*

CBF/GA website and newsletters for more information on plenary sessions, breakouts, and registration.

## **Calendar**

Click on the titles for more information. For more calendar dates, please click [here](#).

2013

February 8-9

[Now Serving: Atlanta](#)  
Atlanta

March 1-3

[March Mission](#)  
[Madness](#)  
Macon

March 8-10

[March Mission](#)  
[Madness](#)  
Rome

March 22-24

[March Mission](#)  
[Immersion](#)  
Calvin Center,  
Hampton

April 5-6

Deacon Summit  
Macon

April 19-20

[CBF/GA Handbell Festival](#)  
First Baptist Church of  
Griffin

May 6-7

[Senior Celebration](#)  
Rome and Forsyth

## **Children's Ministry Retreat, FBC Athens, January 28**

All children's ministers are invited to attend a one-day retreat at First Baptist Church of Athens on Monday, January 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event will include coffee, light snacks, and lunch, as well as time to discuss issues regarding children's ministry and share resources. There is no cost to attend. RSVP to Laura Foushee at [lfoushee@cbfga.org](mailto:lfoushee@cbfga.org).

## **CBF/GA Handbell Festival Registration Open Online**

The 2013 CBF/GA Handbell Festival will be Friday-Saturday, April 19-20. Handbell choirs will come together for a time of fellowship, mass rehearsal, technique workshops, and a final concert. The concert will be open to the public. Click [here](#) to for more information.

## **Disaster Response Trailers News**

If you attended the General Assembly in Griffin, you had the opportunity to see CBF/GA's two community missions trailers. One is housed and hosted by Johns Creek Baptist Church, Alpharetta, and the other by First Baptist Church of Augusta. Forty percent of the funding for the purchase of the trailers came from a CBF/National grant, and sixty percent came from CBF/GA. One trailer is fully stocked and ready for use. Help is needed to stock the other trailer with supplies that can be used in response efforts, March Mission Madness, community projects, etc. There was a "Trailer Tool Tree" in the exhibit area of the Fall General Assembly. Ornaments included descriptions of items needed and some attendees took several ornaments, signifying their intent to provide the items as gifts. For these we are grateful. More assistance is needed. If interested in learning what item(s) you or your church could give, contact Tommy Deal at [tdeal@cbfga.org](mailto:tdeal@cbfga.org) for a complete list of needed materials. These trailers are available for use by CBF/GA churches for community mission projects and as part of their outreach. The procedures to request use of these trailers and their items will be made available soon.

## **Opening for Advocates**

If you have an interest in serving as a CBF/GA advocate in your congregation, please let us know by contacting Kelley Dixson at [kdixson@cbfga.org](mailto:kdixson@cbfga.org) or 742-742-1191, ext. 26. At the present time, we have about fifty advocates. We will be



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## **CBF/GA on the Road**

Frank Broome, coordinator, Laura Foushee, associate coordinator, and Renée Bennett, assistant to the coordinator for finance, are always available to preach or update your church on how God is working through our fellowship of Baptist churches. For a current list of engagements for Frank, Laura, and Renée, or to contact one of them about speaking in your church during worship or at other gatherings, click [here](#).

## **From CBF/National**

### **CBF/National Announces Executive Coordinator Candidate**

CBF/National is pleased to announce Suzii Paynter as the candidate to be the next CBF executive coordinator. She has been a part of the Fellowship movement since its first meetings having served on the CBF Coordinating Council and chaired the General Assembly planning committee.

Currently, Paynter serves as director of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission and director of the Advocacy Care Center of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. She directs all public policy initiatives for state and federal issues, and is instrumental in building relationships with other religious bodies. In addition, she oversees the areas of church outreach, the Texas Baptist Hunger Offering, community care ministries of restorative justice, the Texas Baptist chaplaincy program, Texas Baptist counseling services, and ministries related to anti-human trafficking, hunger, poverty, and healthcare. Paynter has a deep understanding of organizational life, of congregations, and of the larger Baptist world.

