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Calendar

Aug. 26

CBF/GA 2007 Fall Convocation



Click on the banner for more information.
Register for Fall Convocation [here](#).

CBF/GA Host Hotel:
Hilton Savannah DeSoto
15 East Liberty St., Savannah, GA 31401
Rate: \$109.00

Local: 1-912-232-9000
Toll Free: 1-800-426-8483

In-House Reservations office hours are Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars now for a special lunch on November 5th with Mercer University and CBF/GA. Along with a program by Mercer, we will celebrate Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia's 15th anniversary! The lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. at the DeSoto Hilton and cost \$15.00 per plate. Contact Suzanne Powell at 478-742-1191 ext. 21 for more information about purchasing tickets for this special event.

CBF/GA's New Associate Coordinator for Congregational Life

Nicole C. Hardeman has been named Associate Coordinator for Congregational Life of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia by CBF/GA's Coordinating Council. She is also serving as the president of Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia. Nikki served as Pastoral Resident at First Baptist Church in Rome, GA, a position she held until June. Nikki will begin her new position on September 17, 2007. The unanimous vote was taken at the CBF/GA Coordinating Council meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 2007.

**Youth Parent and Youth Worker
Roundtable Discussion
First Baptist Church of Christ,
Macon
4:00 p.m.**

For more information click [here](#).

**Sept. 6
Candler BBQ
Brooks Commons at Cannon
Chapel, Emory, Atlanta
5:00 p.m.**

For students and Atlanta area
church representatives.
Contact David Key at 404-727-
6350 or dkey@emory.edu.

**Sept 8-9
Fisher Humphreys
First Baptist Church, Macon
8th – Dinner 6:00 p.m.**
For more information, contact First
Baptist church office at 478-742-
6458 or email fbcm@fbcm.org.

**Sept. 18-19
Tony Campolo Lectures
Mercer University**
Email Craig McMahan at
mcmahan_ct@mercer.edu or call
478-301-2992 for additional
information.

**Sept. 23-25
Mercer Preaching Consultation
St. Simons Island**
For more information click [here](#).

**Sept. 24-26
Spiritual Formation Retreat for
Senior Pastors
Life Enrichment Center
Fruitland Park, FL**
Sponsored by CBF/National
and CBF/FL.
For more information click [here](#).

**Oct. 5-6
BWIM of Georgia Fall Retreat
The Calvin Center, Hampton**
More information to come.

**Oct. 15
Worship in Your World: Enabling
and Encouraging Those Who**

A graduate of Mercer University in Macon, GA, Nikki received her master of divinity degree in 2005 from Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology.

"I am really looking forward to coming on board at CBF of Georgia and working with its partner churches." says Hardeman. "I believe the local church is one of the clearest ways we can communicate the love of Christ to the world. I am excited about helping to strengthen our churches as we all work together to figure out the best ways we can show the world Christ's love."

As Associate Coordinator for Congregational Life, Nikki will assist church congregations in the areas of spiritual formation, educational curriculum, and peer learning opportunities. She will also be involved with the Cooperative Student Fellowship at Mercer University. At the General Assembly in the spring, Nikki will be coordinating the workshops for congregational development. Nikki will also help coordinate deacon and chaplain ministries.

Nikki is married to Daniel and they have a one-month-old named Natalie. They expect to relocate to Macon this fall.

Global Missions Offering

Churches who are planning ahead for Fall/Christmas and Spring/Easter offerings are invited to visit the following websites for information and resources to help prepare.

<http://www.thefellowship.info/ogm/>

<http://www.thefellowship.info/ogm/resources.icm>

At the above link, you will find bulletin inserts, children's sermons, litanies, PowerPoint presentations, music ideas, and more!

Missions Opportunities

Churches or individuals interested in learning about other CBF/GA mission opportunities are invited to contact Scott Ford, Associate Coordinator for Missions, at sford@cbfga.org or 478-742-1911 ext. 28. The opportunities below are this edition's highlights and are by no means exhaustive. Thank you!

South Dakota

Pastors, staff, and lay missions leaders interested in an introduction to CBF ministry with Native Americans in impoverished counties of South Dakota should contact Gene Wilder at genewilder@charter.net. Two openings recently became available for a trip on October 13-18. The cost is \$500-\$700 plus round-trip airfare to Rapid City, South Dakota.

**Plan and Lead Worship in Small
Congregations**
Samford University,
Birmingham, AL
8:30 a.m.

For more information click [here](#).

Nov. 4
Coordinating Council Meeting
CBF/GA Fall Convocation
First Baptist Church, Savannah
4:00 p.m.

