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CBF/GA News

February 22, 2017

Register Today for CBF/GA's 25th Anniversary General Assembly in Macon!



* Please make hotel reservations as soon as possible. Because of the Macon Cherry Blossom Festival, rooms will become scarce and the rates will be higher once the rooms blocked for CBF/GA are either reserved or released by the hotels.

Registration is now open for CBF/GA's Spring General Assembly, **Friday-Saturday, March 24-25, 2017, at Vineville Baptist Church in Macon.** Join other CBF/GA friends to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia! [Click here](#) for schedule and hotel information and to register. Details about hotels, childcare, schedule and meal information, and program highlights are in the current issue of Visions and at www.cbfga.org. Please contact Renée Bennett at 478-742-1192, ext. 3 or at rbennett@cbfga.org with questions.

Seminary Scholarships Available

CBF/GA is currently accepting scholarship applications for the 2017-2018 academic year. The application is to be completed online and requires three references, which should also be completed online. All applications and references are due by Friday, March 31. If you have questions, please contact Martha Kate Hall at mkhall@cbfga.org.

Scholarship Qualifications:

- Be currently enrolled in a master's level degree program or higher at an accredited institution (not restricted to Baptist institutions)
- Demonstrate a connection to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia
- Show potential for leadership within the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
- Have not received a CBF/GA scholarship any previous years for the current degree program

Scholarship Application links:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftWzsfllmg-5GhocdiPFjBx8ArkxPfcz4EViRYydwG47K2Q/viewform>

Scholarship Reference Form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftbN2DHsB2y4HsPT5F9jce-l9pd1ZuAltDR1qNfzBG7RtFJA/viewform>

New Era Workday Planned for March 11

A second workday at the New Era Center near Griffin is planned for Saturday, March 11. Volunteers will work on projects to complement efforts by youth from March Mission Madness on the same day. Participants should bring their own picnic lunch. Please contact Renée Bennett at rbennett@cbfga.org

for more information.

Register Now for Senior Adult Retreat

The 2nd CBF/GA Senior Adult Retreat takes place Sunday night through Tuesday noon, April 30-May 2, 2017, at Saint Simons Island! The retreat includes great music, interesting breakouts, worship, leisure, and fellowship. Our theme is "Honor the Past, Imagine the Future," and Matt Marston, pastor of Trinity Baptist in Moultrie, will be the speaker. John Grobe, also of Trinity Baptist in Moultrie, will lead music. Make hotel reservations soon! For registration and hotel contact information, click [here](#). Contact Renee Bennett at rbennett@cbfga.org or 478-742-1191, ext. 3, with questions.



Student.Church-CBF/GA Summer Internship Opportunities

For the second year, CBF/GA is partnering with CBF Global to offer additional funding for up to ten CBF/GA churches who hire summer interns through the Student.Church internship program. Now is the time to find a student to serve as your intern for the summer! For more details and the Student.Church application, [read here](#). Churches who wish to apply for additional funding from CBF/GA may contact Martha Kate Hall at mkhall@cbfga.org.

Senior Celebration Dates Announced for 2017

Senior Celebration dates have been set for the fall of 2017. The first will take place Tuesday, October 24 at First Baptist, Griffin, with Edward Bolen preaching. The second celebration will be Thursday, November 9, at First Baptist, Commerce, with Bill Ross as preacher, with afternoon entertainment details to follow. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fine day of worship and fellowship.

Love Your Neighbor

How is your church loving your neighbors through missions? Please send stories and pictures to mkremer@cbfga.org and join in celebrating how God is working across Georgia through CBF/GA congregations.

Address Changes?

Please send information about physical and/or email address changes to Melissa Kremer at mkremer@cbfga.org.

Be a CBF/GA Ambassador

If you are interested in becoming a CBF/GA Ambassador for your congregation, please contact Renée Bennett at rbennett@cbfga.org or 478-742-1191, ext. 3. A CBF/GA Ambassador actively promotes CBF/GA and encourages connections between his/her local church and CBF/GA.

From CBF Global

Georgian Receives Young Baptist Leadership Award

We congratulate our own Sarah Murray, who received CBF's "Young Baptist Leadership Award" at ChurchWorks on Monday, February 21! Sarah serves as Minister to Children With Families at First Baptist, Griffin, and has just served as Moderator of CBF of Georgia.



