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2012

June 21

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

ReCharge Registration Now Open

ReCharge is a youth fall retreat sponsored by CBF/GA. This year's retreat will be Friday-Sunday, October 5-7, at Woodland Christian Camps in Temple. For more information and to register, visit www.rechargecbf.org.

Senior Celebration Photos Now Online

This year's Senior Celebration was 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 was Daniel Vestal, coordinator of CBF/National. Click [here](#) to see photos from the event.

CBF/GA Handbell Festival

CBF/GA's first annual Handbell Festival was on Friday-Saturday, April 27-28. Click [here](#) to see photos from the weekend.

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 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

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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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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Tommy Deal, CBF/GA's disaster response coordinator, at tdeal@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 Our Churches

Mirabai Starr Event

Mirabai Starr will be at First Baptist Church of Decatur on Sunday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m. for a lecture and signing of her latest book, *God of Love: A Guide to the Heart of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*. This event is being sponsored by the Georgia Center for the Book in partnership with the Conversations Ministry at First Baptist Church of Decatur.

From CBF/National

2012 Task Force Final Report Now Online

The 2012 Task Force Final Report is now [available online](#) and can be shared with the Fellowship community. Please take the time to review and reflect on this document prior to the General Assembly in Fort Worth, Texas. A hard copy of the report will be handed out on Thursday morning at the first General Session.

The Task Force will present the report on Thursday morning, a breakout session for discussing it will be Thursday afternoon, and the final vote will come on Friday morning.

Questions can be directed to David Hull, chair of the 2012 Task Force, at david@fbchsv.org.

Friends

CareForTheTroops Event Calendar

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

Saturday, May 19
ArtReach Introductory Workshop

Wednesday, May 30
Military Sexual Trauma Awareness Day

Wednesday, May 30, 6:00 p.m.
Support Group for Families of Military or Vets with PTSD

Thursday, May 31, 11:30 a.m.

Online Web Workshop-From the War Zone to the Home Front: Supporting the Mental Health of Veterans and Families

Friday-Sunday, June 1-3
Wounded Warrior Retreat at Camp Dream

Saturday, June 9
ArtReach Introductory Workshop

Sunday, June 10, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Just Listening Circle - Veterans Heart Georgia

Wednesday, June 13, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Support Group for Families of Military or Vets with PTSD

Thursday, June 14, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Speak Up Meeting for Female Veterans

Tuesday, June 19, to Sunday, July 1
Military Teen Florida Adventure Camp

Wednesday, June 27, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Support Group for Families of Military or Vets with PTSD

Church Planting Event

Calling all church planters! The New Church Start Academy is an intensive three-day training experience that covers the major issues a church planter faces in starting a new church. The training objective is to give church planters practical knowledge that will allow them to plant healthy churches that will continually grow. Click [here](#) to find out more.

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.

Financial Update

Budget Receipts as of 4/30/2012

Year to Date Contributions:	153,576.52
Year to Date Requirement:	200,985.64
Over/<Under>	(47,409.12)

April Contributions:	36,229.71
April Requirement:	50,246.41
Over/<Under>:	(14,016.70)

Sharing Information through *Re-Visions*

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