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State Meetings at CBF/National General Assembly

Please join us for the state meeting at the CBF/National General Assembly in Memphis. The meeting will be held from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, in the Cotton Row room at the Cook Convention Center.

At 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, attendees are encouraged to gather in the state meeting room for a time of prayer and discernment on the direction of CBF. This is part of a year-long process by CBF/National's Coordinating Council. More information can be found *here*.

ReCharge

A Youth Fall Retreat Experience

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia is excited to be sponsoring *ReCharge: A Youth Fall Retreat Experience*. This new event developed out of a conversation among a few youth ministers who were looking for something to provide their youth in the fall. While this is the first event of this type sponsored by CBF/GA, we are hoping it will be an annual one. The theme for this year's retreat will be *Sabbath Keeping*. The students will experience a well-balanced schedule, which will include worship, fellowship, and playtime.

When: October 17-19, 2008
Where: The Swamp in Union Point
Cost: $80.00

To learn more and register, visit *www.rechargecbf.org*. If you have questions, contact *Nikki Hardeman*.

Serving on Saturday Photos

Click *here* to see photos of those who served seven families with homes affected by the May 11 storms and tornadoes.

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Calendar

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2008

May 22-24
Baptist History and Heritage Society Annual Meeting
Mercer University, Atlanta

June 15-20
The Memphis Sessions
Memphis, TN

June 19-20
CBF General Assembly
Embrace the World: Building Bridges
Memphis, TN

August 2
Hispanic Health Fair
Iglesia Bautista El Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd Baptist Church), Newnan

September 8-10
Forum on Youth Ministry
Balance at the Big Top
Simpsonwood Retreat Center, Duluth

September 13
Current: Simultaneous Mission Project

You and your church are invited to help families affected by the storm. Here are some ways you can respond:

S.O.S. Serve on Saturday
You can lend a helping hand. Click here to read about disaster response opportunities on Saturdays: May 24, May 31, or June 7. Experienced chainsaw operators and helpers who can remove and pile debris are two urgent needs in the Macon area. Other skills are also greatly appreciated.

Organize a Trip
Click *here* to read about making plans for your own customized trip. Help for a day or several days. New Heights Baptist Church of Macon welcomes responders to stay in their church building. Showers and meals will be provided. Chefs and cooks are welcome to join groups. Contact Scott Ford at *sford@cbfga.org* or 478-742-1191, ext. 28, anytime to schedule your arrival and local disaster response.

Pray
You can pray for the women, men, and children whose homes were damaged or lost. Pray for those who were traumatized by the storms. Pray for the safety of those helping with cleanup and repairs.

Give
You can give of your resources online by clicking *here* or mailing a check to CBF of Georgia, P.O. Box 4343, Macon, GA 31208 (include "Disaster Response" on check memo).

Refer
You can contact the CBF/GA office with the name, address, and phone number of a person who could use our help. Professionals will take care of many of the jobs at hand, but if you know someone who needs help with debris removal or a minor home repair, then please send me their information.

Still Time To Get Involved With Camp

October 17-19
Recharge
A Youth Fall Retreat Experience
The Swamp, Union Point

November 9-10
CBF/GA Fall Convocation
First Baptist Church, Augusta

Mission Opportunities

Global Missions Offering
March Mission Madness
Student.Go
Taliaferro Summer Camps
Touching Miami with Love

Newsletter Archives

Click *here* for past issues of *Visions* and *Re-Visions*.

What skills do you have? Hobbies? What is your job? You have skills you can share! Taliaferro Summer Camp leaders need the help of others who can commit to as little as one hour or as much as two weeks. A current "big" need is for additional camp leaders who can visit Taliaferro for an afternoon or two to lead life skills seminars for middle and high school youth. Life skills seminars are conducted from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. each day. The seminars can be educational or entertaining.

Adults and older youth are invited to help lead camps for children and youth in one of the most economically depressed counties in Georgia: Taliaferro County. If you or a group from your church are interested in leading, please contact Scott Ford at *sford@cbfga.org* or visit *www.tcamps.org* to download a *camp leader application form*.

Hispanic/Latino Health Fair

Location: Newnan, Georgia
Date: August 2, 2008
Contact: Scott Ford at *sford@cbfga.org*

More information to come!

Leaving Church by Barbara Brown Taylor

We expect professionalism to be enabling and empowering. With appropriate education, we believe that we can function effectively and feel confident in our actions. Many professionals, in fields as varied as health care and ministry, report that they have sought professional credentials in response to a personal calling, a spiritual impetus to serve.

To read more of this book review by Georgia Cox, click *here*.

Reference and Referral

Have you seen the Position Openings page on our website? Click *here* to visit.

