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CBF/GA News

Register Now for Spring General Assembly

The CBF/GA General Assembly is moving from fall to spring! As the result of Coordinating Council and Discernment Committee recommendations, our Spring General Assembly will take place **Friday - Saturday, April 24-25** at Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta. Click [here](#) to visit the Spring General Assembly page to register and for information on the schedule, featured speakers, breakout sessions, meal reservations, and more. Make your hotel reservations by April 3 to receive special rates at two convenient hotels. Online registration ends April 22.

March Mission Immersion Spots Available!

There are still some spaces available for March Mission Immersion at Park Avenue Baptist Church in Atlanta, March 27-29. If you would like to attend, please contact Martha Kate Hall as soon as possible at mkhall@cbfga.org.

CBF/GA Scholarships for 2015-2016

CBF/GA is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2015-2016 school year. Students applying for a scholarship must be enrolled in a master's level degree program at an accredited institution, must demonstrate a connection to CBF/GA and must show potential for leadership within the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. For a complete list of requirements and to complete an application, please click [here](#). For questions and more information, please contact Martha Kate Hall at mkhall@cbfga.org or 478-742-1191, ext. 2.

Senior Celebrations May 18 and 19

Mark your calendars now for Senior Celebration 2015! Dr. Joel Snider, pastor of First Baptist Church of Rome, Georgia, will be the keynote speaker on Monday, May 18 at the First Baptist Church of Jasper. Dr. Jerry Mahan, recently retired pastor of Horizon Baptist Fellowship in Summerville, Georgia, will be the keynote speaker on Tuesday, May 19, at Haddock Baptist Church. Senior Celebrations begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. both days. Entertainment and registration information will be available soon on the CBF/GA website.

Disaster Response Update from Tommy Deal

The recent extreme wintry weather serves as a great reminder to your

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church to reach both *in* and *out* -- to its at-risk members and also to neighbors who need assistance. Encourage your church (through the deacons, perhaps) to contact each homebound member to learn of needs and meet those needs. Actions may be as simple as sweeping off the porch or shoveling some snow or as extreme as helping someone relocate to a temporary location which has heat. If there are significant power outages in your community, your church may be able to serve as a temporary shelter with heat and water. If you would like to discuss these possibilities for your church, contact Tommy Deal at tdeal@cbfga.org or call him at 706-313-5066.

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 is one who actively promotes CBF/GA and encourages connections between his/her local church and CBF/GA. We will be glad to send you information on becoming an Ambassador.

From CBF/National

CBF Sponsors Thomas Merton Exhibit Event

CBF Peer Learning Groups are hosting a luncheon in conjunction with "The Journeys of Thomas Merton" exhibit at the Pitts Theology Library of Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Dr. Glenn Hinson will speak at the luncheon Thursday, May 14, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (the exhibit will be open from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.). Cost for the luncheon event is \$25 per person. More information is available at www.cbf.net/events/.

Post-Easter Retreat Opportunity

Come experience rest, community, inspiration and beauty at "Practicing Resurrection," the CBF Post-Easter Retreat. This year's gathering takes place at the Montreat Retreat Center in the beautiful mountains near Asheville, NC. Each day begins and ends with reflections upon the Psalter and how it relates to us and the world in which we live, led by Nancy deClaisse -Walford and Sam Coates. The rest of the day is yours to hike, fly fish, play golf, tour Asheville, or just relax. This experience of rest and renewal begins Tuesday, April 7 and continues until Friday, April 10. Space is limited so sign up early. Click [here](#) for more information.

CBF General Assembly Set for Dallas

Join CBF in Dallas June 15-19, 2015! The entire event will take place under one roof, at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Dallas, Texas. Access from the airport is available via DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit). See the CBF website, www.cbf.net/assembly, for information.

From Our Friends

International Women's Day Gathering

The Global Women's Circle of the First Baptist Church of Christ in Macon, Georgia, invites all to "Make It Happen: Empowering Women in Macon and Around the World," Sunday, March 8, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Hear guest speakers from Thistle Farms in Nashville, Tennessee, an enterprise of Magdalene, a community of women who have survived prostitution, trafficking and addiction. Thistle Farms products will be available for sale, and an offering will be taken to support the work of Global Women. Please RSVP for dinner and childcare at www.fbcxmacon.org/. First Baptist Church of Christ is located at 511 High Place, Macon, GA. For more information call 478-742-6485.

