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Guest Speakers, Bill Underwood, Mercer University President, and Rob Nash, CBF National Global Missions Coordinator, pictured above.

2006 CBF/GA Fall Convocation

“A Gift Too Good to Keep!”

November 5 & 6

First Baptist Church of Christ,
Macon

Please make plans now to attend.

For additional information including schedule, hotel options, and speaker biographies, visit www.cbfga.org.

In the News

Hurricane Katrina: One year later



Calendar

Sept. 7

**Conference on
"Church and State in the
2006 Elections"**
Mercer University, Macon

A morning with
J. Brent Walker of the
Baptist Joint Committee on
Religious Liberty.
For more information, visit
[Center for Baptist Studies](#).

Sept. 7

**Candler School of Theology
BBQ**
5:00 p.m.

Annual event for those
enrolled in the Baptist
Studies Program.
For more information, email
dparnell@cbfga.org or call
478-742-1191 (ext. 28).

Sept. 7

**An Evening With Candler
Vineville United Methodist
Church, Macon**
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Featuring a presentation from
Carol Newsom, Charles
Howard Candler Professor of
Old Testament. Please join
us for dinner, fellowship, and
information about admissions
and financial aid.
To register, call David Key at
404-727-6326.

Sept. 7-9

Growing in the Spiritual Life
**Peachtree Road United
Methodist Church, Atlanta**

Growing in the Spiritual Life is
a 3-day conference for people
from all churches,
denominations, or with no
church affiliation.
For more information, visit
www.growfaith.com.

Sept. 11-13
Spiritual Formation



Photos by Carla Wynn

CBF National Communications

Fellowship's long-term relief efforts continue in Gulf Coast one year after Hurricane Katrina

Editor's Note: The following stories are part of a series on the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina and the relief work of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and its partners.

New Orleans, LA: "Our church is going to come back."

African American churches are on nearly every street corner in some neighborhoods of New Orleans, LA, and many are heavily damaged or nearly destroyed. The need for restoration in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina is just as great as it was one year ago, and Fellowship Baptists are doing their part to restore the city one church at a time.

www.thefellowship.info/disaster/katrina/NewOrleans_oneyear.icm.

Lacombe, LA: "We can feel good about what we did there."

For nearly a year the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Louisiana has funneled money, time, and volunteers into Lacombe, LA, a small predominantly African American community about 25 miles from New Orleans on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain. More than 400 volunteers helped work on 56 houses in the community. Many were stripped of mud, mold, and debris. Many were restored.

www.thefellowship.info/disaster/katrina/Lacombe_oneyear.icm.

To access Hurricane Katrina stories, along with photos, videos, and opportunities for response, go to

www.thefellowship.info/disaster/katrina/oneyear.icm.

FBC Rome commissions Nash as CBF Global Missions coordinator

**Regional Pastors' Retreat,
Kavanaugh Life
Enrichment Center,
Louisville, KY**

To register visit [the fellowship](#).
For information, email
rbennett@thefellowship.info
or call 770- 220-1605.

Sept. 15-16

**"Is It That Time Already?"
Ardmore Baptist Church
Winston-Salem, NC**

This is a comprehensive seminar on retirement planning sponsored by the Church Benefits Board of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Center for Congregational Health. For additional information, see the attached flyer by clicking [here](#).

Sept. 16

**North Macon/Forsyth
Teacher Training Event
Mt. Zion Baptist Church,
Macon**

A Sunday School teacher training event for teachers of Adults only. For more information, email ncopeland@cbfga.org or call 478-742-1191 (ext. 27).

Sept. 16

11-on-11

Macon

Sponsored by [Current](#).

An exciting opportunity for seminary students, college and single's ministries, and church-wide fellowships to engage in missions in a very intentional way. The Macon 11-on-11 site is only one of many. For more information, email dparnell@cbfga.org or call 478-742-1191 (ext. 28).

Sept. 22-24

***Clothed with the Sun:
Writing Autobiography as
Spiritual Journey***



Patricia Heys Photo

By Patricia Heys
CBF National Communications

ROME, GA. – First Baptist Church of Rome, GA, commissioned Rob Nash to the position of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions coordinator during its morning worship service Aug. 27.

"Know that this church loves you, prays for you, and encourages you," said FBC Rome pastor Joel Snider, who delivered the charge to Nash. "And know that when you strengthen the local church, you strengthen missions. The church is the place where missions finds its energy."

Nash, who has been a member of FBC Rome for 12 years, officially became coordinator on Aug. 1. He previously held the position of dean of the school of religion and international studies at Shorter College in Rome.

For the full story click [here](#).

BTSR president announces retirement

By BTSR Communications

RICHMOND – Thomas H. Graves, president of Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond since 1991, has announced plans to retire next year.

Graves, 58, citing health reasons, will step down July 1, 2007. He announced his plans during a special called meeting of BTSR's board of trustees Aug. 29.

