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## 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, click [here](#).



Special Guest, Malkhaz Songulashvili, President of the Union of Evangelical Baptists of the Republic of Georgia. Malkhaz will engage the congregation in a discussion about the work in the Republic of Georgia on Monday Morning during our Mission Emphasis.

## Special Opportunities for Children at Fall Convocation



### Worship and Music

Preschoolers ages 4-6 will be invited to participate in worship at 7:00 p.m. before leaving to take part in a children's worship

## Calendar

**Sept. 22-24**

***Clothed with the Sun:  
Writing Autobiography as  
Spiritual Journey***  
**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](mailto: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](http://www.vbcmacon.org) and [www.estherbministries.com](http://www.estherbministries.com).

experience. Children will enjoy hearing the Mercer University Children’s Choir, a community arts initiative of the Townsend-McAfee Institute: Graduate Studies in Church Music at Mercer, perform during worship.

### Childcare

Childcare will be available on Sunday evening from 4:45-8:45 for ages birth-6 years, and on Monday from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for ages birth-6. Please register for childcare by calling Julie Long at 478-742-6485 or email [juliewlong@gmail.com](mailto:juliewlong@gmail.com).

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## CBF/GA News

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### CBF/GA Welcomes Seminary Students Back to School



CBF/GA welcomed students back to school at McAfee School of Theology and Candler School of Theology’s Baptist Studies Program. Students were introduced to the work of CBF/GA and given the opportunity to interact with CBF/GA staff. Atlanta area CBF/GA supporting congregations also participated in the McAfee luncheon with ministry displays.

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### CBF/GA Sponsors Sunday School Teacher’s Academy



Frank Granger and Devita Parnell lead in the Teacher’s Academy at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

On Saturday, September 16, CBF/GA sponsored a Sunday School Teacher’s Academy for Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Macon. The event was developed around the theme of teaching the adult

**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](mailto:frazier_d@mercer.edu).

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

**Oct. 16-18**  
**Interim Ministry for**  
**Today's Church**  
**McAfee School of Theology,**  
**Mercer University, Atlanta**  
The Center for  
Congregational Health offers  
a series of educational events  
leading to certification for  
Intentional Interim Ministry.  
Download brochure [here](#).

**Oct. 20-21**  
**Baptist Women In Ministry**  
**of GA Fall Retreat**  
**"Joining Hands, Joining**  
**Hearts"**  
**McCaysville, GA**  
For more information and to  
register click [here](#).

**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,

learner. Frank Granger, Minister of Education at First Baptist Church of Athens, conducted a session on how to relate to adults in the learning environment and a second session on how to do outreach and "inreach" with adult Sunday school students. Devita Parnell, CBF/GA Associate Coordinator for Congregational Life, conducted a third session titled "From Information to Transformation." This session focused on creating not just a learning environment, but an environment for spiritual growth.

Academy participants were literally "transformed" from their previous state of mind focusing on learning/teaching techniques to a spirit of worship and self awareness. One participant made this comment: "I have never learned so much in such a short time. All the sessions were right on target with what we need as teachers of adults." The Teacher's Academy weekend culminated on Sunday morning with a brunch for all adult Sunday school classes. Karen Massey, Assistant Professor of Christian Education at McAfee School of Theology, spoke to the joint group on "The Bible and How It Relates to Our Everyday Lives." Sunday school teachers were recognized with a small gift from Mt. Zion Church then commissioned during the worship service that followed.

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### **CBF/GA Encourages Churches to Build** **Relationships with neighboring** **Jewish and Islamic Congregations**

One simple way a congregation can begin to build a friendship with a neighboring Jewish congregation is to send greetings during their holy days. Jewish congregations will celebrate Rosh Ha Shanah and Yom Kippur on September 23 and 24. Below you will find a link to a sample letter that your church to send to its local Rabbi and Jewish congregations

[Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur letter.](#)

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## **In Other News**

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### **Cindy Dawson to Lead Global Women**



Cindy Dawson pictured above.

From Dorothy Sample,

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 Missions Coordinator, and Bill Underwood, Mercer University President.  
For more information, visit [www.cbfga.org](http://www.cbfga.org).

