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Calendar

2007

Sept. 23-25

Fall Convocation 2007



Photo by Alan Mitchell

First Baptist Church, Savannah

Click on the street sign for more information about Fall Convocation
[Register for Fall Convocation here.](#)

CBF/GA Host Hotel:

[Savannah Hilton DeSoto](#)

15 East Liberty St., Savannah, GA
31401

Rate: \$109.00

Local: 1-912-232-9000

Toll Free: 1-800-426-8483

In-House Reservations office hours are Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Reservations need to be made by **October 5, 2007**, in order to get the special group rate!

**Mercer Preaching Consultation
St. Simons Island**

For more information, click [here](#).

Sept. 24-26

**Spiritual Formation Retreat for
Senior Pastors
Life Enrichment Center
Fruitland Park, FL**

Sponsored by CBF/National
and CBF/FL.

For more information, click [here](#).

Oct. 5-6

**BWIM of Georgia Fall Retreat
The Calvin Center, Hampton**

More information to come.

Oct. 15

**Worship in Your World: Enabling
and Encouraging Those Who
Plan and Lead Worship in Small
Congregations**

**Samford University, Birmingham,
AL**

8:30 a.m.

For more information, click [here](#).

Nov. 4

**Coordinating Council Meeting
CBF/GA Fall Convocation**

**First Baptist Church, Savannah
4:00 p.m.**

Nov. 4-5

**CBF/GA Fall Convocation
First Baptist Church, Savannah**

Theme: Standing Up on the Inside

Speaker: Charles Bugg

Click [here](#) for more information.

2008

Jan. 14-16

**Spiritual Formation Retreat
For Associate
Ministers and Staff
Ferncliffe Camp and
Conference Center
Little Rock, AK**

Sponsored by CBF/National
and CBF/AK

For more information, click [here](#).

Jan. 18-20



**Checklist for Fall Convocation
2007**

1. Have you [registered](#) for Fall Convocation?
2. Do you have your [ticket](#) for the Mercer-CBF/GA lunch?
3. Have you made your hotel [reservations](#)?

Click on the underlined text to get started!



Mark your calendars now for a special lunch on November 5th with Mercer University and CBF/GA. Along with a program by Mercer, we will celebrate Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia's 15th anniversary! The lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. at the Savannah Hilton DeSoto and cost \$15.00 per plate.

Purchase your tickets [online](#) or call

**Georgia Youth Choir Festival
The Calvin Center, Hampton**

**Jan. 29-30
Current Retreat
FBC Decatur**

This will be held in cooperation with
the New Baptist Covenant meeting.

**Jan. 30-Feb. 1
Celebration of a
New Baptist Covenant,
Atlanta**

For more information, visit
<http://www.newbaptistcovenant.org>.

**Feb. 15-16
Now Serving: Atlanta**
For more information, visit
<http://www.now-serving.org>.

**Feb. 18-19
William L. Self
Preaching Lectures
McAfee School of Theology,
Atlanta**

**Feb. 26
McAfee/CBF Day
McAfee School of Theology,
Atlanta**

**Feb. 29-March 2
March Mission Madness
Highland Hills Baptist Church,
Macon**
For more information, click [here](#).

**March 3-5
True Survivor VIII,
First Baptist Church,
Asheville, NC**
For all Christian Educators
Sponsored by CBF/National,
Congregational Life
Contact Toni Draper at
tdraper@thefellowship.info.

**March 7-9
March Mission Madness
First Baptist Church, Augusta**
For more information, click [here](#).

April 4

Suzanne Powell at 1-877-336-6426 ext. 21.



**WANTING TO SHARE WITH SOMEONE
ABOUT FALL CONVOCATION?
WE HAVE FLYERS AND BULLETIN INSERTS
READY TO BE DOWNLOADED.
CLICK ON THE UNDERLINED TEXT
TO GET STARTED.**

Childcare

If you need childcare for Fall Convocation, please email
Janis Lewis at First Baptist Church, Savannah, at
janis@fbc-sav.org. Childcare Deadline: Monday Oct. 29.
Please include in your email to Janis the following
information:

- -parent's name
- -cell phone number
- -child's name
- -age
- -any allergies
- -diet constraints
- -medical information
- -if your child is potty-trained or not
(parents will need to supply disposable
diapers if they are not)
- -the date & times you will need childcare
(click [here](#) for a schedule of events).

Are You Looking to SERVE?

The CBF/GA Nominating Committee will begin work early
this fall. We will need to fill seven regular CBF/GA
Coordinating Council positions and elect a moderator-

**Coordinating Council Meeting
CBF/GA General Assembly
First Baptist Church, Decatur
10:00 a.m.**

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

**April 21-23
Spiritual Formation Retreat
For Associate Ministers
and Staff
Ignatius House Retreat
Center Atlanta**

For more information, click [here](#).

Please send any changes in personal information such as phone numbers, mailing, or emailing addresses to ecopeland@cbfga.org.

elect. We also need to nominate one position for the National Council. If you have persons to nominate for any of these positions, please send us their name, church, and contact information.

Individuals who serve on the council must either contribute to CBF/GA or be a member of a church that does and be willing to serve for three years. We want individuals who are committed to Christ and who feel strongly about helping CBF/GA serve individuals and churches. It is important that the persons nominated be able to attend the five yearly council meetings. It is also helpful if they have access to email since a good bit of our committee work is done over the internet.

Please email Suzanne Powell at spowell@cbfga.org by September 30 with your nominees.

