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We at CBF/GA wish you a meaningful Easter.

Make Your Plans!

Registration is now open for the 2008 CBF/GA General Assembly to be held at First Baptist Church, Decatur, on April 4-5, 2008. Click [here](#) for directions around Decatur, a schedule, and other useful information. Download your flyers [here!](#) Download your bulletin inserts [here!](#)

Network Meetings

Click [here](#) to see the network meetings offered at the General Assembly.

A New Kind of Network...

Do you ever feel like you work with a bunch of animals in a zoo? Well, maybe you do! Plan now to attend the first meeting of the **church secretarial/support staff network** at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 5, during the CBF/GA General Assembly. Learn how your personality type and those of your co-workers can be described in such a way that you can learn "to manage the zoo" while maintaining your sanity! Click [here](#) for more information.

Breakouts

Check out the [breakouts](#) for CBF/GA's General Assembly.

Dinner Tickets Now Available

CBF/GA will be having a dinner/business meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 4. Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets online, or call Suzanne Powell at 478-742-1191, ext. 21, or email her at spowell@cbfga.org.

Deadline Approaching!

Apply for a CBF/GA Scholarship today! The deadline is April 1, 2008. For more information, contact [Nikki Hardeman](#) or click [here](#).

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*2008 CBF/GA
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April 4-5, 2008

First Baptist Church,
Decatur

Keynote Speaker: Diana
Garland

Calendar

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2008

April 1-2

Urban Ministry

Workshop

Mercer University, Atlanta

April 3

Baptists Today

Judson Rice Dinner

Loudermilk Center, Atlanta

April 3-5

Polyphony-The

Holiness of Beauty

First Baptist Church,
Asheville, NC

April 4

Coordinating Council



March Mission Madness

During the two Madness weekends, a total of 695 youth and adults from thirty-five churches participated in mission service projects accomplishing about 4,500 hours of mission services. Many thanks are extended to [FBC Augusta](#), [Highland Hills Baptist Church](#), and [Mercer University](#) for hosting March Mission Madness 2008. For ongoing Madness updates, visit www.marchmissionmadness.org or join the Facebook group [♥MADNESS!](#).



Tornados in Georgia

Led by youth minister Jonathan Barlow, on Friday, March 14, the youth group from Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church was watching an Atlanta Hawks basketball game at Philips Arena when a tornado hit several nearby buildings in Atlanta and the community of Cabbagetown. The youth group traveled safely home, and no fatalities were reported anywhere in Atlanta on Friday night. Saturday brought well over a dozen tornados across the state and two lives were tragically lost in Polk and Floyd counties. Since these disasters, Park Avenue Baptist Church in Atlanta cooked meals for local fire department personnel (pictured above), and members of FBC Rome are helping with debris removal in a community just south of Rome. If your church is interested in helping families affected by the storms, or if your church is already involved in disaster response in these or other areas, please contact Scott Ford at sford@cbfga.org or 478-742-1191, ext. 28.



Atlanta Community ToolBank

In the wake of weekend tornados in and around Atlanta, the ToolBank is waiving membership and tool handling fees for the month of March to organizations and volunteers helping their neighbors pick up the pieces. The Atlanta Community ToolBank is the organization who rents tools to CBF/GA for March Mission Madness each year.

Through the end of March, the ToolBank is making its vast tool inventory available at no charge to all non-profit and community

Meeting

First Baptist Church,
Decatur
10:00 a.m.

April 4-5
**CBF/GA General
Assembly**
First Baptist Church,
Decatur

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

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

Nov. 9-10
**CBF/GA Fall
Convocation**
First Baptist Church,
Augusta

Mission Opportunities



*Global Missions Offering
Student.Go
Taliaferro Summer Camps
Touching Miami with Love*

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groups who are pitching in to clean up after the weekend storms. Examples of helpful disaster recovery tools available at the ToolBank are chain saws, digging bars, shovels, hammers, axes, pruning saws, and dozens of others. Tools useful for rebuilding are also on hand, such as circular saws, extension cords, generators, and many more.

