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## **Calendar**

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2012

April 19-21

## **April/May 2012 Visions Now Available**

The April/May issue of CBF/GA's print newsletter, *Visions*, is now available. Visit <http://www.cbfga.org/newsletters> to download a PDF copy or contact the CBF/GA office at [ecopeland@cbfga.org](mailto:ecopeland@cbfga.org) or 478-742-1191, ext. 23, for printed copies.

The April/May issue includes the church and individual giving reports for 2011, along with a series of articles on student ministry.

## **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](http://www.cbfga.org).

## **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.

## **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](mailto:kdixon@cbfga.org) or 742-742-1191, ext. 26. At the present time we have about fifty advocates. We will be

[A \(Baptist\)  
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



### **How to Use Re-Visions**

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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 receive 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!

### **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 Dixon at 478-742-1191, ext. 26, or [kdixon@cbfga.org](mailto:kdixon@cbfga.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](http://www.thefellowship.info/fellows).

### **Friends**

read, click on the underlined title in the table of contents. To read more about an event in our calendar, click on the underlined title of the event. 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.

### **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 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](http://www.thefaithlab.com). You can order a print copy for \$18.00 from FBC Jefferson, 81 Institute Street, Jefferson, GA 30549.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:jimmy.lewis@fbcjasper.com) for more information.

For more positions, click [here](#).

### **Financial Update**

Budget Receipts as of 3/31/2012

Year to Date Contributions:	117,346.81
Year to Date Requirement:	150,739.23

Over/<Under>	(33,392.42)
February Contributions:	38,380.75
February Requirement:	50,246.41
Over/<Under>:	(11,856.66)

### 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](mailto:ecopeland@cbfga.org).

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