Nov. 4-5
CBF/GA Fall Convocation
First Baptist Church, Savannah
Theme: Standing Up on the Inside
Speaker: Charles Bugg
Click [here](#) for more information.

2008

Jan. 14-16
Spiritual Formation Retreat
For Associate Ministers and
Staff
Ferncliffe Camp and
Conference Center
Little Rock, AK

Sponsored by CBF/National
and CBF/AK

For more information click [here](#).

Jan. 18-20
Georgia Youth Choir Festival
The Calvin Center, Hampton

Jan. 29-30
Current Retreat
FBC Decatur
This will be held in cooperation with
the New Baptist Covenant meeting.

Jan. 30-Feb. 1
Celebration of a
New Baptist Covenant,
Atlanta
For more information visit
<http://www.newbaptistcovenant.org>.

Feb. 15-16
Now Serving: Atlanta
For more information, visit
<http://www.now-serving.org>.

Feb. 18-19

Young Baptist leaders interested in coordinating a mission service project on Saturday, September 15, please contact Ryan Clark at clark_ra@mercer.edu. You and your group can join others across the nation on this day of simultaneous mission projects. The projects will be sponsored by "current: connecting young baptists," a group of young Baptist leaders of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

International

Churches and individuals planning or interested in participating in an international mission trip, please contact Scott Ford, Associate Coordinator for Missions, at sford@cbfga.org or 478-742-1191 ext.28. Scott is interested in hearing about ministries you or your churches are already leading.

Missions and Disaster Response

Two years after Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, many families still need help putting their homes and lives back together. Here are some opportunities for you and/or your church to serve others in the name of Christ.

Biloxi, Mississippi

Your church is invited to cooperate with other CBF/GA churches in sending mission teams to Biloxi, Mississippi. All who are interested may join groups of 40-70 people on the following 2007 dates: October 4-7 (or 3-6), November 1-4, or December 6-9. Each trip involves two days of travel and two days of mission service. For \$75-\$100, food, transportation, and lodging will be provided. The only "skills" necessary are a caring heart and helping hands. Construction experience is helpful but not required. For more information, click [here](#).

St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana **Pearlington, Mississippi**

Your church is also invited to cooperate with CBF of Louisiana in ministering to Hurricane Katrina victims. For more information, click [here](#) or contact CBF of Louisiana Disaster Relief Coordinator: Reid Doster at 985-222-6900 or reid_doster@hotmail.com. Reid will be glad to help a group from your church get involved in Disaster Response efforts in Louisiana, and he is helping with response efforts in Pearlington, Mississippi.

Upcoming Events

Inter-Faith Dialogue Luncheon

Thursday, September 6, 12:00 noon
Istanbul Center for Culture and Dialogue
6760 Jimmy Carter Blvd., Suite 110, Norcross, GA 30071
Meet with Muslim leaders for dialogue and relationship building.
If you have questions or would like to register for the clergy lunch please contact Matt Rich (mrich@wieuca.org) or Michael

William L. Self
Preaching Lectures
McAfee School of Theology,
Atlanta

Feb. 29-March 2
March Mission Madness
Highland Hills Baptist Church,
Macon
For more information, click [here](#).

March 3-5
True Survivor VIII,
First Baptist Church,
Asheville, NC
For all Christian Educators
Sponsored by CBF National,
Congregational Life
Contact Toni Draper at
tdraper@thefellowship.info.

March 7-9
March Mission Madness
First Baptist Church, Augusta
For more information, click [here](#).

April 4-5
CBF/GA General Assembly

April 21-23
Spiritual Formation Retreat
For Associate Ministers and
Staff
Ignatius House Retreat Center
Atlanta
For more information click [here](#).

McCuller (mmcculler@jcbc.org).

Candler students and representatives
from Atlanta area churches BBQ dinner

Brooks Common in Cannon Chapel
September 6, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner to help new theology students get
acquainted with area churches

Contact: David Key 404-727-6350 or dkey@emory.edu

Baptist Theologian Fisher Humphreys At
First Baptist Macon On September 8,9

Fisher Humphreys, a widely recognized Baptist theologian and professor of divinity at the Beeson School of Divinity at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, will be guest theologian, teacher, and preacher at First Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia, on the weekend of September 8, 9. Dr. Humphreys will speak at a dinner on Saturday night, September 8, at a gathering of adult Sunday school classes on Sunday morning, September 9, and at morning worship.

A special invitation is extended to area pastors, church staff, and members of the congregations to attend the dinner on Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. Reservations are to be made by calling the FBC church office at (478) 742-6485, or emailing fbc@fbcmacon.org. The cost is \$6 payable at the door.

