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The New
June/July Visions Newsletter
**now available on the CBFGA
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Intern Opportunity

- **Children's Ministry College Intern**
Summer 2005
First Baptist Church - Vero Beach
2206 16th Ave.
Vero Beach, FL 32962
Contact [Sara Brown](#), Children's Minister
772-567-4341 Office
Home 772-564-7828
Room and Board plus \$200 a week.

Resource Update

- **DESIGN A CLASS IN BAPTIST WOMEN'S STUDIES IN YOUR CHURCH**

The Baptist History and Heritage Society offers four key resources on issues relating to women in Baptist history and in the present--and a fifth is on the way. Your church can use any one or any combination of these resources to create a special summer or fall class in women's studies. The resources include:

1. COURAGE AND HOPE: THE STORIES OF TEN BAPTIST WOMEN MINISTERS, edited by Pam and Keith Durso. 176 pp. Cost: \$18.00. This is a new resource.

2. WOMEN DEACONS AND DEACONESSES: 400 YEARS OF BAPTIST SERVICE, by Charles W. Deweese. 256 pp. Cost: \$21.00. This is a new resource.

3. WOMEN'S PLACE IN BAPTIST LIFE, by Carolyn D. Blevins. 47 pp. Cost: \$4.15.

4. MYTH: BAPTISTS DON'T BELIEVE IN WOMEN PASTORS, by Sheri Adams. Pamphlet. Cost: \$.25.

5. WOMEN IN BAPTIST HISTORY (forthcoming Summer/Fall issue of the journal Baptist History and Heritage). 120 pp. Cost: \$8.00. Your copy (copies) will be shipped when printed in early fall.

TO ORDER: Email [Charles Deweese](mailto:Charles.Deweese@cbfga.org) and indicate the names and quantities of each resource you would like to purchase, and provide your name, shipping address, and telephone number. Shipping charges will be added. We will include an invoice when

we ship your order.

SPECIAL OFFER: You can order the complete set of five resources for \$47.25 (regularly \$51.40); we will include the booklet WOMEN'S PLACE IN BAPTIST LIFE without charge. And you can buy as many sets as you would like for \$47.25.

Missions Update

- [Angel Food Ministries](#) is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief to communities throughout the United States. Angel Food works through churches and community organizations in over 32 states. Numerous CBFGA Churches are involved in this program. For further information, please take a few minutes to peruse their website and consider initiating this program in your church.
- **Global Missions e-update now available!**
Providing:
>up-to-date Offering information
>stories about CBF Global Missions field personnel and partners
>innovative ideas and links to resources to help you promote the Offering
>information about CBF volunteer missions
>links to prayer calendars

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Updates

- **June 8**
Chaplaincy Network Gathering (Spouses included)
10:00 am – 3:00 pm (Lunch provided by CBFGA)
CBFGA Macon Office
2465 Hillcrest Ave.
Network gathering for fellowship and support. Discussion on ways that CBFGA can support and encourage chaplains and pastoral counselors. Dr. Ron King, Executive Director of the Pastoral Institute (Columbus, GA) will speak after lunch.

Please RSVP by June 03.
Call Milton Snyder at 478-452-3098 (home), 478-451-9688 (cell) or call the CBFGA office. You can also email [Devita Parnell](#) or [Frank Broome](#).
- **July 17-21**
[Soul Feast](#), Lake Junaleska, NC
Features large group worship, Bible studies, and small group topical workshops.
- **July 18-21**
Campbell University's **Pastor School**, Buies Creek, NC
Messages on pastoral care and more during the three-day sessions.
For more information call 800-344-4111 ext. 1549 or email temple@campbell.edu.
- **August 23**
Children's Ministry Network Gathering, FBC Griffin
Children's Ministers across Georgia are invited to attend this quarterly gathering for professional development. Contact Brenda Dedmon at brenda@rfbc.org or 770-587-6980 for more information.
- **Christian Educator's Network Gathering**
August 30
12 noon – 3:00 p.m. (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](#).