**Nov. 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](mailto:valerie@alabamacbf.org).

**Nov. 12-15**  
**Youth Worker Summit Walt Disney World® Resort Lake Buena Vista, FL**  
[www.youthworkersummit.org/](http://www.youthworkersummit.org/).

**Nov. 18**  
**Denton Lotz Speaking Engagement Religious Life Center, Mercer University, Macon**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Baptist World Alliance General Secretary will speak on gospel work around the globe, cooperation among Baptist and other Christian organizations, and the missions and evangelism road ahead. You will be inspired, uplifted, and

President of Global Women Board

Cindy H. Dawson has been elected as coordinator of Global Women. She will assume duties September 5 at the Global Women office in Birmingham, AL.

Dorothy E. Sample, president of the Global Women board of directors, announced Dawson's selection by the directors. "Cindy brings us a wealth of experience, a missions heart, and a passion for the vision of Global Women," Sample said.

Global Women was organized December 1, 2001, as an international network focusing Christian ministry towards women in need.

Dawson and her husband Frank served eight years with the Romany (Gypsy) ministry team of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. They lived in Moscow. Cindy Dawson managed the team office, set up conferences and ministry events from London to Siberia, organized a concert choir of international missionaries, and directed music for Hinkson Christian Academy, a school for children of missionaries.

Click [here](#) for complete article.

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## Baptist Clergy Join Fight Against Global Poverty



Children gather around the table at a children's camp in Wisla, Poland.  
Photo from [EthicsDaily.com](http://EthicsDaily.com).

By Bob Allen,  
Managing Editor [EthicsDaily.com](http://EthicsDaily.com)

Dear Baptist Clergy:

Global poverty produces chronic hunger, ill health, high child mortality, gender inequality, unsafe drinking water, and the lack of educational opportunities. In turn, these maladies breed even more poverty, marring the image of God in an unfathomable number of human beings and keeping them from experiencing the goodness of God's creation.

Global poverty doesn't result from silence in American pulpits on this issue. Congregants hear their preachers address the issue. In fact, a July 2006 Pew Research Center survey found that 92

challenged!

**Dec. 29-Jan. 02  
Antiphony  
“Call and Response”  
Hyatt Regency, Atlanta**  
A conference for university  
and graduate students.  
For more information, visit  
[www.antiphonyonline.org](http://www.antiphonyonline.org).

## 2007

**Jan. 8-10  
Spiritual Formation  
Regional Pastors' Retreat  
Ignatius House  
Atlanta, GA**  
To register visit [the  
fellowship](#).  
For information, email  
[rbennett@thefellowship.info](mailto: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**  
For more information contact  
Huey Bridgman at  
706-561-6638 or  
[hbridgman@knology.net](mailto:hbridgman@knology.net);  
or Jim Ross at 706-342-2177  
or [jross2@aol.com](mailto:jross2@aol.com).

**Jan. 26-27  
“Festival by the Sea”  
An Adult Choir Festival  
Charleston, SC**  
For more information,  
download the  
[attached flyer](#) or visit  
[www.choirfestivals.org](http://www.choirfestivals.org)  
to learn more about this  
and other festivals.

percent of Americans report that they hear their clergy speak out on hunger and poverty. Far more church members hear messages about hunger and poverty than any other issue.

Yet global poverty remains an entrenched, widespread, debilitating reality.

Because Christians in general and Baptists in particular know that caring for the poor and hungry is a moral imperative, what will we do in the face of so much human suffering?

Click [here](#) for complete article and to join with other Baptist clergy in support of the Micah Challenge.

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## **Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond School of Christian Ministry offers Online Course: Technology in Ministry**

By Kim Siegenthaler  
SCM Director

RICHMOND – The School of Christian Ministry at BTSR offers the 4-week online course Oct. 2-29, 2006. *Technology in Ministry* will examine options for using Web technology for congregational education and discipleship. Participants will 1) learn what resources are available that their congregation can use even if the church doesn't have a web site, technologically oriented staff, or lots of money to spend; 2) explore and analyze available Web-based learning options and discuss their application to various congregational settings; 3) examine pre-packaged and “build your own” resources; and 4) discuss topics such as content, cost, format, interactivity, and adaptability.

