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CBF/GA News

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



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. Look for details about hotels, childcare, schedule and meal information, and program highlights in the next issue of Visions. For more information, contact Renée Bennett at 478-742-1192, ext. 3 or at rbennett@cbfga.org.

**Please note that Spring General Assembly takes place during Macon's annual Cherry Blossom Festival, so do not delay in reserving your hotel room.*

Disaster Relief Efforts

In the wake of continuing weather crises in our region, CBF/GA is working with agencies and first responders to identify ways that CBF/GA churches and individuals can effectively participate in relief efforts. Please contact Frank Broome at fbroome@cbfga.org for more information. You may also donate to disaster relief through CBF/GA via our website or by sending a check to CBF/GA, PO Box 4343, Macon, GA 31204, and your gifts will be channeled to meet specific disaster needs as identified by our churches and pastors.

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! 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.



MMM Registration Closes Friday!

Late registration continues for March Mission Madness through January 27. Remaining space at either location is limited, so register ASAP!

March 3-5, 2017 -- First Baptist Church, Roswell

March 10-12, 2017 -- First Baptist Church of Christ, Macon

Register online at <http://www.cbfga.org/45/March-Mission-Madness>. Please contact Martha Kate Hall at mkhall@cbfga.org or at 478-742-1191, ext. 2 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. The second celebration will be Thursday, November 9, at a yet to be determined location. 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 have an interest 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

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](#).

"Reaching People Under 30" Features Eddie Hammett

Laura Stephens-Reed, CBF Global's Peer Learning Group Regional Director, invites CBF/GA folks to attend a conference featuring Eddie Hammett entitled "Reaching People Under 30 while Keeping People over 60; Leadershape 3D 3.0." Eddie Hammett is Church & Clergy Coach for CBF of NC and is a well-known author and speaker on this subject. The workshop is sponsored by the United Methodists and takes place Saturday, February 4, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church in Tuscaloosa, AL. *To register, please contact Glenda Kilgore at gkilgore@umcna.org or (205)751-0414.* Laura Stephens-Reed invites all CBF peer learning group conveners and participants to stay afterward for a dutch-treat lunch near the church. Email Laura at lstephens-reed@cbf.net if you are interested in this time of fellowship and encouragement.

CBF General Assembly Meets in Atlanta June 26-30



To register, click [here](#).

From Our Friends

Thompson Scholars 2017 Program Set at Columbia Seminary

A Thompson Scholars seminar entitled "Evangelism and Social Justice" takes place May 2-5 at the Center for Lifelong Learning at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur. The seminar will address issues of social justice and evangelism, along with how we are to witness in America and in the global community. Applications are due by February 15, 2017. A program fee of \$150 covers all course-related fees, eight meals on campus, refreshments, and access for the online course site. Pre-course preparation will include required reading and participation in online discussions. Participants are responsible for their housing and transportation; on-campus housing is available. Read more or apply [here](#).

Leadership Conference Announced



Join us in celebrating the influence and voices of women from across the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship movement. 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](#).

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

BWIM asks for 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

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 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.

The Baptist Church of Beaufort, SC, is seeking to fill the role of **Director of Communications**. This is a full-time salaried position beginning immediately in Beaufort, South Carolina, with regular office hours through the week. Applicants should have a degree in Communications, Graphic Design, Marketing, Public Relations or a related field to lead the overall Communications System of the church. Successful applicants will be capable of assessing audience, message and methods for overall church communication needs as well as content creation and delivery including website, social media, in-house publications, press relations, signage, audio-visual management and technology support. Contact Paul Capps at The Baptist Church of Beaufort, 843-524-3197 or send resumes to pcapps@bcob.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 Master's degree from an accredited school of divinity is required. Interested candidates may submit a resume to fbcedusearch@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.

First Baptist Church of Huntersville, NC is seeking a **full-time Minister of Worship**. We are a moderate congregation of 450 active members, located in Charlotte metro near Lake Norman. Our worship attendance averages 350 per week, currently divided between contemporary, traditional, and Spanish-language services. FBCH's strength is its unified diversity, and we are particularly seeking a candidate who will lead our English services toward unified worship. Applicants must be competent in both contemporary and traditional worship styles, as well as have a vision for "intergenerational" worship. A detailed church profile and job description can be found at www.fbc-h.org under the "Link 'n Learn" tab. Résumé and cover letter may be submitted by November 30 to worshipfbch@gmail.com.

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 résumés 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. 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

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

Financial Report

Budget Receipts as of 12/31//2016

(Budget year began July 1, 2016)

Year to date:	2016/2017	2015/2016
Requirement:	\$286,698.18	\$300,448.14
Receipts:	\$256,500.85	\$263,433.94
Expenses:	\$251,857.53	\$244,391.33
Over/(Under)Expenses	\$4,643.32	\$19,042.61
Over/(Under) Requirement	(\$30,197.33)	(\$37,014.20)

Monthly	December 2016:	December 2015:
Requirement:	\$47,783.03	\$50,074.69
Receipts:	\$79,786.52	\$74,521.72
Expenses:	\$43,497.86	\$34,965.48
Over/(Under) Expenses	\$36,288.66	\$39,556.24
Over/(Under) Requirement	\$32,003.49	\$24,447.03