Kentucky Baptist Fellowship Position Opening

Kentucky Baptist Fellowship is looking for an Associate Coordinator of Missions. The person who fills this full-time position will: provide leadership for missions participation and education in Kentucky, engage individuals and churches in hands-on mission work, and network with individuals, groups, and churches to develop and expand ministry possibilities. Click [here](#) for a job description outlining the responsibilities of this position.

Resumes should be forwarded to John Lepper at jlepper@kybf.org. The committee has set November 2, 2007 as the deadline for receiving resumes.

Global Missions Offering

Churches who are planning ahead for Fall/Christmas and Spring/Easter offerings are invited to visit the following websites for information and resources to help prepare:

<http://www.thefellowship.info/ogm/>

<http://www.thefellowship.info/ogm/resources.icm>.

At the above link, you will find bulletin inserts, children's sermons, litanies, PowerPoint presentations, music ideas, and more!

Missions

Churches or individuals interested in learning about other CBF/GA mission opportunities are invited to contact Scott Ford, Associate Coordinator for Missions, at sford@cbfga.org or 478-742-1911 ext. 28. The opportunities below are this edition's highlights and are by no means exhaustive. Thank you!

Cooperating Churches

Is your church participating in a missions (local, state, national, or international) initiative that is just too good to keep a secret? Would you like another church to join your church in a particular ministry effort? If so, please contact Scott Ford, Associate Coordinator for Missions, at sford@cbfga.org or 478-742-1191 ext. 28. As the **Cooperative** Baptist Fellowship of Georgia, maybe our churches can **cooperate** with one another in some new ways!

Student Missions

March Mission Madness

In just a few weeks, CBF/GA churches will receive a March Missions Madness Leader Packet. For more information about involving your church's youth and chaperones in March of 2008, visit <http://www.marchmissionmadness.org>.

Now Serving ATL

A planning team is already working together to prepare for Now Serving ATL, a mission service weekend for college students. This event is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, February 15-16, 2008. Please be sure your church's college students are aware of this wonderful opportunity. For more details, visit <http://www.now-serving.org>.

11-on-11

Last Saturday, September 15, [Current](#) coordinated numerous mission sites for young Baptist leaders across the country. CBF/GA and several other groups sponsored these mission sites, which were a grand success. Stay tuned for more details in the next edition of Re-Visions.

Disaster Response Missions

Two years after Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, many families still need help putting their homes and lives back together. Here are some opportunities for you and/or your church to serve others in the name of Christ.

Response Team

Are you or is someone in your church sometimes able to leave town at a moment's or a few weeks' notice? Could you spend 4-7 days coordinating the efforts of others who want to help and serve disaster victims? The CBF/GA Missions Committee is putting together a team of people with organizational, construction, and/or administrative skills to respond in the event of a disaster. If you would like to serve as a responder, please email your contact and personal information to Scott Ford, Associate Coordinator for Missions, at sford@cbfga.org.

Biloxi, Mississippi

Your church is invited to cooperate with other CBF/GA churches in sending mission teams to Biloxi, Mississippi. All who are interested may join groups of 40-70 people on the following 2007 dates: October 4-7 (or 3-6), November 1-4, or December 6-9. Each trip involves two days of travel and two days of mission service. For \$75-\$100, food, transportation, and lodging will be provided. The only "skills" necessary are a caring heart and helping hands. Construction experience is helpful but not required. For more information, click [here](#).

St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana Pearlington, Mississippi

Your church is also invited to cooperate with CBF of Louisiana in ministering to Hurricane Katrina victims. For more information, click [here](#) or contact CBF of Louisiana Disaster Relief Coordinator Reid Doster at 985-222-6900 or reid_doster@hotmail.com. Reid will be glad to help a group from your church get involved in Disaster Response efforts in Louisiana, and he is also helping with response efforts in Pearlington, Mississippi.

Upcoming Event

Caring in a Violent World

October 8-9, 2007

Sponsored by Candler School of Theology, Emory Center for Pastoral Services and Emory Clergy Care

This conference is designed to address the needs of pastors, counselors, chaplains, and health care workers as they respond to prevailing forms of violence in our society.

Conference attendees will learn practical tools for assessment of trauma and professional development in responding appropriately to violence across family, church,

hospital, and social systems from a faith-based care perspective.

Models of response to violent acts will be demonstrated at this conference to examine effective care in areas such as:

- domestic violence
- combat veterans and family support systems
- random acts of violence and misfortune
- chronic violence experienced by those on the margins of society
- patterns of addiction related to trauma and violence.

Trauma care will be treated from a variety of perspectives, combining the best of past traditions with the latest resources promoting faith-based care and healing communities. Conference attendees will be equipped to assess and refer victims and problems to leading professional trauma care professionals.

For additional information and registration materials, contact Charity Simpson at 404-727-0714 or visit www.candler.emory.edu/ACADEMIC/OCME/.

Coming to your mailbox

The October/November issue of *Visions* is on its way! We have a special section on the Fall Convocation. We also have a special section devoted to Disaster Relief for the victims of Katrina with first hand accounts from the volunteers. Look for it in your mailbox soon. If you are not getting *Visions*, contact ElizaBeth Copeland at 478-742-1191 or ecopeland@cbfga.org. If you would like to read *Visions* as a PDF online, click [here](#). You must have Adobe Acrobat to read *Visions* online.

Financial Update

Budget Receipts as of 08/30/07

Year to Date:	\$140,267.63
Requirement:	\$166,300.02
Over/Under:	<\$26,032.39>

Month to Date:	\$42,895.33
Monthly Req.:	\$55,433.33

Over/Under: <\$12,538.00>

