



Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia

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The 2005 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia Convocation held at First Baptist Church, Griffin

Large numbers attend the 2005 CBF/GA Convocation. Over 700 people throughout Georgia made their way to Griffin, Georgia, on Sunday, November 13, and Monday November 14 for this annual event. Highlights included keynote speaker, Millard Fuller, Founder and President of the Fuller Center for Housing, the Mercer Singers, First Baptist of Griffin Sanctuary Choir, and the CBF/GA Choir. This year's theme, *A Whole Gospel Theology*, focused attendees' attention on the need in our world to have people of all faiths to put action to their beliefs. Fuller challenged those who believe that more needs to be done to lessen the poverty in our world to start "doing" something about the problem. This can be through hands-on action or by cooperating in an existing, on-going project. Offerings given during the two-day event were designated for the CBF/GA disaster-relief effort.

A new documentary from Vital Visuals, "Theologians Under Hitler," shown on Monday morning, examines how three prominent men of faith came to ally themselves with the Nazi party during the 1930s and 1940s. A panel discussion, presided by Robert Parham, Executive Director for the Baptist Center for Ethics, followed the broadcast. Panelists for the discussion were Kathy Dobbins, Minister of Adult Education and Outreach for Smoke Rise Baptist Church of Stone Mountain, Steven Martin, President and Film Producer of Vital Visuals, and Craig Sherouse, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Griffin.



Al Shauf (left), CBF/GA Moderator, Renee Bennett (center), CBF/GA Moderator-Elect, and Millard Fuller.



FBC of Griffin staff and volunteers did a superb job assisting attendees during the two-day event.

If you would like to unsubscribe to *Re-Visions*, or if you have comments and questions please email: visions@cbfga.org



Bobbie Edge, member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Macon, prepares for worship.



Darrell Watson, CBF/GA Coordinating Council member, participates in the council meeting prior to Sunday evening worship.



Dr. and Mrs. Robert Gardner visit with friends prior to the worship service.

Martha Nelson.



Devita Parnell (center) and Ruth Cuellar (far right) meet with scholarship recipients Jeff Davis (far left), Kate Berry, and Justin



Millard and Linda Fuller participate in a book signing after the Sunday evening worship service.



Many attendees purchased copies of the documentary, *Theologians Under Hitler*.



Kingdom Builders and Smyth & Helwys were among the exhibitors present.



Stanley Roberts leads the Mercer Singers in their "warm-up" prior to donning their formal attire for their exceptional performance. Other choirs present were the FBC Sanctuary Choir and the CBF/GA Choir.

Vocational Opportunities

First Baptist Church of El Dorado, Arkansas (about 500 in Sunday School) seeks **Minister of Education**. A fantastic opportunity!! This is an SBC/CBF church. The church is heavily involved in Partners in Hope in Helena with their Minister of Music as the catalytic leader. Contact [Ray Higgins](#), Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Arkansas, 3 Inwood Circle, Ste 109, Little Rock, AR 72211. Phone: 501-223-8586.

First Baptist Church of Pensacola, Florida, is in the process of calling an **Associate Minister** who could lead adults in education, discipleship, and leadership development as well as participate in the preaching/teaching ministry. Needs to be comfortable serving a church that has multiple mission affiliations. Contact [Barry Howard](#), First Baptist Church, 500 North Palafox, Pensacola, FL 32501. Phone 850-433-5631.

Fellowship Baptist Church of Edison
PO Box 116
Edison, GA 39846

Fellowship is a small, ministry-minded congregation located in the community of Edison, Georgia. Fellowship is aligned with CBF and the Alliance of Baptists.

Bi-vocational Pastor

Please send resumes to the above address.

Harlem Baptist Church

P.O. Box 790
Harlem, GA 30814
(706) 556-6439

Full-time Youth Minister

Please send resumes to:
Harlem Baptist Church
ATTN: DeWayne Smoak.

Shurlington Baptist Church

2270 Shurling Drive
Macon, GA 31211
478-742-1488

Part-time / Bi-vocational Children's Minister

Responsibilities:

Establish and direct the children's ministry for toddlers to 6th grade. The ministry involves Bible study, fellowship activities, summer camps, and various other age appropriate activities.

Part-time / Bi-vocational Youth Minister

Responsibilities:

Direct an established youth ministry program. Work with an active Youth Committee to plan and conduct various youth activities including Bible Study, outreach, fellowship, summer camp, and other appropriate youth activities. This is an established program but is open to new ideas.

Email or call [Shurlington Baptist Church](#) for additional information.

Missions Opportunities

[Offering for Global Missions 2005-06](#)



Upcoming Opportunities



One Day Mission Experience for College Students

Saturday, February 4, 2006

9:00 am - 7:30 pm

Visit [Now Serving](#) for details.

Registration Deadline: January 18th.