She also serves as an ordained deacon at First Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, where her husband, Roger, serves as senior pastor. She has been a Sunday School teacher for more than forty years and has consistently held positions of leadership in the Fellowship churches where she has been a member.

Paynter was selected as the candidate for the CBF/National executive coordinator position by a ten-member executive coordinator search committee led by George Mason, pastor of Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. The committee

has worked diligently and thoughtfully for the past year to identify the Fellowship's next leader.

### **CBF Church Start Discernment Cohort**

A group of church starters was commissioned at last year's CBF General Assembly, and the hope is to commission a second group this year in Greensboro. For anyone interested in starting a church, the CBF church start discernment cohort may be the first step. This eight-week online cohort explores issues relating to missiology, ecclesiology, and church starting, along with offering a confidential community with others asking these same types of questions. For more information about the cohort and registration, click [here](#).

## **Friends**

### **Book Discussion**

Jeanie and David Gushee will be speaking on Thursday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m. on their book *Yours Is the Day, Lord, Yours Is the Night*. The event is sponsored by the Georgia Center for the Book and hosted by First Baptist Church of Decatur. *Yours Is the Day, Lord, Yours Is the Night* is a book of morning and evening devotions reflecting the liturgical calendar and the seasons. No tickets or reservations are required.

### **Super Bowl of Hymn Festivals Annual Event**

The Macon chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present The Super Bowl of Hymn Festivals on Sunday, February 3, at 3:00 p.m at Mulberry United Methodist Church in Macon. Leaders of the festival are David Keith, Jack Mitchener, The Midtown Brass Quintet, and the Mercer Singers. The event is free to all, but donations will be accepted.

### **BJC Essay Contest**

High school juniors and seniors have an opportunity to win as much as \$2,000 for college in the Baptist Joint Committee's Religious Liberty Essay Scholarship Contest. To enter, students must write an essay discussing religious diversity in America and evaluating the claim that the United States was founded as a "Christian nation." Prizes range from \$250 for third place to \$2,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C., for the grand prize. The full topic and entry details are available online [here](#).

## CareForTheTroops Information

If you are interested in becoming a Veteran Friendly or Lead Congregation through CareForTheTroops, or if you want to learn more about CFTT, please contact Renée Bennett at 478-742-1191, ext. 21, or [rbennett@cbfga.org](mailto:rbennett@cbfga.org).

## Reference and Referral

### Children and Youth Coordinator/Music Leader Position

Fellowship Baptist Church in Fitzgerald is looking for a person to lead their children and youth program and also lead congregational singing and a small ensemble of adults. Worship planning and administrative tasks such as webpage and church bulletin development may be included in this part-time position. Experience with children, youth, and families is desirable but not required. Resumes should be sent to P.O. Box 777, Fitzgerald, Georgia, 31750.

### Minister of Music Position Open

Haven Fellowship Church in Conyers is looking for a minister of music. This position assists in worship preparation and leads choir on Sunday mornings and Wednesday night practices. Seminary education and experience or training in choral directing are required. Resumes should be sent to Haven Fellowship Church, 2240 Smyrna Road, Conyers, GA 30094. For more information, contact Danny Harrell at 770-860-0473 or [danny@havenfellowship.org](mailto:danny@havenfellowship.org).

### Financial Records Deadline

CBF/GA 2012 financial records closed on Tuesday, January 8, at 5:00 p.m. Please note that contributions for 2012 received after this date will be credited to 2013. Questions about contributions should be directed to Renée Bennett at [rbennett@cbfga.org](mailto:rbennett@cbfga.org) or 478-742-1191, ext. 21. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

### Financial Update

Year to Date Receipts for 2011:	472,933.85
Year to Date Receipts for 2012:	486,365.27
Year to Date Requirement:	602,956.92
Over/<Under>	(116,591.65)

December Contributions:	59,811.90
December Requirement:	50,246.41
Over/<Under>:	(9,565.49)

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If you would like to share events happening in your organization or church, email the information to ElizaBeth Copeland at [ecopeland@cbfga.org](mailto:ecopeland@cbfga.org).

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