



# Re-Visions

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## Calendar

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### 2009

September 3

[\*Caring for Creation  
Pastor/Staff Luncheon\*](#)

Mercer University, Macon

September 14-16

[\*Youth Ministers Retreat\*](#)  
Lake Junaluska, NC

September  
25-26

[\*Global Voices Summit\*](#)  
Monte Vista Baptist Church,  
Maryville, TN

September 27-29

[\*Mercer Preaching\*](#)

## Video and Photo Collection

CBF/GA is collecting video clips and digital photos of previous CBF/GA events. If you have clips or photos you would like to share, please contact Frank Broome at [fbroome@cbfga.org](mailto:fbroome@cbfga.org).

## Congregational Life

### Caring for Creation Pastor/Staff Luncheon

Pastors or staff representatives are invited to attend a luncheon on September 3 at Mercer University to learn more about *Caring for Creation: A Scientific and Theological Response*, a major national conference to be held on the Macon campus on October 29-31. Mercer and Harvard Medical School's Center for Health and the Global Environment have joined forces to stage this conference. National and local experts will join to educate participants about climate change and inspire faith communities to take greater responsibility for the stewardship of God's creation. Both plenary and breakout sessions will be devoted to scriptural and theological reflection on creation care.

To learn more about this event and ways that your congregation can participate, we invite you to attend the luncheon from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Presidents Dining Room at the University Center on the Macon campus. Directions can be found at <http://www2.mercer.edu/ucparking.html>.

For more information, please contact Bobbie Shipley at 478-301-2357 or [shipley\\_be@mercer.edu](mailto:shipley_be@mercer.edu).



Antiphony is a conference for college and graduate students where they can engage in honest dialogue and discussion, ask hard questions, consider new answers, and open themselves to God's leading in their lives. This year's Antiphony will be held December 29 through January 2 at FBC Decatur. CBF/GA is

[Consultation](#)  
St. Simon's Island

October 2-4  
[ReCharge](#)  
Woodland Christian Camp,  
Temple

October 8-10  
[FTE Calling](#)  
[Congregations](#)  
[Conference](#)  
Atlanta

October 29-31  
[Caring for Creation: A](#)  
[Scientific and](#)  
[Theological Response](#)  
Mercer University, Macon

November 8-9  
[CBF/GA Fall](#)  
[Convocation](#)  
FBC Dalton

**2010**  
February 19-20  
[Now Serving: ATL](#)  
Atlanta

March 12-14  
[March Mission](#)  
[Madness](#)  
FBC of Christ  
Macon

March 19-21  
[March Mission](#)  
[Madness](#)  
FBC Dalton  
Dalton

March 26-28  
[March Mission](#)  
[Madness](#)  
Park Avenue Baptist Church  
Atlanta

April 9-11  
[Mission Madness](#)  
Central Baptist Church

offering **scholarships to the first twenty-five Georgians who register**. To inquire about this, please call Nikki Hardeman at 478-742-1191. To register and learn more, click [here](#).

### **Mercer Preaching Consultation**

We are excited to be co-sponsoring the Mercer Preaching Consultation this year. The meeting will be held on September 27-29 at St. Simons Island and Walter Brueggemann will be the main presenter. You will not want to miss this. To read more about this wonderful annual event and to register, click [here](#).

### **Attention College Ministers!**

College groups from various schools and churches in the Southeast will be gathering for a CSF Fall Retreat on October 23-25. The retreat will be at Lake Junaluska Conference Center, located just outside of Asheville, NC. In previous years, groups from Clemson, Winthrop, UNC, Auburn, Furman, and Mercer have all participated. This year's worship leader will be [John Callaway](#), and the worship gatherings and messages will be planned collectively by the campus ministers. Rooms for returning groups have already been reserved, so all groups interested in joining this retreat should contact [Casey Callahan](#) in the next couple weeks (cutoff will be the end of August).

## **CBF National**

### **Offering for Globals Missions**

There are two months left to donate to the CBF Offering for Global Missions. Any amount, large or small, helps keep CBF field personnel serving among some of the most neglected people in the world. Now, more than ever, your gifts will make a difference with one hundred percent of each donation going to sustain worldwide ministries.