2006 Youth Ministers

Retreat for Rest & Renewal

Sponsored by the CBF of North Carolina

February 20-23

Beach Cove Resort

North Myrtle Beach, SC

Worship leader for the event will be John Hendrix, author of *Nothing Never Happens: Experiential Learning and the Church*. Email [CBF/NC](#) or call 1-888-822-1944 for additional information. Registration deadline is January 18th.



PASSPORTkids!

June 28-July 01
Wesleyan College
Macon, GA

Visit the [PASSPORTkids!](#) website for details and registration information.

It is time to prepare for a joyous Christmas season for the children of Morningstar Treatment Services!



If you can provide a present for some of the 60 children on the campus, please email [Nancy Davis](#), Volunteer & Special Events Coordinator.

**CBF to sponsor 'True Survivor VI' Christian educators conference
(And Children's Ministry Network Retreat)
By Courtney Hodges
CBF Communications**

ATLANTA – With tiki torches aglow and the tribal council gathered, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will host the sixth annual True Survivor conference for Christian educators.

The missional adventure continues in 2006 with the True Survivor VI conference on March 6-8. Online registration is available now at www.thefellowship.info/CL/FF/TrainingEvents/Registration.icm.

The conference will be hosted by Providence Baptist Church, located on Daniel Island, just across the river from Charleston, S.C. Although the conference features survival tools for future ministry, it does not mimic the competitive games and voting people off the island from the popular CBS reality show, "Survivor," said Bo Prosser, CBF coordinator for

congregational life.

“True Survivor started six years ago as a continuing education opportunity for Christian educators,” Prosser said. “This is a quality event both for retreat and refreshment, as well as learning and retooling.”

The conference will feature Ivy Beckwith, author of *Postmodern Children’s Ministry: Ministry to Children in the 21st Century Church*, and David Odom, president of the Center for Congregational Health.

“Dave has good insights into personal relationships, leadership, and discerning God’s call and how that plays into leadership,” Prosser said. “Ivy understands the dynamics of a postmodern family. Many of us as Christian educators are either using old models for family ministry or we need more knowledge for how to minister to today’s family.”

The cost of the True Survivor VI conference is \$50. This year the Children’s Ministry Network Retreat will be held at the same location directly after the True Survivor VI retreat. The cost of the Children’s Ministry Network Retreat is \$25.

To become a part of the True Survivor VI council, register for one or both events online or by contacting Toni Draper at (800) 352-8741 or tdraper@thefellowship.info.

Family Ministry 101

December 12, 2005

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church
Atlanta, Georgia.

Presented by Baylor University’s Center for Family and Community Ministries. Family Ministry 101 is the first of three levels of educational opportunities (workshops) for professional clergy and lay leaders working in family and community ministries in congregations as a part of a newly created family ministry certification program; more information is available at [Center for Family and Community Ministries](#).

Speakers for Family Ministry 101 include Diana Garland, Dean, School of Social Work, Baylor University; Bo Prosser, Coordinator, Congregational Life, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship; and, Jon Singletary, Director, Center for Family & Community Ministries, Baylor University.

To register visit: [Family Ministry 101](#).

IN the NEWS

Newly endorsed CBF/GA Chaplains

Rebecca Shoaf, part-time chaplain, Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta.

Gloria White, pastoral counselor, Care and Counseling Center of Georgia, Decatur.

Visit [CBF-National](#) for all the latest news updates

Resources

AN INTRODUCTION TO BAPTIST PRINCIPLES

A new booklet to be released by the Baptist History and Heritage Society (BH&HS) on December 1, 2005. The writer is Dr. Bill J. Leonard, Dean and Professor of Church History at the Wake Forest University Divinity School. A noted Baptist scholar, Leonard describes Baptist principles as "always distinctive, sometimes divisive." In fact, "Being Baptist," he writes, "is at once invigorating and messy for communities of believers baptized in Christ's name."

For additional information or to order email [Charles Deweese](mailto:Charles.Deweese@wakeforest.edu).

Event Reminders

2005

- **Dec. 2 (8:00 PM)**
Dec. 3 (10:30 AM)
[Southern Folk Advent 2005](#)

When Shall I See Jesus? Featuring: [Brooks Holifield](#), Preacher; [Steven Darsey](#), Music Director; [The Meridian Chorale](#); and [The Sonny Houston Band](#). There is no admission charge; no tickets are required; seating is not reserved. A free-will offering will be taken. For more information and directions, visit [Southern Folk Advent 2005](#).

- **Dec. 8**
Bernie A. Moraga, Consultant for Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Hispanic Initiative, will be in Georgia **December 8th** at **First Baptist Church of Morrow at 10:00 a.m.** He will meet with CBF/GA representatives and anyone interested in starting Hispanic/Latino work in Georgia. Come and learn new strategies for starting Hispanic churches in Georgia. The meeting will be over before 12:00. Email [Jimmy Lewis](mailto:Jimmy.Lewis@cbf.org) for additional information.

