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**Calendar**

If a title is underlined, click on it for more information.

## [Fall Convocation Image Gallery](#)

Thank you for coming to CBF/GA's Fall Convocation.

To see the Fall Convocation image gallery, click [here](#). Photos in the gallery were taken by Bill and Sara Powell.



## [Congregational Life](#)

## [Now Registering!](#)



*Serve...Worship...Fellowship*

Collegiate Mission Experience

February 15-16, 2008

[www.now-serving.org](http://www.now-serving.org)

To **register** for this event, visit [www.now-serving.org](http://www.now-serving.org) and **download** the registration form *and* the participant waiver form.

**Mail** the forms and your registration fee to  
 CBF of Georgia  
 Attn: Nikki Hardeman  
 P.O. Box 4343

For more calendar dates,  
please click here.

2007

Dec. 8  
Baptist Youth Day at  
Mercer  
Mercer University, Macon  
11:00 a.m.

Macon, GA 31208

If you want more information on this event or would like a flyer,  
**contact** Nikki Hardeman at [nhardeman@cbfga.org](mailto:nhardeman@cbfga.org) or 478-742-1191 ext. 26.

→ [Following the Star](#)



2008

Jan. 4  
Coffee and  
Conversation with  
Chap Clark  
Wiecu Road Baptist  
Church  
6:30 p.m.

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

Jan. 29-30  
Current Retreat  
FBC Decatur

Jan. 30-Feb. 1  
Celebration of a New  
Baptist Covenant  
Atlanta

Feb. 3  
Martha Stearns  
Marshall Day of  
Preaching

Feb. 15-16  
Now Serving: ATL  
Atlanta

Feb. 18-19  
William L. Self  
Preaching Lectures  
McAfee School of Theology,  
Atlanta

Feb. 22-23

→ [No Armor for the Back](#)

*No Armor for the Back: Baptist Prison Writings, 1600s-1700s* by Keith E Durso is co-published by the Baptist History and Heritage Society and Mercer University Press. This book describes the effect prison had on the Baptist writers of the 1600s and 1700s.

Orders made by December 15, 2007, receive a twenty percent discount. To order your copy, call 770-457-5540 or email and provide your name, shipping address, telephone number, and number of copies.

→ [New Baptist Covenant Updates](#)

The New Baptist Covenant is offering many special interest [sessions](#). This list will be added to so keep checking for more sessions. Themes include race relations, poverty, youth, and many others. All are based on Luke 4:18-19.

→ [Missions](#)

"The Bible in the 'Christ Haunted' South"  
Symposium  
Piedmont College, Athens

Feb. 26  
McAfee/CBF Day  
McAfee School of Theology,  
Atlanta

Feb. 29-March 2  
March Mission  
Madness  
Highland Hills Baptist  
Church and Mercer  
University, Macon

March 3-5  
True Survivor VIII  
First Baptist Church,  
Asheville, NC

March 7-9  
March Mission  
Madness  
First Baptist Church,  
Augusta

April 3  
Baptist Today Judson  
Rice Dinner  
Loudermilk Center, Atlanta

April 4  
Coordinating Council  
Meeting  
First Baptist Church,  
Decatur  
10:00 a.m.

April 4-5  
CBF/GA General  
Assembly  
First Baptist Church,  
Decatur

May 13-23  
Roma English Camp

May 22-24  
Baptist History and  
Heritage Society



### Hispanic Health Resource Fair

All are invited to a Networking Fair for organizations serving the health needs of the Hispanic/Latino community in metro-Atlanta on Friday, December 7, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Latin America Association, 2750 Buford Highway, Atlanta, Georgia 30324.

### California Fires

You or your church may wish to provide "go-kits" for children or send a person to become a trained facilitator.

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### Katrina Relief

For some families, this will be their third Christmas to await relief. Click [here](#) to read a recent invitation to serve.

### Taliaferro Summer Camps

Adults and older youth are invited to help lead camp for children and youth in one of the most economically depressed counties in Georgia: Taliaferro County. If you or a group from your church is interested in leading, please contact [Scott Ford](#) or click [here](#).

### Grant Writer Needed

The Touching Taliaferro with Love, Inc., board would like to recruit the help of a trained and experienced grant writer. Grants are needed for a community center, staff, college scholarships, community recreation programs, and more. If you, or someone you know can help, please email [Scott Ford](#) or [John Autry](#). Thank you!

### Roma English Camp

Young adults are invited to apply for team membership on a Mission Trip to Hungary in May 2008. Visit [here](#) for information and an application due on Sunday, January 13, 2008.