Interfaith Peace Garden Dedication Celebration

You are cordially invited to the Interfaith Peace Garden Dedication Ceremony on Thursday, May 14, 2015. The dedication will take place at 11:00 a.m. on the Mercer University Atlanta Campus, West Parking Lot. In case of rain, the celebration will be moved to the Cecil B. Day Auditorium.

Georgia BWIM Scholarship Opportunity

Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia awards an annual scholarship to a Baptist woman who is from or currently resides in Georgia and has completed at least one year (thirty hours of study) at the master's or doctoral level. Applicants may be attending a Baptist or non-Baptist seminary. For more information, please click [here](#). The deadline for applying is March 15.

Distinguished Churchwoman of the Year

Each year Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia honors a woman from Georgia who has experienced a call to ministry and who is fulfilling that call in a salaried or non-salaried position. Nominations by persons throughout the state are welcomed and must be received in writing by March 15. Please go to www.bwimga.org for more information.

A Baptist Conversation on Religious Freedom

Join your fellow Baptist leaders and special guest speaker Holly Hollman, General Counsel for the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, for a pastor luncheon and discussion of the importance of balanced protections of our religious freedom in Georgia. The luncheon is at First Baptist church, Gainesville, Georgia, Tuesday, March 17, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please RSVP to David at 404-727-6350 or to dkey@emory.edu.

Clergy Wellness Seminar

Summit Counseling Center is sponsoring a clergy wellness

workshop entitled "Caring for the Caregiver," featuring Dr. Ron King as speaker, on Thursday, March 19, from 9:45 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cost is \$50 including lunch, and CEUs may be earned. Seating is limited to 75 clergy; call the Summit at 678-893-5300 to register.

Fuller Center Benefit Concert features Buddy Greene

The Fuller Center for Housing of Macon presents Buddy Greene in concert at The Grand Opera House during the Cherry Blossom Festival on Sunday, March 22, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit The Fuller Center for Housing. More information is available at www.fullercentermacon.org. Single tickets are \$30; the cost for groups of 10 or more is \$28 per ticket. Tickets may be purchased online at www.thegrandmacon.com.

Reference and Referral

First Baptist Church Sylva, North Carolina, is offering summer, semester, or year **internships** offering experience in a variety of ministry disciplines, including but not limited to: children's ministry, youth ministry, music ministry, social justice ministry, and pastoral and preaching ministries. Compensation includes a stipend and housing (on-site as available). Sylva is a mountain town near the Blue Ridge Parkway, Western Carolina University, and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Cover letters and resumes may be sent to fbc sylva@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church Marietta, Georgia, is searching for an **Associate Pastor** with responsibility in three areas: Spiritual Development, Congregational Care, and Adult ministry. Experience is preferred but not required; however, a seminary degree is required. Please send resumes or any inquires to bross@mariettafbc.org.

Interim Minister of Children: First Baptist Church Jefferson, Georgia, located between Athens and Gainesville off Hwy. 129, three miles off I-85, is actively seeking a Minister of Children and Families. FBC is dually aligned with the CBF and the SBC and adheres to the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message. Our church has both traditional and contemporary services of worship. The ideal candidate will be experienced in working with children in a professional setting, relate well to adults and demonstrate the ability to work as a part of a church ministry team. The job demands up to 25 hours per week, which includes responsibilities on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. A job description is posted at www.fbcjefferson.org. Resumes may be sent to FBC Jefferson, 81 Institute Street, Jefferson, GA, 30549 to the attention of Personnel Committee Chairman Fred Gurley or you may call him at 706-367-5285 (work). Resumes will be received until the position is filled.

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For a full listing of open positions, visit www.cbfga.org

Financial Report

Budget Receipts as of 1/31/2015

Budget Year Begins in January

Year to Date Budget Receipts:	\$40,866.82
Year to Date Budget Requirement:	\$48,421.36
Over/(Under)	(\$7554.54)

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NOTE FOR 2015 CONTRIBUTORS

All 2015 contributions to CBF/GA must be received in the office, or be postmarked, by Thursday, December 31, 2015. If you have questions or concerns, please Dawn Williams, Assistant to the Coordinator for Finance, at 478-742-1191, ext. 5.

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