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Calendar

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2013

CBF/GA Handbell Festival Registration Open Online

The 2013 CBF/GA Handbell Festival will be at First Baptist Church of Griffin on 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.

CBF/GA Scholarships

CBF/GA is pleased to offer scholarships to students studying at the seminary level. This is one of the ways we are able to support future ministers and leaders in our churches. Visit <http://www.cbfga.org/51/Scholarships> for more information.

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

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

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



How to Use Re-Visions

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Church of Forsyth, and the speaker will be Mike Ruffin. Keep watching *Visions, Re-Visions*, and the CBF/GA website for more details.

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 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 Dixon at kdixon@cbfga.org or 742-742-1191, ext. 26. At the present time, we have about fifty advocates. We will be glad to send you a list of responsibilities.

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

Photos and logos are links leading you to more information pertaining to the articles they accompany. If an item is in bright blue and italics, it is a link. If you would like to forward *Re-Visions* to a friend, click the *Forward* button at the bottom of this email.

CBF Offering for Global Missions

CBF/National is highlighting Kim and Marc Wyatt, CBF field personnel serving refugee communities in Ottawa, Canada, for its spring and Easter emphases. Introduce Kim and Marc to your congregation by joining one of the online video presentations on Wednesday, February 27, and Wednesday, March 20. The presentations will be shown at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on both nights. For more information about the webinars, or to learn more about the Offering for Global Missions, visit thefellowship.info/ogm.

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

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.

Dates for the The Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury 2013 webinar series are below. For more information, please visit [here](#).

Thursday, February 28: Chronic Pain

Thursday, March 28: Vestibular Disturbances after TBI

Thursday, April 25: Military Children and Coping with Grief/Loss

Thursday, May 16: Mental Health and the National Guard/Reserves

Thursday, June 27: Sleep

Thursday, July 25: Violence Risk Assessment

Thursday, August 22: TBI 101

Thursday, September 26: Evidenced Based Treatment for Depression and Suicidal Behavior

Thursday, October 24: Sexual Trauma, Sexual Harassment, and Sexual Assault in the Military

Thursday, November 21: Integration of Technology into Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury

The William L. Self Preaching Lectures

The William L. Self Preaching Lectures will be held Monday-Tuesday, February 25-26, on the Atlanta campus of Mercer University. This year's speaker is Doug Dortch, pastor of Mountain Brook Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. The event will involve three lectures on characteristics of

preachers, dinner, and a workshop on trends in church technology. For more information, call 678-547-6470 or email frazier_d@mercer.edu.

Scholarship Opportunity

Annually the Baptist Women in Ministry in Georgia awards a scholarship to a Baptist woman who is from or currently resides in Georgia and has completed at least one year of seminary education (thirty hours of study) at the master's or doctoral level. Applicants may attend a Baptist or non-Baptist seminary. Applications should include a list of three references who will send a letter illustrating the Baptist woman's potential for ministry and her need for financial assistance, a brief summary of the Baptist woman's call to ministry and plans for carrying out her calling, and a brief autobiography. For more information or to download the application, please go to www.bwimga.org.

The scholarship will be awarded at the spring meeting of the Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia. The recipient will be invited and encouraged to be present at the meeting for the presentation of the scholarship award. The deadline for application is Friday, March 1, and materials should be sent to Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia, C/O Darlene Flaming, 1400 Coleman Avenue, Macon, Georgia 31207, or submitted by email to Rachel Huston at rachel.heaven0784@gmail.com.

Distinguished Church Woman of the Year

Each year Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia honors a woman from Georgia as Distinguished Church Woman of the Year. Qualifications for this award include significant contributions to ministry by a Baptist woman who has experienced a call to ministry and is fulfilling that call in a salaried or non-salaried position. Nominations for this honor are reviewed, and the final selection is made by the steering committee of Baptist Women of Georgia. Nominations by persons throughout the state are welcomed and should include a brief summary of the woman's call, qualifications for ministry, and a letter of recommendation. Please refer to www.bwimga.org for any questions about the award.

Nominees for the award are evaluated according to the following criteria: demonstrates faithful commitment to the development of her ministry; exemplifies qualities of gifted leadership and redemptive service; maintains an active role in the ministry of her local church; and displays support for

the goals and visions of Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia. All nominations should be received in writing by Friday, March 1, and should be sent to Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia, C/O Darlene Flaming, 1400 Coleman Avenue, Macon, Georgia 31207, or submitted by email to Tamara Tillman Smathers at ttsmathers@fbcrome.org.

For more information on these awards, please visit Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia at www.bwimga.org.

Interfaith Lecture

Scott Alexander, professor of Islam and director of the Catholic-Muslim Studies program at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, Illinois, will be speaking on the future of Christian and Muslim relations on Friday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Roswell's Oak Room. The event will begin with a short reception followed by the lecture, and there is no cost to attend. Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

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.

Reference and Referral

Pastor Position Open

Community Baptist Church in Milledgeville is searching for a pastor who will work with the congregation, deacons, and committees to sustain and expand its focus on missions and ministry, and to identify goals and visions for the future. For more information, click [here](#).

Minister to Children and Youth

The Oaks Baptist Church in Lyons is seeking a full-time minister to children and youth. The preferred candidates will possess a seminary degree from an accredited institution and a minimum of two years working with children and youth in ministry. Interested candidates should send a résumé to Personnel Team, The Oaks Baptist Church, P.O. Box 388

Lyons, GA 30436. For more information about the church, visit theoaksbaptist.com.

Pastor Position Open

Augusta Road Baptist Church in Greenville, South Carolina, is looking for a pastor. This position provides spiritual instruction and leadership to the members, staff, and organizations of the church. The pastor will plan and conduct worship services along with the ministerial staff, coordinate a program of pastoral care, and lead in the areas of outreach, missions, evangelism, and fellowship. A master of divinity degree and five years of ministerial experience are required. For more information, contact J. Michael Taylor at mtaylor@dp3architects.com or 864-420-4547.

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.

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

Sharing Information through *Re-Visions*

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

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