



# RE-VISIONS

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## "Theologians Under Hitler"

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The Baptist Center for Ethics and CBF/GA announce a special viewing of "Under Hitler" during the 2005 CBF/GA Fall Convocation. The film will show Monday, November 14, at First Baptist, Griffin. A panel discussion will follow. **NOW to attend!**

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## "Being the Presence of Christ"

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**First Baptist Church of Christ in Macon** (in cooperation with CBF/GA) donated a van to Abundant Harvest Baptist Church in Macon. From left to right: Frank Braxton Hixon, pastor of Abundant Harvest Baptist Church, and Raymond Johnson, Transportation Committee chairperson, FBC of Macon.

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The following photos appeared in an article by Patricia Heys, CBF Committee member.

[Fellowship churches assist hurricane evacuees with varying](#)

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Lisa Hamilton, left, and Pat Appleton-Cordell, both members of Johns Cre Church, sort donated relief supplies in the church's music library. John Ev: photo.



Volunteers load Hurricane Katrina relief supplies into a motor home at Joh Baptist Church for transportation to New Hope Baptist Church in Foxworth John Evans Hudson photo.



Perry McCain, Johns Creek Baptist Church associate minister of music, and member Cliff Cordell load Hurricane Katrina relief supplies into the storage of a motor home. John Evans Hudson photo.

**CBF state organizations lend aid to hurricane survivors**

By Courtney Hodges  
CBF Communications

(excerpt)

CBF relief efforts in Georgia and Virginia are centered on the survivors the received. Coordinator Frank Broome said CBF of Georgia is trying to resp to the evacuees in Georgia.

Georgia's volunteer housing coordinator, Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, is focus on pairing evacuees with Georgia churches and residents who are interes housing. CBF of Georgia also has a partnership with Morningstar Baptist T Services located in Darien, Ga. The facility was a retirement facility, but is housing to orphans and mothers with children.

Broome said he is also working to compile a list of licensed pastoral couns chaplains to make available to shelters who will be housing survivors in G

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**Baptist leaders meet with Baton Rouge officials on first step of long-term anti-poverty campaign**

By Lance Wallace  
CBF Communications

BATON ROUGE, LA – Leaders representing approximately 5 million U.S. committed to working together to address poverty issues brought to light hurricanes impacting Louisiana.



**Bannister Creek Church** baptized its first two members on July 3, 2005. (13) and Alison Adams (9). Alison is shown in the above photo with her pa and Tony Adams. The baptism occurred in Bannister Creek.

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## Vocational Opportunity

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**Shurlington Baptist Church**

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

**Part-time / Bi-vocational Children's Minister Position**

**Responsibilities:**

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

**Part-time / Bi-vocational Youth Minister Position**

**Responsibilities:**

Direct an established youth ministry program. Work with an active Youth C plan and conduct various youth activities including Bible Study, outreach, 1 Summer Camp, and other appropriate youth activities. This is an establish but is open to new ideas.

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

## Upcoming Opportunities

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November 13-14  
CBF/GA 2005 Fall Convocation



For Complete Details See Page 2 of The [Oct/Nov 2005 Visi](#)  
On The CBF/GA Website.

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### Opportunities from the CBF/GA Interfaith Task Force

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[Devita Parnell](#), CBF/GA Staff Contact

*The Interfaith Task Force of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia facilitate understanding between the CBF community and people of other*

We all have an opportunity to reach out to the Georgia Islamic community month while **Ramadan** is being observed. The Interfaith Task Force is pre additional correspondence via email to the pastors of the churches we hav Re-Visions email list. This forthcoming email will include resource informat churches can contact the Islamic Mosques in their areas. The task force w letter to all Mosques in Georgia.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar. It is believed that in Ramadan the Holy Quran "was sent down from heaven, a guidance unto r declaration of direction, and a means of Salvation." During this month Mu during daylight hours. The Fast of Ramadan begins on October 5 and last month. Ramadan is a time when Muslims concentrate on their faith and s on the concerns of their everyday lives. It is a time of worship and contemp

When the fast ends (the first day of the month of Shawwal) it is celebrated in a holiday called Id-al-Fitr (the Feast of Fast Breaking). Gifts are exchange and family gather to pray in congregation and for large meals. In some citi held to celebrate the end of the Fast of Ramadan.

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### CBF sponsors spiritual formation academy

By Ashley Grizzle

CBF Communications

ATLANTA – The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is sponsoring its first Upg Day Academy for Spiritual Formation, **Oct. 16-21**, at the Sumatanga Conf in Gallant, AL.