2006

- **2006-2007 Institute for Preaching and Pastoral Renewal**
[Candler School of Theology](#)

Develop Preaching Skills.....Find Pastoral Renewal.....Learn Experientially

A year-long program of continuing education for clergy that involves three phases:

An introductory seminar (January 9-12, 2006, at Candler in Atlanta, GA)

An educational pilgrimage to the Holy Land (April 17-28, 2006)

A seminar blending reflection on the Holy Land with text-to-sermon planning and preparation

(January 8-11, 2007, at Candler in Atlanta, GA)

Enrollment is limited to 20 people. Due to generous funding from The Holy Land Institute for Pastoral Renewal, Inc., participant cost is \$1,000.

Email ocme@emory.edu or call 404-727-0714 for additional information.

- **Jan. 23-25 FULL – please see other locations**
Spiritual Formation Regional Retreat
 Montreat Conference Center
 Montreat, NC

The retreat is open to senior pastors, including pastors who serve as lone ministerial staff in smaller congregations. [Other retreat locations are](#) Texas, April 3-5; Kentucky, Sept. 11-13; and Atlanta at a date to be determined. Registration is available on a first-come basis. To register online, visit [the fellowship](#) website. For more information email [Rick Bennett](#) or call 770- 220-1605.

- **Feb. 4**
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.

- **Feb. 8-9**
Dr. Henry Mugabe's Visit to Macon
 Sponsored by CBF/GA, The Christianity Department (Mercer), The office of the Minister to the University (Mercer), The Center for Baptist Studies (Mercer), Vineville Baptist Church (Macon), and First Baptist Church of Christ of Macon. Dr. Mugabe is the president of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Zimbabwe. For additional information email [Bruce T. Gourley](#) or call 478-301-5467.

- **Feb. 8-11, 2006**
streams
Current Retreat
 FBC Decatur
Current is a group of young Baptist ministers, leaders, and divinity students who seek to connect young Baptists through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. *Current* hosts an annual retreat, a simultaneous missions project, and annual gatherings at the CBF General Assembly.
 For more information, visit [Current](#) on the web.

- **March 3-4**
CBF/GA General Assembly
 First Baptist Church of Athens
 Guest preacher: Jim Dant

- **March 6-8**
True Survivor VI, Daniel Island (Charleston), SC
 A training event for all Christian Educators and age group ministers. Featuring: Ivy Beckwith, Postmodern Children's Ministry, and Dave Odom, Center for Congregational Health. Cost is \$50 per person.

Email [Toni Draper](#) or call 770-220-1654 for additional information.
To register visit [True Survivor](#).

- **March 8-9**

Children's Ministries Network Retreat

Providence Baptist Church, Daniel Island (Charleston), SC

Cost is \$25 per participant.

Email [Cathy Anderson](#) or [Tricia Hays](#) for additional information.

To register visit [True Survivor](#).

- **March 15 DEADLINE for:**

Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia

DISTINGUISHED CHURCHWOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Qualifications for this award include significant contributions to ministry by a Baptist woman who has experienced a call to ministry and is fulfilling that call in a salaried and/or non-salaried position. Nominations for this honor are reviewed and the final selection is made by the Steering Committee of Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia. Nominations by persons throughout the state are welcomed and should include a brief written summary of the woman's call and qualifications for ministry and a letter of recommendation.

All nominations should be received in writing by March 15. Nominees for the award are evaluated according to the following criteria:

Demonstrates faithful commitment to the development of her ministry;
Exhibits the characteristics of a mentor of women in ministry;
Exemplifies qualities of gifted leadership and redemptive service;
Maintains an active role in the ministry of her local church; and
Displays support for the goals and visions of BWIMGA.

Please mail all nominations to:
Nikki Hardeman, c/o First Baptist Church,
P.O. Box 1189, Rome, GA 30162-1189.

- **March 17-19, 2006**

March Mission Madness

First Baptist Church of Warm Springs

March 24-26, 2006

March Mission Madness

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 770-860-0473 for additional information.

- **May 4-5, 2006**

The University Campus: Tomorrow's Moderate Baptists

First Baptist Church of Decatur

1:30 p.m. (May 4) – 12 noon (May 5)

Co-sponsored by the Center for Baptist Studies, CBF National, and CBF/GA. This

conference seeks to act as a catalyst for collegiate ministry among moderate Baptists and to encourage concrete actions at the local church level in the area of college missions. Email [Devita Parnell](#) or [Bruce T. Gourley](#) for additional information.

- **June 11-16**
Touching Taliaferro With Love (TTWL) Day Camp
For additional information email [Jimmy Lewis](#).
- **CBF-National**
General Assembly
June 22-23
Georgia World Congress Center
Atlanta, GA
Visit [the fellowship](#) website to pre-register.
- **June 26-30**
TTWL Baseball Camp
For additional information email [Jimmy Lewis](#).