Tony Campolo to visit Mercer

September 18 – 7:00 p.m.

September 19 – 10:00 a.m.

“Our Place in God’s World”

Email Craig McMahan at mcmahan_ct@mercer.edu or call 478-301-2992 for more information.

True Survivor VIII, March 3-5, 2008

First Baptist Church, Asheville, NC

For all Christian Educators

Sponsored by CBF National, Congregational Life

Contact Toni Draper at tdraper@thefellowship.info

Missions education inspires Macon boy to donate hygiene kits to Slavic ministry

By Carla Wynn Davis
CBF Communications

ATLANTA – Jacob Hatcher is the only student in his church's Wednesday night missions education class, but that didn't stop him from making a difference in the life of a Slavic immigrant family in Asheville, NC.

Hatcher, a first-grader at Heritage Elementary School in Macon, GA, attends New Heights Baptist Church in Macon. He and his missions education teacher, Jerrie Bodrey, studied *Spark*, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's missions education resource for children and learned about Fran and Mike Graham, CBF Global Missions affiliates who minister among Slavic immigrants in Asheville.

The Grahams needed "Welcome Home" kits for new families to the United States, who have often fled their home country because of religious persecution, and Hatcher and Bodrey decided to help. The kits include items such as tooth brushes, Kleenex, razors, and soap.

"Hands-on missions is more than just talking about missions," Bodrey said. "Whenever there's something that we can do ... it teaches them more about missions than just getting it out of the book."

Together with the church's women's mission group, Hatcher and Bodrey made a kit and sent it to the Grahams, who later came to the church to speak about their ministry. The Grahams also received several other kits from churches who studied about their ministry in missions education resources.

"It has been amazing to see the response of people wanting to be involved with assisting the Slavic community," said Fran Graham.

Spark, the missions education resource designed for school-aged children, not only tells the stories of Fellowship missions personnel but also incorporates practical missions activities. For more information, to see a sample, or to order missions education resources, visit www.missionseducation.org.

CBF is a fellowship of Baptist Christians and churches who share a passion for the Great Commission and a commitment to Baptist principles of faith and practice. The Fellowship's mission is to serve Christians and churches as they discover and fulfill their God-given mission.

Click [here](#) for a photo of the New Heights women's group and Jacob Hatcher, center, meeting with Fran and Mike Graham in Macon. Photo courtesy of the Grahams.

**Cooperative Student Fellowship at
MERCER**

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CSF of Mercer would like to be able to contact students from CBF churches who are coming to or are already at Mercer.

If you know of any students please send CBF/GA their names and contact information to ncopeland@cbfga.org or call 1-877-336-6426.

Positions available

First Baptist Church of Athens, Georgia, is seeking a part-time **Director of Children's Ministries**. Job provides leadership for children's ministry from birth through fifth grade and their families. Seminary background is preferred. However, someone with a degree in child development or related field with a passion for Christ, education, and children is welcomed to apply. Detailed job description is available upon request. Please forward resumes with references to: Search Committee, Director of Children's Ministries, 355 Pulaski Street, Athens, Georgia 30601. Applications accepted until position filled

A historic Cooperative Baptist Fellowship church in East Central Florida serving a regional congregation seeks an experienced **pastor** to lead growth into its second 50 years. A seminary degree, preaching and counseling skills, and demonstrated leadership in faith development and spiritual growth are required. Send resume by September 30, 2007, to: Mooredot2@aol.com or Pastor Search Committee, Central Baptist Church, 142 Fairview Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32114.

First Baptist Church, Hawkinsville, is seeking a **youth minister** who can encourage youth in the Christian faith. The position is part-time (up to 20 hours a week) at \$10.00 per hour. The youth minister will have an excellent youth committee with whom to work and a recently renovated youth building. The youth minister will serve on-site on Sunday and Wednesday nights. Hours spent in preparation for Bible study, etc, while away from the church campus will be remunerated. Interested parties, please contact Pastor Don McClung at 478-892-9076 (office), 478-230-9529 (cell), or email: pastorfbc@comsouth.net.

Changes?

Have you changed your email or mailing address? Have you changed your phone number? Please let us know by sending an email to ecopeland@cbfga.org.

Financial Update

Budget Receipts as of 7/31/07

Year to Date: \$97,372.30
Requirement: \$110,866.66
Over/Under: <\$13,494.36>

Month to Date: \$45,091.32
Monthly Req.: \$55,433.33
Over/Under: <\$10,342.01>