- A Festival of Preaching**
[Northside Drive Baptist Church](#)
 3100 Northside Drive, N.W.
 Atlanta, Georgia 30305-1909
 404-237-8621
 11:00 A.M. every Sunday from July 10, 2005 through October 9, 2005.
 Featuring nationally recognized and distinguished guest preachers and theologians.

Reminders

- The Baptist History and Heritage Society's Annual Meeting** is June 2-4, 2005, at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. If you need information about the BH&HS meeting, please email [Pam Durso](#) or call 1-800-966-2278.
- Companions in Christ One Day Training**
 Saturday, June 4, 2005
 Northwest Presbyterian Church, Atlanta
 The event is designed to introduce this spiritual formation resource to local church leaders.
 Session leaders are Frank Granger and Devita Parnell.
 \$80 Early Bird Registration (if received 4 weeks prior)
 \$100 Regular Registration
 \$85 Second person attending from same congregation
 Register online at [Companions In Christ](#)
- June 30-July 1
 CBF National General Assembly
 Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center, Grapevine, TX
 Auxiliary events offered Wednesday, June 29, and Saturday, July 2.

 To pre-register for the Assembly or see a sample listing of workshops, visit [CBF General Assembly 2005](#).
- Kingdom Builders is partnering with CBFGA and TTWL** to renovate houses in Taliaferro County. Please email [Jimmy Lewis](#) for additional information. Youth groups can register to participate at [Kingdom Builders](#). College students are also needed to serve in paid internships! Email [Joey Fennell](#).
- The CBFGA Scholarship Application Process** is continuing. Contact [Devita Parnell](#) for information.
- Baptist World Alliance – Baptist Heritage Trip



In Honor of Memorial Day

CBF-endorsed chaplain helps veterans mend spiritual wounds of war

By Sarah Satterwhite
CBF Communications

DENVER – Ed Waldrop, a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship-endorsed chaplain with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Denver, CO, is providing a way for veterans of all generations to begin healing from the spiritual wounds of combat-related trauma.

Through Wounded In Action (www.woundedinaction.org), Waldrop gives veterans an opportunity to tell their stories. In relating those sacred stories, Waldrop said, the teller finds deeper healing of combat-related spiritual wounds, and the listener better understands the complexities of war.

“I don’t want to take away the necessary wrestling or any healthy regret. I want to help them put what they did, in service to their country and humankind, in a proper perspective,” said Waldrop, who has both a personal and a family history of military service.

Waldrop initiated Wounded In Action because he recognized that war creates physical wounds that physicians can treat, and it also inflicts psychological and physiological problems that mental health professionals must treat.

“A spiritual wound also is inflicted upon the combatant who must kill,” Waldrop said. The experience of killing may bring intense reflection that the combatant and the enemy are human beings created by God, Waldrop added.

Waldrop plans to publish a collection of survivors’ stories, addressing each from a spiritual perspective. Even though the stories will represent only a small percentage of veterans, Waldrop hopes the collection can help other veterans and their families who still struggle to understand and heal the spiritual wounds of combat.

Through his work in the VA nursing homes, Waldrop has seen many veterans who are haunted by those spiritual wounds even as they approach death.

“No one should have to die with unaddressed spiritual trauma still buried inside them,” Waldrop said. “The earlier we address the trauma – and not all veterans will have a problem – the better the chance of real quality of life for veterans and their families and friends.”

Healing and quality of life are priorities in Waldrop’s interactions with veterans – both those who finished their service decades ago and those who recently returned from Iraq or Afghanistan. Many of the recent veterans are re-establishing a life with their families and are not yet ready to talk about wartime trauma. When and if they become ready, Waldrop hopes Wounded In Action will be a helpful resource in healing those spiritual wounds.

Waldrop offered the following suggestions for helping veterans begin to heal:
provide unconditional love and a willingness to listen to difficult stories, refrain from judgment, and know the symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

For more information about CBF chaplaincy and pastoral counseling, contact George Pickle at (770) 220-1617 or gpickle@thefellowship.info. Information is also available at www.thefellowship.info.