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## VISIONS Newsletter for Aug/Sept 2005 now available online!

### Workshop Opportunity

**October 11**

**The Fall Workshop for the McAfee Institute for Healthy Congregations** will be held on the McAfee School of Theology campus in Atlanta on Tuesday, October 11, 2005. The workshop will focus on "Understanding Congregations: Traditional, Contemporary, Emergent." Featured speaker will be Chris Seay, pastor of the emergent Ekklesia congregation in Houston, Texas. He will lead in a service of contemporary worship for the Mercer University worship as a part of the conference. At least five practical, small work groups will meet to discuss team building, strategy planning, community outreach, understanding congregational systems, and possibilities for a regional network of contemporary ministries.

Registration cost is \$39 for registrations by October 1.  
Contact [Larry McSwain](#) or call 678-547-6442.

## Attention University Students!!

**STUDENT.GO**  
SPECIAL PROJECT

**Gypsy Travelers: From the Nile to**

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## the Ganges

Application Download  
[www.destinationmissions.net](http://www.destinationmissions.net)  
Deadline October 1, 2005  
Interviews held in October  
Orientation Nov. 11-13, 2005

### PURPOSE

To involve university students in a mission immersion experience with an Unreached People Group through travel to CBF Gypsy ministry sites.

Includes directed journaling and discussion, interviews, contextualized worship, and experiences with people from different cultures, worldviews, and religions—in order to explore a personal call in a world without borders.

Students will critically reflect on the problems and expressed needs of the Gypsy people and consider the factors that make them an oppressed/disadvantaged group. They will have the opportunity through relationships to get involved in ministry relevant to the people group's needs.

### WHERE

Romania, Egypt, and India among Gypsies

### WHEN

December 16, 2005, thru January 2, 2006

### WHO

The team will consist of 8 University students and James and Robbi Francovich, CBF Banjara Gypsy Team.

Team members should display active discipleship, have an interest in study of cultures and world religions, good health, flexibility, able to eat varieties of food and endure difficult travel, open to group discussion and sharing, journal writing, and personal reflection on God's calling to missions.

### COST

Approximately \$3,000 depending on cost of round the world travel from US-Bucharest-Cairo-Dubai-Hyderabad-Varanasi-Delhi-US (TBA)

Student.Go will provide \$500 travel allowance and a \$500 stipend for a total of \$1000.

### FOR MORE INFO

Contact [Robbi Francovich](mailto:Robbi Francovich) or visit  
[www.banjara.gypsyministries.com](http://www.banjara.gypsyministries.com)

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**February 4, 2006**  
**Now Serving: Atlanta 2006**  
9:00 am – 7:30 pm

## Mercer University, Atlanta

McAfee School of Theology and CBF of Georgia team up to sponsor this one-day **collegiate mission event** in Atlanta. Students will experience a variety of mission sites around the city. The day concludes with dinner and worship. The band, *Timber*, and Amy Shorner, preacher, will lead in worship. Cost of \$5 includes meals and t-shirt.

Contact [Ryan Clark](#) or [Devita Parnell](#) for more information.

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## Mission Opportunities

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One of the greatest stories in world missions is the phenomenal growth of the **Ruth School in Bucharest**, Romania. This is a great place to do a mission trip. Another opportunity is for pastors to teach at the Gypsy Smith School. Go to the website for the Ruth Project to learn about more opportunities.

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## Resource Update

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**Convergence** is a journey of self-discovery, professional development, and missional leadership to prepare today's clergy for the emerging church. Sponsored by CBF National, Convergence is modeled on the Center for Congregational Health's Young Leaders' Program and is open to leaders in their twenties and thirties who have ministry experience, but who have not yet reached mid-life and mid-career. Convergence will focus on the personal and professional development of leadership in congregations and related organizations. This process of growth and discovery is highly interactive and includes four retreats during the year.

### Dates for Convergence:

Level 1 - October 17-20, 2005  
"The Leader's Self-Awareness"

Level 2 - January 23-25, 2006  
"Leadership Settings"

Level 3 - March 6-8, 2006  
"Leadercraft Skills"

Level 4 - May 8-10, 2006  
"Leadership Synthesis"

Visit [Convergence](#) for more information and to receive registration information or email [Dawn Hall](#) or call 336-716-9722.

Application deadline is September 15, 2005.

Location: The Calvin Center, Hampton, GA

Cost: \$

\$1,175 includes housing, meals, and tuition

Scholarship assistance available for Georgia participants through CBF of Georgia. Email [Devita Parnell](#) or call 478-742-1191 ext. 28.

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## March Mission Madness 2006

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As you make plans for the upcoming school year, please involve your church's youth group in the 10th Anniversary Year of March Mission Madness! Look for details in the mail this fall.

**March 17-19, 2006**

First Baptist Church of Warm Springs

**March 24-26, 2006**

First Baptist Church of Morrow

MMM is an Annual Weekend Missions Retreat sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia and attended by church youth groups and their adult chaperones.

Email [Scott Ford](#) or call 678-386-5449 for additional information.

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## Congratulations!

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**Susan Broome** has been appointed Associate Director for Technical Services at Tarver Library at Mercer University effective July 13. She has served as Head of Special Collections for Mercer since 1995. Congratulations and Best Wishes on this new opportunity!

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## Reminders

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- **August 23**  
**Children's Ministry Network Gathering, FBC Griffin**  
11:30 am – 2:30 pm (lunch provided)  
Room 106, Cheatam Building  
What books on children's ministry are you reading? What creative activities did your church offer for children this summer? What opportunities are you planning for the fall? What challenges and joys do you experience as a minister? Join with others from around the state to share the latest happenings from your church's ministry to children. Come to be inspired, encouraged, and supported in ministry. Email [Brenda Dedmon](#) or [Devita Parnell](#). You may also call Brenda at 770-587-6980.
- **August 30**  
**Christian Educator's Network Gathering**  
12 noon – 3:00 pm (lunch provided)  
FBC Griffin  
Join with other Christian Educators across Georgia for

professional development, encouragement, and renewal. Rick Bennett, Associate Coordinator for Faith Formation (CBF National), will lead participants in a discussion entitled: "Somewhere Between Christian Education and Spiritual Formation." For more information contact [Devita Parnell](#).

- **September 18-20**  
**Mercer Preaching Consultation**  
King and Prince Resort, St. Simons Island  
Speakers: Dr. Gardner Taylor and Dr. John Claypool.  
For more information, call Truett Gannon at 678-547-6457.
- **October 16-21**  
**Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation (sponsored by CBF)**  
Camp Sumatanga, Alabama  
Contact [Mary Jayne Allen](#) or phone 423-265-2257 or  
Contact [Rick Bennett](#) or phone 770-220-1605.
- **October 24-25**  
**Like a Mustard Seed: Supporting and Celebrating Small Church**  
Leadership, Samford University, Birmingham, AL  
For more information visit [www.samford.edu/groups/rcpe](http://www.samford.edu/groups/rcpe).
- **October 28-29, 2005**  
**Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia Fall Retreat**  
The Calvin Center, Hampton  
Speaker: Alica Kirkpatrick-Bremer
- **Nov. 13-14**  
**CBF of Georgia Fall Convocation**  
First Baptist Church of Griffin  
Speaker: Millard Fuller