Interested churches can simply complete the Tool Order Form to request more than 150 types of tools available from the ToolBank. A ToolBank staff person will contact you shortly to confirm your tool order and set up an appointment to pick up your tools from the ToolBank.

Please call 404-880-0054, ext. 12, or visit <http://www.toolbank.org> for additional information.

Taliaferro Summer Camps

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.

Whole-Life Discipleship Opportunity

Have you felt God calling you to a ministry that is "outside of the box"? Imagine relocating to an impoverished area, working, living, and loving your neighbors as yourself. Imagine further serving as a catalyst for missions and ministry for visiting missions groups from churches all over the state and beyond. Perhaps you could teach or work at a local school. Perhaps you are retired and income is not a problem. If this idea is one that recurs in your mind or heart over the next week or two, please contact Scott Ford at sford@cbfga.org or 478-742-1191, ext. 28.

What Are You Reading?

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

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 appropriate tab for your situation. Fill out the form, hit submit, and you are on your way!

Coordinators Available to Speak in Churches

One of the ministries that our coordinators gladly perform is preaching, teaching, and speaking in churches. Our coordinators are available to preach in worship services, speak for special occasions, or provide pulpit supply in the pastor's absence. They also can lead

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sessions on CBF/National and CBF/GA in general or in a particular ministry area, as well as retreats for deacons, teachers, and other leadership groups. Call them for consultation with church leaders in their areas of expertise. Contact our office at 478-742-1191 or email [Frank](#), [Scott](#), or [Nikki](#).

Attention: Middle Georgia Churches

It's time for Sunday School Teachers' Spring Training! This event is FREE! So, put on your favorite baseball jersey or your church's softball team's t-shirt and join us. There will be teacher coaching in the areas of preschool, youth, and adult Sunday School departments.

When: Saturday, March 29

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Haddock Baptist Church, 180 Ethridge Road, Haddock, GA 31033

Please register and get more details by calling 478-932-5470. Registration deadline is March 24.

Urban Ministry Workshop

An Urban Ministry Workshop will be held at the McAfee School of Theology and feature Dr. Robert Franklin from Morehouse College. The dates for the event are April 1-2. Click [here](#) for more information.

Retreats

CBF/National will be offering two post-Easter retreats in the months of March and April. Click [here](#) for more information.

2008 Baptist History and Heritage Society Meeting

Hosted by The Center for Baptist Studies of Mercer University and cosponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia, the 2008 Baptist History and Heritage Society annual meeting will be held May 22-24 on Mercer University's Atlanta campus. The theme is *Baptists and First Amendment Issues*. The keynote speaker is President Bill Underwood, Mercer University. For more information, download this [brochure](#) or contact Pam Durso at 770-457-5540.

Martha Stearns Marshall Day of Preaching

Seventy Baptist churches across the nation joined together on February 3 to observe the second annual Martha Stearns Marshall Day of Preaching. Churches in fourteen states (Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Washington) and the District of Columbia invited women into their pulpits to proclaim the Good News. Read more [here](#).

CBF Has Launched the Fellowship Portal

There is a new community for the Fellowship movement online. This website contains a variety of resources, blogs, pictures, videos, a wiki, and more. It is a great way to get connected to what is going on

in CBF life. Check it out at <http://www.cbfportal.wordpress.com/>.

Retreat and Recreation

The Timothy Project is a missions endeavor that had its beginnings in the ministry of Mike and Fran Graham, CBF missionary affiliates to the Slavic people of western North Carolina. The Timothy Project assists the Grahams in planning for groups that engage with the Slavic community in doing Backyard Bible Clubs for Slavic children, connecting with Slavic youth, and sharing evenings of worship and traditional Russian meals. There are other ongoing needs for these eight thousand immigrants from the former Soviet Union. The Timothy Project has expanded to include a variety of social ministries. We welcome youth and adult groups to come to the mountains of western North Carolina to make a difference in the name of Christ and build relationships. There is much work to be done in home repair and construction, with the homeless, Vacation Bible School, and environmental stewardship. For more information, visit <http://www.churchretreatsandrecreation.com>.

