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Financial Records Deadline

CBF/GA 2012 financial records will be closed on Tuesday, January 8, at 5:00 p.m. Please note that contributions for 2012 received after this date will be credited to 2013. Questions about contributions should be directed to Renée Bennett at rbennett@cbfga.org or 478-742-1191, ext. 21. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Deacon Summit

CBF/GA, the Center for Teaching Churches of McAfee School of Theology, and Eula Mae and John Baugh Center for Baptist Leadership of Mercer University invite deacons and pastors to a deacon summit on Friday-Saturday, April 5-6. Held at the new Football Field House on Mercer University's Macon campus, the purpose of this meeting is to give deacons and pastors opportunities for prayer, conversation, and fellowship, as they explore challenges facing Baptist laity and discover resources for education and enrichment. This meeting will also be the launch of a Baptist deacon network. Keep watching the CBF/GA website and newsletters for more information on plenary sessions, breakouts, and registration.

Fall General Assembly

CBF/GA would like to hear what participants thought of Fall General Assembly. Visit [here](#) to fill out an online evaluation form. Click [here](#) to see the photo gallery from Fall General Assembly. The December/January issue of CBF/GA's print newsletter, *Visions*, has an in-depth report from the event. Click [here](#) to read a PDF version of *Visions*. If you are not on the *Visions* mailing list, reply to this email with your full name, mailing address, and phone number to subscribe.

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Calendar

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2013

January 18-20

[Georgia Youth Choir Festival](#)

Calvin Center,
Hampton

February 8-9

[Now Serving: Atlanta](#)
Atlanta

March 1-3

[March Mission Madness](#)

Macon

March 8-10

[March Mission Madness](#)

Rome

March 22-24

[March Mission Immersion](#)

Calvin Center,
Hampton

April 5-6

Deacon Summit
Macon

April 19-20

[CBF/GA Handbell Festival](#)

First Baptist Church of
Griffin

Now Serving: Atlanta Registration Now Open

Church and campus college groups may now register for Now Serving: Atlanta, a collegiate missions weekend event co-sponsored by CBF/GA and McAfee School of Theology. Registration ends January 25. For more information, visit www.nowserving.org.

CBF/GA Handbell Festival Registration Now Open

The 2013 CBF/GA Handbell Festival will be Friday-Saturday, April 19-20. Handbell choirs will come together for a time of fellowship, mass rehearsal, technique workshops, and a final concert. The concert will be open to the public. Click [here](#) to for more information.

March Mission Madness 2013 Registration Now Open

Online registration for March Mission Madness and March Mission Immersion is now available online. Groups are encouraged to register early to reserve their spots for their desired location. The Rome location is full. If you would like to be put on a waiting list, please contact Laura Foushee at lfoushee@cbfga.org. For more information and to register, visit www.marchmissionmadness.org.

Join Us for Georgia Youth Choir Festival Concerts

Registration is now closed for Georgia Youth Choir Festival; however, you are invited to two performances by this combined choir on Sunday, January 20. The morning concert will be held at Briarcliff Baptist Church in Atlanta and the evening concert at First Baptist Church in Columbus. Visit www.cbfga.org for more information.

Disaster Response Trailers News

If you attended the General Assembly in Griffin you would have had the opportunity to see CBF/GA's two community missions trailers. One is housed and hosted by Johns Creek Baptist Church, Alpharetta, and the other by First Baptist Church of Augusta. Forty percent of the funding for the purchase of the trailers came from a CBF/National grant, and sixty percent came from CBF/GA. One trailer is fully stocked and ready for use. Help is needed to stock the other trailer with supplies that can be used in response efforts, March Mission Madness, community projects, etc. There was a "Trailer Tool Tree" in the exhibit area of the Fall General Assembly. Ornaments with description of items needed were listed on each. Some attendees took several ornaments, signifying their intent to provide the items as gifts. For these we are grateful. More assistance is needed.



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.

If interested in learning what item(s) you or your church could give, contact Tommy Deal at tdeal@cbfga.org for a complete list of needed materials. These trailers are available for use by CBF/GA churches for community mission projects and as part of their outreach. The procedures to request use of these trailers and their items will be made available soon.

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.

CBF/GA on the Road

Frank Broome, coordinator, Laura Foushee, associate coordinator, and Renée Bennett, assistant to the coordinator for finance, 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, Laura, and Renée, or to contact one of them about speaking in your church during worship or at other gatherings, click [here](#).

From Our Churches

Wish List for Ricks Institute

FBC Jefferson is shipping a container containing a BP-714 Earth Block Machine made by the Vermeer Corporation to Monrovia in January. Additional shipping room is available. Olu Menjay, principal of Ricks Institute, has placed items on the wish list. Click [here](#) for a PDF version of the list. If you are able, please donate 10-15% of the value of your items to help pay for customs fees. Make checks payable to the Bricks for Ricks Foundation, Inc. In place of donations, you may send a check for items to be purchased for the container. Checks should be mailed to 221 Melvin Drive, Jefferson, GA 30549. Contact Michael Helms at 706-983-1356 or michael@fbcjefferson.org for more information.

Friends

BJC Essay Contest

High school juniors and seniors have an opportunity to win

as much as \$2,000 for college in the Baptist Joint Committee's Religious Liberty Essay Scholarship Contest. To enter, students must write an essay discussing religious diversity in America and evaluating the claim that the United States was founded as a "Christian nation." Prizes range from \$250 for third place to \$2,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C., for the grand prize. The full topic and entry details are available online [here](#).

Advent Curriculum

EthicsDaily.com offers a five-lesson online curriculum unit on Advent. It explores Advent from a biblical basis and with a practical application. *Five Lessons for Advent* was authored by longtime Baptist pastor Jim Evans. It includes the following lessons: Hoping Against Hope; Peace and Peacemaking; Love Unlimited; Joy to the World; and Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. Click [here](#) for more information.

CareForTheTroops Information

If you are interested in becoming a Veteran Friendly or Lead Congregation through CareForTheTroops, or if you want to learn more about CFTT, please contact Renée Bennett at 478-742-1191, ext. 21, or rbennett@cbfga.org.

CareForTheTroops Event Calendar

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

Wednesday, December 26

Support Group for Families of Military or Vets with PTSD

Reference and Referral

Pianist Position Open

First Baptist Church of Eatonton is looking for a pianist to play in morning worship and accompany special groups and events. For a PDF with details about this position, click [here](#).

Children and Youth Minister Positions Open

Haddock Baptist Church is looking to fill its positions of children's minister and minister of youth. The minister of youth is responsible for providing primary leadership for student ministry in grades six through twelve. The minister of children is responsible for providing primary leadership for children's ministry for preschool through fifth grade students.

Both positions are expected to work for a minimum of fifteen hours per week. These hours include attending and actively participating in all church-wide activities, including but not limited to Sunday morning worship, Sunday School, Sunday evening activities (when planned), and Wednesday night services. For more information, click [here](#).

Financial Update

Year to Date Receipts for 2011:	420,497.08
Year to Date Receipts for 2012:	426,553.37
Year to Date Requirement:	552,710.51
Over/<Under>	(126,157.14)

November Contributions:	32,356.16
November Requirement:	50,246.41
Over/<Under>:	(17,890.25)

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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