### **Volunteer Needed**

The Internationals Ministry Network has grown to include over four hundred individuals and churches. This network ([www.cbfinternationals.org](http://www.cbfinternationals.org)) provides resources, webinars, discussion groups, blogs, and monthly newsletters as it seeks to enhance ministry to internationals in local communities. The organization is looking for a volunteer who will be available for about three weeks. This volunteer would be responsible for making telephone contacts to the network members and asking specific questions from the evaluation form. The comments and ideas from these conversations would be compiled and presented in a final report measuring the strengths and weaknesses of the network. For more information, contact [cboltin@thefellowship.info](mailto:cboltin@thefellowship.info).

## **Partners**

Richmond, VA

April 16-18

[Mission Madness](#)

First Baptist Church  
Huntsville, AL

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### How to Use *Re-Visions*

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### Sabbatical Grant for Pastoral Leaders

Through its 2009 Sabbatical Grant for Pastoral Leaders competition, The Louisville Institute will award up to forty grants for eight-week and twelve-week sabbaticals. During this time recipients will devote themselves to a season of prayer, study, renewal, and reflection on their vocations and ministries. Recipients must be released from all pastoral duties during the entire grant period. For more information, click [here](#).

### 2009 Fall Green Symposium

Learn how you can make your building more sustainable in today's economic environment or how you can take better care of your congregation in regards to health and safety. Sustainable leaders from around the metro area will help you navigate the complex decisions you face in your place of worship. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Ordination Information

Baptist Women in Ministry (BWIM) is collecting information about the ordination of Baptist women in 2008. If you know of any Baptist woman who was ordained for the ministry by a Baptist church in 2008, please email her name, the name and location of the ordaining church, the date of the ordination, and her current ministry position with location information to BWIM Executive Director Pam Durso at [pamdurso@gmail.com](mailto:pamdurso@gmail.com).

Thank you for being the kind of places where women can serve in the ways that God has called them to serve. By being that kind of place, you are being the presence of Christ in your communities.

### Global Voices Summit

You are invited to join Global Women on September 25-26 for the 2009 Global Voices Summit to be held at Monte Vista Baptist Church in Maryville, TN. This year's event, with the theme *Come to the Well*, will be an unforgettable experience. This gathering of Global Women will bring women (and men) together to investigate the global needs of women, discover ways to share our influence, and respond as God calls us to involvement. Click [here](#) for more information.

### FTE Calling Congregations Conference

People who wish to identify talented young people to serve congregations in the future will have an opportunity to make a difference at the 2009 Fund for Theological Education (FTE) Calling Congregations Conference. The open-registration, ecumenical gathering will take place October 8-10 at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center in Atlanta. The conference focuses on the role of pastors, educators, church staff, and lay leaders in cultivating and supporting young adults with leadership gifts for ministry. Anyone with an interest in developing future church leaders is welcome. For more information, click [here](#).

### Light for the Path

*Light for the Path* is a resource guide to personal and congregational spiritual formation. The guide includes a bibliography of Christian devotional classics, children and family spirituality resources, a glossary of Christian spirituality terms, additional spiritual formation resources, a list of retreat centers, and an explanation of labyrinths. The cost is \$3.95. To order, visit [www.thefellowship.info/thecbfstore](http://www.thefellowship.info/thecbfstore).

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### Reference and Referral

#### Church Seeking Youth Minister

Haddock Baptist Church is presently conducting a search for a new ministerial staff member to serve as Associate Pastor: Youth Minister. The candidate must have a calling and a passion for student ministry, focusing on the spiritual development of youth in sixth through twelfth grades and their families. The position is open to qualified candidates, both part-time and full-time, who would best meet the needs of the church. Interested applicants may send their resumes to [HaddockBaptistYouth@gmail.com](mailto:HaddockBaptistYouth@gmail.com) or Haddock Baptist Church, 180 Ethridge Road, Haddock, GA 31033, Attn. Betty Smith, Chair, Staff Search Team.

#### Church Seeking Pastor

Island View Baptist Church ([www.ivbc.org](http://www.ivbc.org)) in Orange Park, FL, is seeking an experienced Senior Pastor. For more information, click [here](#).

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### Financial Update

#### Budget Receipts as of 07/31/09

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|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Year to Date (Budget year began) | \$85,721.58  |
| Requirement                      | \$93,889.00  |
| Over/Under                       | (\$8,167.42) |
| Month to Date                    | \$44,843.21  |
| Monthly Requirement              | \$46,944.50  |
| Over/Under                       | (\$2,101.29) |

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