"I would have wished to work well into the next decade before considering a normal retirement, but my physical condition alone prevents me from doing so," Graves said in a statement to the board. Graves has multiple sclerosis.

For the full story click [here](#).

**An Experiential Prayer
Retreat
Whispering Winds
Mountain Retreat
Ellijay**

For more information and to register, download the information and registration forms [here](#).

**Sept. 23
Missions Musings with
James and Robbie
Francovich
First Baptist Church of
Forsyth**

Come hear about their developed ongoing ministry with the Banjara Gypsies in Hyderabad, India.

For more information, email pastorfb@bellsouth.net or call 478-994-5240.

**Sept. 24-26
2006 Mercer Preaching
Consultation
King & Prince Resort
St. Simons Island**
Visit the [Center for Baptist Studies](#) at Mercer University for details.

**Sept. 30
“A Day of Renewal”
Women’s Conference
Vineville Baptist Church,
Macon
9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**
Featuring Esther Burroughs. Tickets: \$10 (includes lunch and fashion show). For more information or to order tickets, call 478-743-9366.
For additional information, visit www.vbcmacon.org and www.estherbministries.com.

**October 2-3
A Theological Discussion
“A Theology of Ministerial
Leadership”
William E. Hull and
David W. Hull
Knoxville, TN**

Antiphony conference to challenge students to respond to God’s call

By Carla Wynn
CBF National Communications

ATLANTA – University and graduate students will have the opportunity to talk about “issues that matter” during the Antiphony conference Dec. 29-Jan. 2, 2007, in Atlanta at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Under the theme “Call and Response,” the conference will challenge students to reflect on God’s call and their response amid a global context of need, change, conflict, and disparity.

“Antiphony literally means a reciprocal exchange of voices,” said Amy Derrick, who chairs the Antiphony steering committee. “The Antiphony conference creates a space where a reciprocal exchange of thoughts, ideas, questions, convictions, and hopes can happen through facilitating conversations about topics and issues that matter.”

For the full story click [here](#).

Cooperative Student Fellowship Update



Cooperative Student Fellowship (CSF) at Mercer is off to a great start. CSF has been well-received at the Student Organization Fair as well as at the Christian Organizational Welcome Party. The weekly Bible study meeting, held on Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m., is called “Come and See.” We had around 15 students at our first Come and See of the year. (See photo.) Thanks to all of you who shared the names of friends and family who are currently studying at Mercer. Continue to remember us in your prayers!

Missions Opportunities

**Missions Musings
with James and Robbie Francovich**

For more information, visit
[Center for Congregational Health](#).

Oct. 8-10
Candler School of Theology
Fall Conference
"Faith, Politics, and Policy"
For more information visit
[Candler Fall Conference](#).

Oct. 12-13
Conference on Ethics and Ministry
McAfee School of Theology,
Atlanta
Speaker: Tony Campolo.
For more information,
email frazier_d@mercer.edu.

Oct. 16-18
Session 2
Young Leader's Program
Thomasville, NC
[Center for Congregational Health](#).

Oct. 26
"Negotiating Conflict in the Congregation"
Religious Life Center,
Mercer University, Macon
Workshop Leader:
Dennis Burton,
Certified Conflict Consultant,
Director of Missions, Union
Baptist Association,
Monroe, NC.
For more information, visit
[Mercer's calendar of events](#).

Nov. 5, 2006
Coordinating Council Meeting
CBF/GA Fall Convocation
Chapel, First Baptist Church of Christ, Macon
3:30 p.m.

Nov. 5-6, 2006
CBF/GA Fall Convocation
"A Gift Too Good to Keep!"
First Baptist Church of Christ, Macon
Speakers: Rob Nash, CBF
National Global

September 23 **FBC of Forsyth**

James and Robbie Francovich have given over a decade of their lives to missions. Strategically placed in Hyderabad, India, James and Robbie have developed an ongoing ministry with the Banjara Gypsies. Banjara Gypsy villages salt and pepper the countryside around Hyderabad and are a people ripe unto the harvest. First Baptist Church of Forsyth and the CBF of Georgia are partnering to provide an opportunity for you to meet, hear a word of testimony, and ask questions of James and Robbie Francovich.

We hope that you will come as we celebrate and grow in our understanding of missions together.

For more information or to make reservations for the dinner, please call FBC Forsyth at (478) 994-5240 or email us at pastorfb@bellsouth.net. Childcare available upon request.

A Call For Volunteers to Help African American Churches in New Orleans

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, in partnership with *Baptist Builders International*, is assisting at least five African American churches and their pastors in New Orleans to restore their worship facilities and pastors' homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina. We are not limited to helping Baptist churches and, as the Lord provides, will help others. We do have some financial resources for the purchase of materials, but urgently need volunteers as soon as possible. Are you willing to share a week of your life to help some Christian friends who are in turn trying to help their communities?

