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Calendar

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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. An Advocates luncheon is being planned, and we want to be sure that those interested in serving in this role get an invitation.

Register Now for Senior Celebration

This year's Senior Celebration will be held at Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon, on Monday, May 7, and at Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, on Tuesday, May 8. Our keynote speaker will be Daniel Vestal, coordinator of CBF/National. Click [here](#) to register!

CBF/GA Scholarship Application Due April 6

CBF/GA is excited 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.

CBF/GA Handbell Festival

CBF/GA's first annual Handbell Festival will be held at Vineville Baptist Church, Macon, on Friday-Saturday, April 27-28.

Handbell choirs will come together for a time of fellowship, mass rehearsal, technique workshops, and a final concert. The cost is \$75 per choir and \$25 per participant and includes lunch on Saturday. The deadline to register is Sunday, April 15.

For more information and to register, visit www.cbfga.org.

2012

March 23-25
[March Mission Immersion](#)
 Calvin Center,
 Hampton

April 19-21
[Conference on Sexuality and Covenant](#)
 First Baptist Church of
 Decatur

May 7
[Senior Celebration](#)
 Highland Hills Baptist
 Church, Macon

May 8
[Senior Celebration](#)
 Second-Ponce de
 Leon Baptist Church,
 Atlanta

June 21
[CBF/GA Meeting at CBF/National General Assembly](#)
 Ft. Worth, TX

September 23-25
[Preaching Consultation](#)
 St. Simons Island

October 5-7
[ReCharge](#)
 Calvin Center,
 Hampton

November 4-5
[CBF/GA Fall General Assembly](#)
 First Baptist Church of
 Griffin

Disaster Response Opportunity

As a result of the April 2011 tornadoes in Meriwether County, two homes have been selected for complete rebuilds by the Meriwether Recovery Team. If you have volunteers/teams that can assist with finishing the insides or landscaping of these houses, please contact Craig Williamson at First Baptist Church of Manchester at 706-846-2602 or fbcpastor@windstream.net, or Bob Patterson at First Baptist Church of Warm Springs at 706-655-3812 or bobpatterson@windstream.net.

Tell Us about Your Disaster Response Teams

CBF/GA is looking for information on church-based disaster response groups. Does your church have a group, and what skills, such as construction or debris removal, do its members have? Contact Kelley Dixson at 478-742-1191, ext. 26, or kdixson@cbfqa.org to be added to the email distribution list or share your church's information. If you wish to do this online, click [here](#). Click [here](#) for more information about the disaster response Facebook group.

CBF/GA on the Road

Our coordinator, Frank Broome, and associate coordinator, Laura Foushee, 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 and Laura, or to contact one of them about speaking in your church during worship or at other gatherings, click [here](#).

From CBF/National

CBF Fellows Program

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship has announced the start of the CBF Fellows program, which is designed to provide support, resources, and encouragement for individuals in their first years of full-time ministry. The program's first cohort of twenty-five ministers will begin gathering in the fall of 2012. In the course of the two-year cohort, participants will meet in person five times for continuing education, engage in conference calls four times a year, and have access to local peer learning groups and professional coaching. Applications for the program are available online, and the deadline to apply is April 30. For more information or to apply, go to www.thefellowship.info/fellows.

Friends



How to Use *Re-Visions*

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Easter Worship Opportunity

Matt Pogue, a chaplain resident at Scottish Rite Hospital, is looking for a soloist or a choir/group to sing two or three songs for the Easter sunrise service at the hospital. The service will be at 7:00 a.m. and would be over no later than 8 a.m. A worship leader will be leading group songs. If you are interested, email Matt at matthew.pogue@choa.org.

New Book from Mercer University Press

Cancer and Healing: Memoirs of Gratitude and Hope provides first-person glimpses into the cancer experiences of eighteen Baptists. In fact, every person connected with this book, including the publishing director, editor, and writers, has had and/or currently has cancer. All royalties from sales from of this book will be donated to the American Cancer Society. Click [here](#) for more information.

New Spiritual Journey Book

This life will eventually carry us through a wilderness, a period of life epitomized by hardships, suffering, wandering, and grief. The wilderness can also be a time to withdraw from the world, to give up something of significance in order to think, pray, read, and gain spiritual insight on life.

Finding Our Way through the Wilderness by Erica Cooper and Michael Helms is designed to help those who are in a wilderness by no choice of their own and those who choose to enter the wilderness to prepare spiritually for the arrival of Easter or the next part of their journey. Readers will emerge from the wilderness stronger, healthier, wiser, and better equipped to continue on their way.

An e-book copy can be purchased for \$6.99 from www.thefaithlab.com. You can order a print copy for \$18.00 from FBC Jefferson, 81 Institute Street, Jefferson, GA 30549.

2012 Baptist History and Heritage Society Annual Conference

The Baptist History and Heritage Society's Annual Conference will be Thursday-Saturday, June 7-9, in Raleigh, North Carolina. This year's theme is Baptists and theology. Featured speakers are Fisher Humphreys, Glenn Jonas, and Bill Leonard. Visit [here](#) for more information.

The Timothy Project

The Timothy Project connects with places of need and coordinates summer mission trips to those places for students. This year's locations are in Kentucky, South Carolina, and North Carolina. Visit [here](#) for more information.

2012 Shurden Lectures

Mercer University will host the Walter B. and Kay W. Shurden Lectures on Religious Liberty and Separation of Church and State on Tuesday-Wednesday, April 17-18. Franklin T. Lambert, author of *The Founding Fathers and the Place of Religion in America* and *Religion in American Politics: A Short History*, will be the keynote speaker. The three lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.bjconline.org/lectures>.

Reference and Referral

First Baptist Church of Manchester is seeking a part-time youth minister. Contact Craig Williamson, pastor, at 706-846-2601 or fbcpastor@windstream.net for further information.

First Baptist Church of Jasper is looking for an interim minister of music. Contact Jimmy Lewis, pastor, at 706-253-5015 or jimmy.lewis@fbcjasper.com for more information.

Financial Update

Budget Receipts as of 2/29/2012

Year to Date Contributions:	78,966.06
Year to Date Requirement:	100,492.82
Over/<Under>	(21,526.76)

February Contributions:	46,631.94
February Requirement:	50,246.41
Over/<Under>:	(3,614.47)

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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