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Calendar

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Senior Celebration Registration Deadline on Monday

Monday, April 23, is the final day to register 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!

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 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 Concert

Join us for CBF/GA's first annual Handbell Festival concert on Saturday, April 28, at Vineville Baptist Church, Macon, at 1:00 p.m.

Communication Is Key: Healthy Church Strategies for Websites, Social Media, Email, and Personal and Congregational Communication

Friday, June 8, at Mercer University, Atlanta, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (an optional tutorial is available from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

In partnership with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia and the Center for Teaching Churches, the Center for Congregational Health will share an overview of its research of the four key practices for a healthy

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April 19-21

[A \(Baptist\) Conference on Sexuality and Covenant](#)

First Baptist Church of Decatur

congregation and the cultural shifts in communication processes.

Internal communication skills, such as person-to-person, congregation and staff, feedback, and more, will be discussed from the perspective of how the congregation relates to its own members. External communication skills of websites, social media, print media, email newsletters, policy, and caution will be explored in a focus on how the congregation relates to its community.

May 7

[Senior Celebration](#)

Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon

The internal communication skills portion of the conference will be led by Dr. Bill Wilson, president of the Center for Congregational Health. Bill has served local faith communities for thirty-three years. The external communication skills portion of the conference will be led by Natalie Aho, communications specialist for the Center for Congregational Health. Natalie is also a communications specialist for the Associated Baptist Press and CBF/Alabama.

May 8

[Senior Celebration](#)

Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta

The cost per person is \$125, and lunch is included. For a group of three or more from the same congregation/staff, the cost is reduced to \$100/person. Registration is limited, so please register early. Feel free to bring a laptop or iPad. Parking instructions will be provided. Learn more and register at www.healthychurch.org or contact Robin Danner at congreg@wakehealth.edu or 336-716-9722.

June 21

[CBF/GA Meeting at CBF/National General Assembly](#)

Ft. Worth, TX

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 who wish to serve in this role receive an invitation.

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

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 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

How to Use Re-Visions

To go directly to the article you'd like to 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.

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 Our Churches

Hymnals Available for Churches

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Macon, has numerous copies of the *Baptist Hymnal* (1991 edition) and a high-speed cassette tape duplicator (makes three copies at a time) available for donation to a church or group. For more information, contact Kadar Jones at kadar@mtzionmacon.com or 478-994-0838.

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

CareForTheTroops Event Calendar

For locations throughout the state of Georgia and additional information, visit [here](#).

Wednesday, April 18, 6:00 p.m.

Support Group for Families of Military or Vets with PTSD

Friday, April 20, 9:00 a.m.

Emerging from the Heart of Darkness: Guided Imagery
and Breakthroughs in Healing Post-Traumatic Stress
Workshop

Saturday, April 21, 9:30 a.m.
ArtReach Student Veterans and Veterans in Transition
Workshop

Saturday, April 28, 10:00 a.m.
Veterans' Writing Workshop (sponsored by Veterans Heart
Georgia)

Wednesday, May 2, 6:00 p.m.
Support Group for Families of Military or Vets with PTSD

Monday, May 7
Military Spouse Appreciation Day

Thursday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.
Speak Up Meeting for Female Veterans

Sunday, May 13, 1:30 p.m.
Just Listening Circle (sponsored by Veterans Heart
Georgia)

Wednesday, May 16, 6:00 p.m.
Support Group for Families of Military or Vets with PTSD

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.

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.

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)

March Contributions: 38,380.75

March 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.

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