Leading Women Gathering

Baptist Women in Ministry and CBF Global are co-hosting *Leading Women* April 26-28 at First Baptist Church, Knoxville. This three-day gathering will include conversation, worship, leadership development and networking opportunities. All women across the Fellowship are invited.

Registration:

Regular - \$90

Currently enrolled at CBF partner seminary - \$ 50

Currently enrolled in an undergraduate program - \$50

Age 30 and under - \$ 50

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

Georgians Among "25 Young Leaders" in CBF

Two Georgians are among the "25 Young Leaders to Know" recently named by the CBF Ministries Council. Bonnie Chappell, of First Baptist Church of Christ in Macon, and Ben Huston, of Highland Hills Baptist, also in Macon, were named to the group. Congratulations, Ben and Bonnie!

Ministerial Excellence Initiative

The Ministerial Excellence Initiative (MEI) is designed to help pastoral and congregational leaders identify and respond to financial stressors causing anxiety. The initiative provides funding for personal debt relief for qualifying pastoral leaders. The initiative also identifies resources and provides training events to aid in managing and maintaining financial integrity for both the pastoral leader and the congregation. To learn more or to apply for assistance, click [here](#).

CBF General Assembly Meets in Atlanta June 26-30



To register, click [here](#).

From Our Friends

2017 Summer Youth Opportunities at Montreat

Thinking about shaking up your youth activities this summer? Have you ever heard of a Montreat Youth Conference (MYC)? Each year Montreat welcomes around 5000 youth from across the country to a space where they can strengthen their spirituality, encounter God, and share their faith with others. This experience has a long history of transforming lives and encouraging spiritual growth among youth. Montreat is an institution with close ties to the Presbyterian Church (USA) and has a growing ecumenical base. Consider bringing your youth to a Montreat Youth Conference and learn more about us at www.montreat.org/youth.

Montreat has a special introductory offer for CBF Churches who have never been to MYC and are interested in checking it out. Contact Susie Burns (susieb@montreat.org or 828-450-0650) to find out more about this limited offer.

Volunteers for China Seeks Summer 2017 Volunteers

Volunteers for China seeks volunteers for the Oral English Program in Shanxi, China, July 6 - July 24, 2017. There are six teaching sites that need volunteers, and you do not need to know Chinese to be able to teach English in the classroom. Lesson plans are available. A U.S. passport valid through January 2018 is required. For more information, read [here](#).

Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching in February

Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching is here! BWIM (Baptist Women in Ministry) asks churches to emphasize support of women in ministry and church leadership by having a woman preach. Since 2007, this month has served to highlight and encourage the involvement of women in church leadership. For more information, click [here](#).

Reference and Referral

Marshallville First Baptist Church, Marshallville, GA seeks a part-time pastor. One traditional service 11 AM on Sundays. 25-30 attend weekly. Dually aligned with SBC/CBF. \$21-24 K annually, no benefits. Email resume to fbcmarshallville@gmail.com or mail to P. O. Box 347, Marshallville, GA, 31057.

Spring Creek Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, OK, is now accepting applications for Associate Pastor of Youth and Community Engagement. For more information and to apply, please visit www.springcreekbc.com/associatepastorsearch.

Northside Drive Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA, seeks an Associate Pastor (job description available). The congregation is a progressive, inclusive and welcoming church located in the Buckhead area of Atlanta. With about 400 members coming from all over the greater Atlanta area, we are a church deeply rooted in liturgical traditions and have an average Sunday attendance of about 150. Northside Drive Baptist is a community of open-minded, open-hearted and involved members. We celebrate inclusivity, value inquiring minds and believe God calls us into Christian community with the challenge to discern and act upon the ongoing revelation of God in our time and place. For more information on our church vision and beliefs, we invite you to visit our website at www.northsidedrive.org. Please email applications and resumes to info@northsidedrive.org.

First Baptist Church, New Bern, NC, is seeking a full-time Associate Pastor of Christian Education. Our church has a strong Christian heritage, a warm and

loving congregation with a heart for missions and is affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. This pastor would join the ministerial staff alongside the Senior Pastor, the Associate Pastor of Music and Worship and the Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Life. As an ordained minister, the Associate Pastor will share in appropriate pastoral responsibilities such as coordination of a comprehensive plan for educational ministries for all ages, counseling, hospital visitation, and delivery of sermons as coordinated with the Senior Pastor. A Masters degree from an accredited school of divinity is required. Interested candidates may submit a resume tofbcedusearch@gmail.com by March 15, 2017.

