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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.

Please note the McAfee School of Theology Alumni and Friends Luncheon,
which was scheduled for Monday, Nov. 6 at 12 noon, has been cancelled.

For additional information including schedule, hotel options, and speaker
biographies, click [here](#).

Fall Convocation Advertisement Pieces NOW AVAILABLE!

Click the links below to download.

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New Laity Network at Fall Convocation

Calling all active CBF of Georgia laity!! Join the Laity Network Gathering during the 2006 Fall Convocation on Sunday, November 5, at 5:00 p.m. This network is the beginning of a state-wide advisory group to CBF of Georgia. We are interested in hearing "back" from laity regarding the state of CBF/GA on the local level, as well as encouraging laity to become advocates for CBF in their congregations. A complimentary BBQ dinner will be served. See you there!

Calendar

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
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,

Network Gatherings at Fall Convocation

The following Network Gatherings will take place during the 2006 Fall Convocation on Sunday, November 5, at 5:00 p.m. A complimentary BBQ dinner will be served.

Chaplaincy Network
Children's Ministry Network
Christian Educator's Network
Laity Network
Music Ministry Network
Pastors' Network
Student Ministry Network

CBF/GA News



Associate Coordinator for Missions

The CBF of Georgia is accepting resumes for the position of Associate Coordinator for Missions. Qualified candidates must have an abiding commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and to sharing the Gospel with all people; a commitment to Baptist principles as embraced and practiced by the CBF of Georgia; and excellent skills in communication, leadership, administration, and team-building. Applicants must possess a Master of Divinity (or equivalent), two years or more experience in a related field, and a willingness to relocate to the Macon area. Resumes will be accepted until January 31, 2007. Send resumes via email attachments to ershaupt@bellsouth.net AND to spowell@cbfga.org or mail to Search Committee, CBF of Georgia, P. O. Box 4343, Macon, GA 31208.

For more information visit www.cbfga.org.

Hot Off the Press!! CBF/GA Newsletter



Click [here](#) to view the October/November 2006 Issue of *Visions*.

Director of Missions, Union Baptist Association,
Monroe, NC.

For more information, visit
[Mercer's calendar of events.](#)

Nov. 6

**Coordinating Council Meeting
CBF/GA Fall Convocation
Chapel, First Baptist Church
of Christ, Macon
12 noon**

Nov. 5-6

**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.

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.

Nov. 12-15

**Youth Worker Summit
Walt Disney World® Resort
Lake Buena Vista, FL
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

11-on-11 in Georgia



On September 16, 2006, young Baptists gathered in sixteen locations across the southeast to work on mission sites for 11-on-11, a one-day mission event sponsored by *Current* in remembrance of September 11, 2001. This year, several sites were held in Georgia, including one in Macon that I participated in.

The site in Macon was led by Jason Loscuito and consisted of about ten students from the Cooperative Student Fellowship of Mercer University. Through Rebuilding Together, Macon, we worked to paint the bedroom of a local woman who has been undergoing chemotherapy. We started the day with a short devotion, then dived into the work of moving furniture, cleaning, painting, trimming, and moving furniture again. When we finished the bedroom, we moved outside to help a different group that was painting the entire exterior of the house. There were a few mishaps, of course, but overall the day went well and we all had a lot of fun. This was the first chance for me and some fellow students to serve in the Macon community together, and it was a great success.

Alysha Keyser
CBF/GA Student Intern

Resources

Smyth & Helwys announces media-connected youth Bible study resource

MACON, Georgia – September 19, 2006 – Smyth & Helwys today announced the launch of youth *Quickpak* Bible studies. The studies are designed for quick preparation, and include media connections that help leaders involve movie clips, music, and other media in their teaching.

Quickpak Bible studies are also designed to be modular,

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.

2007

Jan. 8-10

Spiritual Formation Regional

Pastors’ Retreat

Ignatius House

Atlanta

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

For more information contact

Huey Bridgman at

706-561-6638 or

hbridgman@knology.net

or Jim Ross at 706-342-2177 or

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

to learn more about this

and other festivals.

Jan. 29-31

Session 3

allowing leaders to use related studies in any sequence, or to use only the particular studies they need. Even though *QuickPaks* are grouped by theme, each session is designed to stand alone. The first *QuickPaks* include: *The Emotional Roller Coaster*, *Question Box Volume 1*, *Online Matters*, and *iCare*. A free sample session from *The Emotional Roller Coaster* is available at www.calebscafe.com.