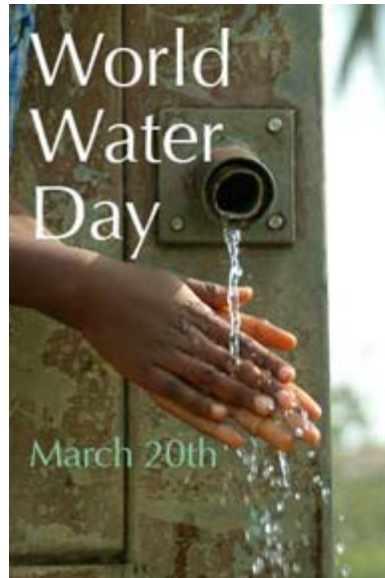
Missional Stories

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.

National Clergy Renewal Program

The National Clergy Renewal Program by Lilly Endowment, Inc., is a program designed to assist congregations in giving their pastors an extended time of Sabbath rest and renewal. Grants are up to \$45,000 and are open to congregations with a pastor who has a master of divinity degree from a seminary accredited by the Association of Theological Schools.

Applications must be postmarked by May 14, 2008, and the activities funded by this grant may not begin before January 1, 2009. For more information, click [here](#).



Every 15 seconds a child dies from lack of access to clean water.

Thursday March 20th, 2008 is **World Water Day!** People around the world are encouraged to celebrate the day and draw attention to the world's water and sanitation challenge.

With Passport's emphasis on the Millennium Development Goals this summer, we thought you might want to spread the word.

Water is life. Sanitation is Dignity.

For more information on water visit: WateringMalawi.org

Spiritual Strategic Journey Learning Experience

Who: George Bullard

Where: Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church, Atlanta

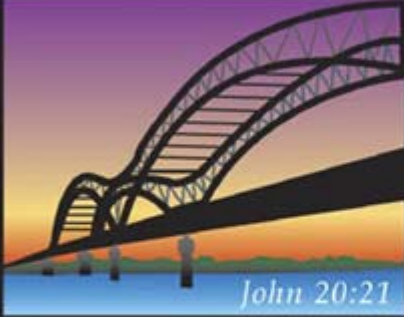
When: Friday, March 28, 6:00 p.m.

What are the top signs of health and strength in the life and ministry of your congregation? What are the most important issues around which you need to have dialogue in your congregation to take the next steps in ministry excellence? At what stage of life cycle development is your congregation, and do you know what to do next? Read more [here](#).

Memphis Sessions: A Collegiate Missional Experience

June 15-20 are the dates of the first missional experience created just for college and graduate students in conjunction with the CBF/National General Assembly. The cost of \$195 covers housing, most food, cost of mission projects, and programming. Included in the experience are participation in the HIV breakfast and Poverty Summit in conjunction with the General Assembly, a trip to the Civil Rights museum, and entrance to musical events through the week. Read more [here](#).

Mass Choir Opportunity

<p>CBF GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMPHIS, TN JUNE 19-20, 2008</p>  <p><i>John 20:21</i></p> <p>EMBRACE THE WORLD <i>Building Bridges</i></p>	<p>SIGN UP TODAY to participate in the CBF MASS CHOIR</p> <p>that will lead out in the Thursday and Friday night general sessions, June 19th & 20th.</p> <p>Upon signing up you will receive music and rehearsal information.</p> <p>Please contact Donna Gosser, dgosser@2bclr.com www.thefellowship.info/</p>
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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.

Financial Update

Budget Receipts as of 2/29/08

Year to Date:	\$444,362.90
Requirement:	\$498,899.97
Over/Under:	(\$54,537.07)
Month to Date:	\$41,108.23
Monthly Req.:	\$55,433.33
Over/Under:	(\$14,325.10)

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