Madison Baptist Church in Madison, Georgia, is searching for a full-time Minister of Music who is a committed Christian, is energetic, and appreciates all types of music encompassing all ages of our music ministry. Madison is located 60 miles east of Atlanta and 25 miles south of Athens. Madison Baptist Church is a multi-staffed church that values blended worship. We are a dually aligned CBF/SBC church with an average worship attendance of 200. Preference will be given to candidates with at least a Bachelor's degree and some church music experience, but other inquiries are also welcomed. Resume and cover letter should be submitted to mbc.minister.search@gmail.com or Minister of Music Search Committee, 328 South Main Street, Madison, GA 30650. If you need further information, please contact us at the above email address.

Chestnut Grove Baptist Church in Earlysville, Virginia seeks a pastoral associate to develop and implement a comprehensive program of incarnational Christian ministry among middle and high school youth. S/he will collaboratively lead a multi-faceted program which nurtures spiritual growth and fosters healthy relationships with God, self, and others. Bachelor's degree, seminary education or congregational experience, and steady personal devotion required. Resumes may be sent to Anne Comarovschi, Search Committee Chair, at office@chestnutgrovebaptist.org.

First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, Kentucky, is seeking a minister who will creatively visualize and incorporate the mission of the church and the love of Jesus Christ in ministry with children, youth, and their families. We are a dynamic and growing body of Christ seeking to be faithful witnesses together. Our mission is to be the presence of Christ in the world by celebrating worship of God, connecting people to people, and caring for others. Please send resumes to fbcwoffice@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church of Mount Airy, North Carolina, a 135-year-old church with 600+ resident members, is prayerfully seeking a full-time associate pastor. The search committee is seeking a compassionate, caring servant-leader, led by the Holy Spirit, exhibiting visionary leadership and committed to the spiritual formation of members. The Associate Minister's responsibilities will be focused on youth, children, and their families while giving attention and oversight to the educational ministry for all age groups. Applicants should be biblically grounded and mature in their faith. A Bachelor's Degree is required; seminary training is preferred and the applicant should be a candidate for ordination. The search committee prefers to receive resumes by email at fbcapresumes@gmail.com; however, hard copies will be accepted. Please mail hard copies to: Associate Pastor Search Team, First Baptist Church, 714 N. Main Street, Mount Airy, NC 27030.

Brookwood Baptist Church in Mountain Brook, Alabama seeks a full-time Minister to Children and Their Families. Primary duties include leading and

directing the ministry of the church for children 1st to 6th grade. This minister develops ministry programs for these children as well as for their families. The minister equips the church to provide a ministry for families that encourages faith to be awakened, supported, and challenged in the lives of participants. Bachelor's degree in education or master's degree from seminary preferred. A minimum total of five years of teaching and/or children's ministry-whether professional or volunteer-strongly preferred. The minister should exhibit a strong commitment to the spiritual nurture of children as a vocational ministry. Brookwood is a family-oriented "tribe" with a strong sense of community. The church is also extremely missions-minded, with the vast majority of the church participating regularly in missions activities. Brookwood is affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Alabama Baptist Convention, and the Birmingham Baptist Association. Currently, the church has 300-400 in Sunday School and worship. E-mail resume and recommendations to Tasha Davis, Search Team Chair, at tashad@brookwood.org.

For an updated listing of open positions, visit www.cbfga.org.

Financial Report

Budget Receipts as of 1/31/2017

(Budget year began July 1, 2016)

Year to date:	2016/2017	2015/2016
Requirement:	\$334,481.21	\$350,522.83
Receipts:	\$305,126.19	\$322,397.86
Expenses:	\$290,389.48	\$290,978.72
Over/(Under) Expenses	\$14,736.71	\$31,419.14
Over/(Under) Requirement	(\$29,355.02)	(\$28,124.97)

Monthly	January 2017:	January 2016:
Requirement:	\$47,783.03	\$50,074.69
Receipts:	\$46,592.10	\$45,586.78
Expenses:	\$33,993.87	\$45,687.39
Over/(Under) Expenses	\$12,598.23	(\$100.61)
Over/(Under) Requirement	(\$1,190.93)	(\$4,487.91)