Are you in a church seeking a minister or a minister seeking a church? Please visit our website at *http://www.cbfga.org*, scroll over the Vocations link on the home page, and click the approriate tab for your situation. Fill out the form, hit Submit, and you are on your way!

What Are You Reading?

We want to know what you are reading! Send us four to five hundred-word reviews on the books that have been helpful in your life and ministry. We will feature your reviews on our website and in *Re-Visions*. Send your submission to *Nikki Hardeman*.

Worship Resources

Check out our *resource page*. We have added a new section called *Worship Resources*. Browse the contents to find resources for your

worship services. If you want to add your own to the collection, please send the electronic file to *Nikki Hardeman*.

Web Resources

At the CBF/GA office, we are working to improve the resources we offer through our webpage. Please send me your favorite websites that you use as you minister. The websites can relate to any number of topics including Bible study, children and youth, grief, music, worship, and topical information, etc. This list could go on and on. Send your favorite web resources to *Nikki Hardeman* so that we all can gain resources from each other.

Perspectives Submissions

The next issue of *Perspectives*, the Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia newsletter, will feature a section on life events experienced by women in ministry. If you would like to include a particular joy or celebration that has occurred in your ministry since the last issue, please send your story to Karen Manus-Pennings at *kap1003@yahoo.com* by May 30.

General Assembly Luncheon for Those Interested in Spiritual Formation

Being Transformed and Transformative: An Approach to Personal Spiritual Formation for Christian Educators

Join Ministers of Spiritual Formation and others interested in nurturing spirituality within their local congregations for lunch and an inspiring presentation by Dr. Timothy Brock. Dr. Brock serves as Assistant Professor of Christian Education at Campbell University Divinity School and will address the pertinent topic of how ministers and laity can help their congregations redefine Christian education in terms of spiritual formation. To read more about this event and to make reservations, click *here* or contact Howard Williams at *howardwilliams@weatherly.org*.

Baptist Women in Ministry Announce the 2008 Addie Davis Award Recipients

In 1964, Addie Davis was the first Southern Baptist woman ordained to the ministry. Baptist Women in Ministry gave the first awards in honor of Addie Davis in 1998. This year's recipients are Bailey Edwards Nelson and Caroline Lawson. To read more, click *here*.

A New Resource for Church Planning

Destinations: Mapping Your Congregation's Missional Journey is a new resource that can guide your church as it discerns, plans, and

maps its missional journey. To learn more about this resource, click *here*.

Spiritual Formation Retreat for Clergywomen

This fall, September 29 though October 1, CBF Congregational Life will offer its first spiritual formation retreat for clergywomen. Led by some of CBF's most exceptional female leadership, the retreat will take place in a magnificent setting on the outskirts of Atlanta! For more information about the leadership, the retreat center, or the schedule (still under development), click *here*. From there, follow the links to register for the event. Be sure to register sooner than later. There are only forty-eight spots available. Through June 1, the cost of the retreat is one hundred dollars. After June 1, the cost will be $125.

June is Torture Awareness Month

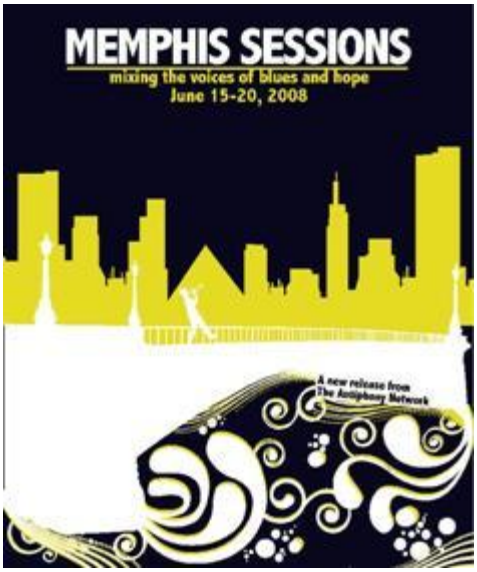
The anti-torture coalition group that includes the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT), Evangelicals for Human Rights, and the Center for Victims of Torture is spearheading a "Banners Across America" campaign in which they hope at least one congregation in every state will display an anti-torture banner outside the church during June, to mark Torture Awareness Month. To find out more about how you can participate in speaking out against torture, click *here*.