### Liberia Missions Network

If your church is involved or interested in becoming involved in Liberia mission efforts and partnerships, click [here](#) or email [Scott Ford](#).

### Marches Mission Madness

Annual Meeting  
Mercer University, Atlanta

June 19-20  
CBF General Assembly  
"Embrace the World:  
Building Bridges"  
Memphis, TN

Nov. 9-10  
CBF/GA Fall  
Convocation  
First Baptist Church,  
Augusta



### Mission Opportunities



*Global Missions Offering  
March Mission Madness  
Now Serving ATL  
Roma English Camp  
Student.Go  
Taliaferro Summer Camps  
Touching Miami with Love*

There is plenty of room for your group! To register for March Mission Madness, visit [here](#) for more information or to download a [registration form](#).

## → Opportunities

### 2008 Religious Liberty Essay Contest

Sponsored by the Religious Liberty Council  
Open to high school students in classes 2008 and 2009 who are members of a Baptist church.

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### Interim Ministry for Today's Church

The Department of Congregational Life and the Center for Congregational Life will be holding a conference on interim ministry on January 7-9, 2008.

To register, click [here](#).

[read more...](#)



### "The Bible in the 'Christ-Haunted' South"

A two-day symposium, led by Barbara Brown Taylor, explores Biblical influence on art, music, and literature in the American South. The symposium will be held February 22-23, 2008 at Piedmont College in Athens.

[read more...](#)

### National Clergy Renewal Program

The National Clergy Renewal Program by Lilly Endowment, Inc., is a program designed to assist congregations in giving their pastors an extended time of Sabbath rest and renewal. Grants are up to \$45,000 and are open to congregations whose pastor has a Master of Divinity degree from an accredited Association of Theological Schools seminary.

Applications must be postmarked by May 14, 2008, and the activities funded by this grant may not begin before January 1, 2009.

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### Help Sumter Regional Hospital

[Sumter Regional Hospital](#) was hit by a F3 tornado in March of this year. The hospital was completely destroyed and is trying along with the city of Americus to rebuild itself.

Please help Sumter by clicking [here](#) and finding the video "Blown Away." By watching the video and voting, you can help

Sumter win a new MRI machine.

### **Baptist Heritage Preaching Contest**

The Baptist History and Heritage Society, in cooperation with the H. Franklin Paschall Chair of Biblical Studies and Preaching at Belmont University, Nashville, Tennessee, invite sermon submissions for the 7th Annual Baptist Heritage Preaching Contest. They are being accepted through February 15, 2008.

The winner will preach the sermon during the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Baptist History and Heritage Society held in Atlanta, Georgia, on May 22-24.

[read more...](#)



### **Christmas Consumers**

Click [here](#) to read a blog entry by Keith Vaughn who is going against the flow this year.

Reverend Billy and the Church of Stop Shopping Choir's crusade against consumerism offers a new Christmas carol to sing: stop buying stuff for the sake of buying! From exorcising the demons of the Wal-Mart headquarters to an arrest in Disneyland for proclaiming Mickey Mouse as the "anti-Christ," Reverend Billy dramatically makes the point that Americans have lost their way - and their souls - to consumerism. As Reverend Billy points out, our "wants" come at the expense of others' needs, especially in third-world countries where workers are paid pennies a day in terrible environments working extremely long shifts. For those seeking to escape the consumer-driven life-style, Reverend Billy will certainly become a saint.

[read more...](#)



### **Reference and Referral**

First Baptist Church, Lumberton, North Carolina, is looking for a Senior Pastor. This CBF church desires a dynamic Pastor with eight or more years experience and at least a masters-level degree from an accredited seminary/divinity school. The church has contemporary and traditional services, and average Sunday School attendance is 300-350 people. Please let the office of Reference and Referral know if you are interested by mailing Alan Mitchell at CBF/GA, P.O. Box 4343, Macon, GA, 31208 or calling 478-957-2295.



### **Save the Date**

CBF/GA General Assembly  
April 4-5, 2008  
FBC Decatur



Speaker: Diana R. Garland, Ph.D.,  
Dean, School of Social Work, Baylor University

## Financial Update

### **Budget Receipts as of 11/30/07**

Year to Date:	\$274,570.39
Requirement:	\$332,599.98
Over/Under:	-\$58,029.59

Month to Date:	\$49,337.65
Monthly Req.:	\$55,433.33
Over/Under:	-\$6,095.68

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