Download more information [here](#).

Reference and Referral

The reference and referral department of CBF/GA is still in need of résumés of those ministers interested in serving churches in the combination position of children and youth. If you or someone you know is interested, please have him or her send a résumé to me at the address below.

Thank you so much,
Alan Mitchell
Reference and Referral
CBF of GA
POB 4343
Macon GA 31208-4343

New Events for Your Calendar

Missions Coordinator,
and Bill Underwood,
Mercer University President.
For more information, visit
www.cbfga.org.

November 9-10
Argentina Women's Build
Sponsored by CBF National

Women will do all of the
construction on a
house in Argentina.
For more information,
contact Valerie Burton at
valerie@alabamacbf.org.

November 12-15
Youth Worker Summit
Walt Disney World® Resort
Lake Buena Vista, FL
www.youthworkersummit.org/.

Dec. 29-Jan. 02
Antiphony
"Call and Response"
Hyatt Regency, Atlanta
For more information, visit
www.antiphonyonline.org.

2007

January 8-10,
Spiritual Formation
Regional Pastors' Retreat
Ignatius House
Atlanta, GA
To register visit [the](#)
[fellowship](#).
For information, email
rbennett@thefellowship.info
or call 770- 220-1605.

Jan. 16
Coordinating Council
Meeting
CBF/GA office, Macon
10:00 a.m.

Jan. 26-27
2007 Retreat for
Moderate Ministers and
Spouses
Callaway Gardens, Pine
Mountain

An Evening With Candler
September 7
Vineville United Methodist Church, Macon
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Featuring a presentation from Carol Newsom, Charles Howard
Candler Professor of Old Testament. Please join us for dinner,
fellowship, and information about admissions and financial aid.
To register, call David Key at 404-727-6326.

"Festival by the Sea"
An Adult Choir Festival
January 26-27
Charleston, SC

Looking for something to get your choir through the January Blues?
Over 200 singers and 10 church choirs like yours have participated
in previous years, and it proves to be a musically rewarding,
refreshing, and invaluable weekend for your choir to spend
together, away from their normal routine.
For more information, download the [attached flyer](#) or
visit www.choirfestivals.org to learn more
about this and other festivals.

People and Places

New Endorsed Chaplain

Seymone W. Porter was recently endorsed as a chaplain by
CBF/National. She is a United States Navy Chaplain, from
Grayson, GA.

For more information contact
Huey Bridgman at
706-561-6638 or
hbridgman@knology.net;
or Jim Ross at 706-342-2177
or jeross2@aol.com.

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[attached flyer](#) or visit
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to learn more about this
and other festivals.

Jan. 29-31
Session 3
Young Leader’s Program
Thomasville, NC

For more information, visit
[Center for Congregational
Health](http://Center for Congregational Health).

Feb. 2-3
Now Serving Atlanta
McAfee School of Theology,
Mercer University, Atlanta

A 2-day missions event for
college students. Visit
www.nowserving.org
or email dparnell@cbfga.org
for more information.

Feb. 7-10
***Current* Retreat**
“Let Justice Roll”
First Baptist Church of
Austin, TX

Registration cost \$110 for
ministers and lay leaders, \$55
for seminary students. For
more information,
visit the [Current](#) Website.

Feb. 19-20
Self Preaching Lectures
McAfee School of Theology,
Atlanta

Speaker: Tom Long.
For more information, email
frazier_d@mercer.edu.

March 2-3
Coordinating Council Meeting
CBF/GA General Assembly
Smoke Rise Baptist Church,
Stone Mountain
Date and time to be announced.

March 2-3
CBF/GA General Assembly
Smoke Rise Baptist Church,
Stone Mountain
Speaker:
Anna Carter Florence,
Assistant Professor of
Preaching and Worship
at Columbia
Theological Seminary.

March 16-18
March Mission Madness
FBC Eatonton
A mission weekend for youth.
Participants will stay at
Rock Eagle Retreat Center.
For more information, email
robertscottford@mac.com.

March 19-20
Urban Mission Workshop
McAfee School of Theology,
Atlanta
Workshop Leader:
Ray Bakke.
For more information, email
frazier_d@mercer.edu.

March 23-25
March Mission Madness
A mission weekend for youth.
For more information, email
robertscottford@mac.com.

April 30-May 02
Session 4
Young Leader's Program
Thomasville, NC
[Center for Congregational Health.](#)

May 22
Coordinating Council Meeting
CBF/GA office, Macon
10:00 a.m.

**June 27-29
CBF/National
General Assembly
Washington, DC**

**Aug. 14
Coordinating Council
Meeting
CBF/GA office, Macon
10:00 a.m.**

**Nov. 4-5
Coordinating Council
Meeting
CBF/GA Fall Convocation
First Baptist Church,
Savannah**
Date and time to be
announced.

**Nov. 4-5
CBF/GA Fall Convocation
First Baptist Church,
Savannah**