Grant Makes Church Census FREE to CBF Churches

The Church Census is a powerful tool developed by the Baylor University School of Social Work. It is a standardized survey instrument that provides an in-depth profile of congregational family life. Beyond the U.S. census, the Church Census captures the strengths, challenges and stressors, and faith experiences of your church members. Participating churches will receive a comprehensive, computer-generated analysis, which can serve as a foundation for family ministry planning. Normally the Church Census cost five hundred dollars, however, through a recently secured grant, CBF churches can now receive this service at NO COST. Congregational leaders will have the opportunity to get detailed information during a workshop offered at the Fellowship's General Assembly in Memphis, Tennessee, on Friday, June 20, from 3:15 p.m. to 4:25 p.m. For more information, contact Rick Bennett at 770-220-1605 or *rbennett@thefellowship.info*.

Missional Stories

CBF is developing a resource called *Glimpses of Missional Faithfulness* that will debut at the General Assembly in 2008. The resource will tell the stories of churches that are engaging the missional journey and exhibiting glimpses of missional faithfulness. Contact *Rick Bennett* at 770-220-1605 to share your stories and ministries. Click *here* for more information.



Memphis Sessions

mixing the voices of blues and hope - June 15-20

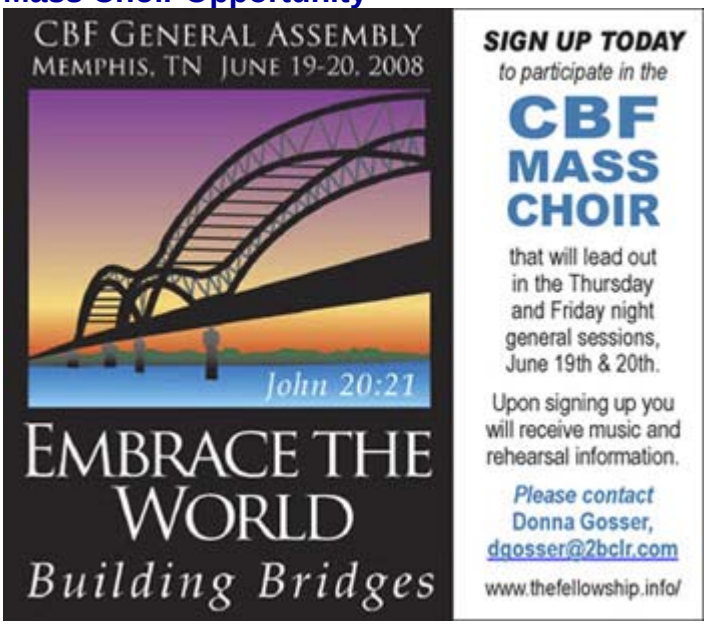
First missional experience created just for college and graduate students in conjunction with the CBF/National General Assembly.

Sharing in meaningful service, discussions, and music; Involving a Christian response to poverty.

Cost: $195 (covers housing, most food, cost of mission projects and programming)

To learn more, click *here*.

Mass Choir Opportunity



Faith in 3D

Dare. Discover. Dream. *Faith in 3D* is open to grades six through twelve. The event will be held on January 16-19, 2009, at the Walt Disney World Resort. Registration opens April 1, 2008. Click *here* for more information.

Wanted

First Baptist Church in Griffin, GA, is seeking a Senior Pastor. Basic responsibilities include proclamation, pastoral care, and administration. The successful candidate will have at least a master's degree and ten years or more experience. Resumes may be sent to *fbcgriffinsearch@bellsouth.net* or PO Box 77, Griffin, GA 30223. FBC is a downtown county seat congregation with a serious commitment to local and global missions.

Wanted

A seven-year-old Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina church start is looking for an energetic minister, female or male. This healthy congregation with an average Sunday attendance of approximately fifty works at worship, digs deeply into study, engages in local and away missions, and encourages each other. We own two buildings located near the center of this family-oriented community. We are active in CBF/NC regional meetings, ecumenical work, and in the United Baptist Association in Charlotte.

Candidates should send resumes to the Pastor Search Committee, 1201 Oakland Street, Hendersonville, NC 28792.

Wanted

Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, KY, seeks a full time Associate Pastor to Children who will plan, coordinate, and implement a full-fledged ministry to children and their families. This person will also direct the church's after-school and summer childcare programs. This position requires excellent leadership, as well as organizational and communication skills. Applicants must have at least two years experience working with children and meet Kentucky state requirements for childcare director. M.Div. is preferred.

Resumes should be submitted to CHBC Children's Minister Search Team, 2800 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206, faxed to 502-896-9855, or emailed to *crescenthillbapt@bellsouth.net*.

Financial Update

Budget Receipts as of 4/30/08

Year to Date:	$547,792.67
Requirement:	$609,766.63
Over/Under:	($61,973.96)
Month to Date:	$45,327.86
Monthly Req.:	$55,433.33
Over/Under:	($10,105.47)

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