The online course materials and discussion forums are Internet-based and accessible anytime, from anywhere. Participants engage in thought-provoking Q&A and discussion with class members and the instructor via threaded discussion forums. Registration for the course is \$100. **Scholarships are available to cover 50% of the registration fee.** For more information or to register, contact Lisa McGehee, 888-339-2877 (toll free) or [lmcgehee@btsr.edu](mailto:lmcgehee@btsr.edu).

Learn more about the [School of Christian Ministry's purpose and vision](#).

For more information call Kim Siegenthaler at 1-888-339-2877 or email [ksiegenthaler@btsr.edu](mailto:ksiegenthaler@btsr.edu).

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## **CBF Global Missions field personnel in Bangkok safe as political situation destabilizes**

Click [here](#) for article.

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

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

**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](http://www.nowserving.org)  
or email [dparnell@cbfga.org](mailto: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](http://www.current.org) Website.

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

Speaker: Tom Long  
For more information, email  
[frazier\\_d@mercer.edu](mailto: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

## CBF Scholarship Recipients

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### 2006-2007 CBF Leadership Scholars

Eighty students at eleven Cooperative Baptist Fellowship partner schools, institutions that have expressed a common mission of training Baptist leaders for congregations, received a scholarship from CBF National for the 2006-2007 academic year. The following are recipients either studying in Georgia seminaries or from Georgia studying in other CBF partner schools.

*Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond*  
Sam Duenckel

*Candler School of Theology*  
Michael Goodman  
Erin Hall  
Brad Jackson  
Chad McGinnis

*McAfee School of Theology*  
Lauren Colwell  
Rebekah Duke  
Daniel Harrell  
Allison Hicks  
Jeff Howard  
Gigi Kerr  
Jennifer McClung  
Cody Sanders  
Eric Wickman

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### 2006-2007 CBF/GA Scholarship Recipients

CBF/GA awards scholarships annually to seminary and undergraduate students at the junior level. Recipients must be connected to a CBF/GA contributing congregation prior to their studies or during their studies. Recipients will be presented during the CBF/GA Fall Convocation on Sunday evening, November 5, at First Baptist Church of Christ, Macon.

*Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond*  
Samuel Duenckel

*Candler School of Theology*  
Jeff Davis  
Michael Goodman  
Beth Parlier

*Georgia Southern University*  
Josh Caldwell

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](mailto: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](mailto:frazier_d@mercer.edu).

**March 23-25**  
**March Mission Madness**  
A mission weekend for youth.  
For more information, email  
[robertscottford@mac.com](mailto:robertscottford@mac.com).

**April 30-May 02**  
**Session 4**  
**Young Leader's Program**  
**Thomasville, NC**  
For more information visit the  
[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,**

*McAfee School of Theology*

Clayton Davis  
Gigi Kerr  
Gail Liebman  
Darryl Mathis  
Joel Mills  
Daniel Nance  
Justin Nelson  
Beth Pirkle  
Tom Pitts  
Greg Smith  
Jan Thompson

*Truett Seminary*  
Martha Kate Berry  
Jeremy Echols

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## Missions Opportunities

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### Mission Musings with James and Robbie Francovich



### Saturday, September 23 First Baptist Church 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/GA 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 [pastorf@bellsouth.net](mailto:pastorf@bellsouth.net). Childcare available upon request.

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**Hurricane Katrina Victims Still Need Your Help**

**Savannah**

Date and time to be announced.

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

University Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and CBF/MS have been working to help get the folks of Pearlinton, MS, back into homes since Katrina all but wiped out this small community. We have helped with the reconstruction of many homes, have finished one, and have several others under construction. We desperately need volunteer teams who can spend at least a week in Pearlinton so we can get these folks back into homes before winter.

Accommodations - we have two large air conditioned rooms - with cots which will accommodate about thirty people each. There are also six air conditioned sea-huts, with cots which will accommodate about sixteen people each. There are showers nearby, laundry facilities, eating facilities, and portable toilets. Volunteers would need to bring their own pillows, sheets, towels, and tools for building if possible. The more help we get, the sooner we can get these folks back into homes. To volunteer contact Nell at 601-310-5599 or Charles Holmes at 601-301-2323.

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## Reference and Referral

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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/GA  
POB 4343  
Macon GA 31208-4343

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## New Events for Your Calendar

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“Joining Hands, Joining Hearts”  
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McCaysville, GA**

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November 18**





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