The ecumenical Academy, a ministry of Upper Room Ministries, is geared ministers, laypeople, and staff members in the local church who are lookin renewal and rest and for those who are interested in learning about, and p spiritual disciplines.

“Participants gain new insights about Christian spiritual traditions and becc

equipped for life and ministry," said Mary Jayne Allen, retreat leader and n education at First Baptist Church of Chattanooga, TN.

Allen is joined on the Academy's leadership team by Mary An Wilson of N who will serve as the event worship coordinator, and Cornelia Turnbow, fr AL, who will serve as the spiritual guide and Covenant group coordinator.

The faculty members who will lead the Academy are Loyd Allen, professor history and spiritual formation at Mercer University's McAfee School of Th Atlanta, and Hazelyn McComas, a United Methodist layperson and retired member from Milwaukee Theological Institute.

"We want this to be a blending of laypeople and clergy that will be ecumer said Rick Bennett, CBF associate coordinator for faith formation. "We wan participants to pause and pay attention to God's presence and to hear the affirmation that God loves them."

Bennett desires for the Academy to be a sabbatical for those who are hun for a deeper spiritual connection and to help individuals learn more effectiv make themselves available to God.

The Academy will offer opportunities for worship, lectures, reflection, silen sharing, and prayer times, as well as individual free time.

"The Academy is the best single program of preparing congregational leac maturity that I know of," Allen said. "What church wouldn't want persons w sense of the presence of God in their lives?"

For more information, email [Rick Bennett](mailto:Rick.Bennett@cbf.org) or call 770-220-1605. Visit [www.thefellowship.info/CL/FF/TrainingEvents/Home.icm](http://www.thefellowship.info/CL/FF/TrainingEvents/Home.icm) or [www.upperroom.org/academy/](http://www.upperroom.org/academy/).

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### Opportunities from [Candler School of Theology](#)

- **2006-2007 Institute for Preaching and Pastoral Renewal**

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

A year-long program of continuing education for clergy that involves th  
**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 pla preparation (January 8-11, 2007, at Candler in Atlanta, GA)  
 Enrollment is limited to 20 people. Due to generous funding from The I Institute for Pastoral Renewal, Inc., participant cost is \$1,000.

Email [ocme@emory.edu](mailto:ocme@emory.edu) or call 404-727-0714 for additional informati

- **Fall Conference**

October 9-11, 2005

*Worship Comes to Life*

For details and reservation information visit: [Worship Comes to Life](#).

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## Church Information Updates Ne

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CBF/GA is updating the information we have for your church. Over the next few weeks, some of you may receive via email or regular mail our new 2006 Church C Information Form. Please take a few minutes to complete the form and return it to the CBF/GA office. If you prefer, or if you do not receive a form, you can visit [our website](#) and [complete the form](#) and submit it to us via the internet. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

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## Resource Update

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### Baptist Heritage Resources Inventory Sale

The Baptist History and Heritage Society has limited storage space and no room for receiving from the printer, Bill Leonard's booklet AN INTRODUCTION TO BAPTIST PRINCIPLES (December 1, 2005), and Pam and Keith Durso's BAPTIST HISTORY IN THE UNITED STATES (early 2006). Therefore, we are offering one set of pamphlets and six issues of our journal *Baptist History* at drastically-reduced rates: \$1.00 per set of pamphlets and \$1.00 per copy for the journal issues.

To receive additional information on these resources and many others, contact [W. Deweese](#), Executive Director-Treasurer, Baptist History and Heritage Society, Box 728, Brentwood, TN 37024-0728 or call 615-371-7938. To learn more about Baptist History and Heritage Society and how to become a member, see [Baptist History and Heritage Society](#).

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## IN the NEWS

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

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## Reminders

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- **October 16-21**  
**Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation (sponsored by CBF)**  
Camp Sumatanga, AL  
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  
Email [Darlene Flaming](#) or call 478-746-0492.
- **Nov. 13-14**  
**CBF of Georgia Fall Convocation**

First Baptist Church of Griffin  
Speaker: Millard Fuller

## 2006

- **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 the **collegiate mission event** in Atlanta. Students will experience a variety of sites around the city. The day concludes with dinner and worship. The Rev. Amy Shorner, preacher, will lead in worship. Cost of \$5 includes a mission shirt.

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

- **February 8-11, 2006**  
**Current Retreat**  
FBC Decatur  
*Current* is a group of young Baptist ministers, leaders, and divinity students to connect young Baptists through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The retreat includes an annual retreat, a simultaneous missions project, and annual gathering for the General Assembly.  
For more information, visit [Current](#) on the web.
- **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 678-386-5449 for additional information.