QuickPak Bible studies are designed to help resource youth ministry settings such as Sunday night or Wednesday night Bible study gatherings, as well as retreats or Sunday schools.

For complete article click [here](#).

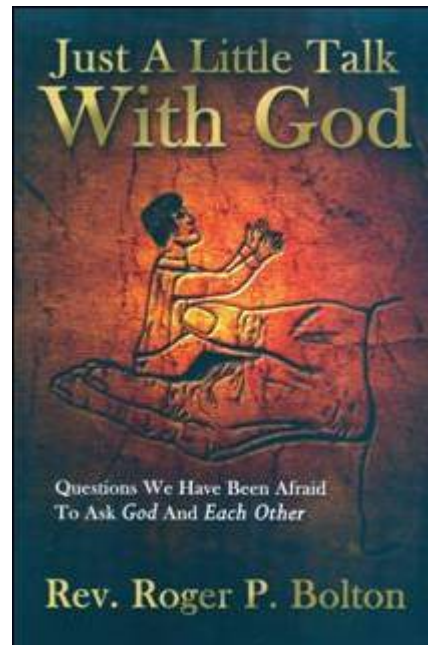
Your Sons and Daughters will Prophecy

A four-week curriculum from the Network for Ministerial Excellence, developed by Tracy Hartman at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond is now available. The curriculum is designed to help churches become more open to calling a woman as pastor.

See the [attached flyer](#) for more information!

Just A Little Talk With God: Questions We Have Been Afraid To Ask God And Each Other

by Rev. Roger P. Bolton



Conyers pastoral counselor and member of Haven Fellowship Church, Roger P. Bolton, authors his first book. The book's

**Young Leader's Program
Thomasville, NC**

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

Feb. 2-3

**Now Serving Atlanta
McAfee School of Theology,
Mercer University, Atlanta**

A 2-day missions event for
college students. Visit
www.now-serving.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](http://www.CurrentWebsite.org) 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

**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**

intention is to help readers realize that it is okay to ask God the tough questions and that through asking the tough questions life can become more meaningful. The book is available from Author House at www.authorhouse.com or 1-888-280-7715. The ISBN number is 1-4259-3607-5.

Mission Opportunities

Share in CBF/GA Visions Newsletter

Part of our next *Visions* Issue will focus on the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. We will do some articles on what our churches have done to assist with the relief efforts. If your church has something to share we hope you will send us a report. Send reports to rhuston@cbfga.org.

CBF Missionaries From Georgia Arrive in Liberia



The following letter has been edited for publication purposes.

Greetings from Balama, Liberia!

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support. We could not have made it to Liberia without your partnership.

We arrived in Monrovia on Wednesday, August 30th, and left Monrovia for Balama on Friday, September 1st. The drive from Monrovia to Balama was 2.5 hours. The road to Balama was recently paved (grid, not American pave) by implementing partners of USAID, which shortened the travel time from 6 hours to 2.5 hours. Special thanks to "Uncle SAM"!

The people of Balama received us with great joy and festivities. The Paramount chief, elders, and Zoes from surrounding villages were all gathered in Balama to await our arrival. We had the opportunity to visit with them and asked how we could help in the reconstruction of the village.

Below are some of the greatest areas of needs the villagers shared with us:

A mission weekend for youth.
Participants will stay at
Rock Eagle Retreat Center.
For more information, visit
www.marchmissionmadness.org.

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
FBC Columbus
A mission weekend for youth.
For more information, visit
www.marchmissionmadness.org.

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
[Register Now!](#)

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,

- A. Staffing of School. The villagers mentioned that they have found teachers from the city who are willing to relocate to Balama to teach, but the village cannot afford to pay the teachers a living wage. According to them, the USAID grant only covers construction costs.
- B. Completion of latrines to serve students and the entire village. The village started a latrine project but has not been able to complete it due to lack of funds to purchase zinc, nails, etc.
- C. Furnishing of School (tables, chairs, etc). If school (classes) should begin by October as anticipated, the students will have to sit on the bare floor.
- D. Allocation of text books. A small stack of books, donated by a kind missionary family serving with the Episcopal Church in Liberia, is all the school has for now.
- E. Construction of Kitchen. The structure was built with sticks and thatch and is to serve as kitchen and cafeteria for the school.

Please begin to pray for Balama and these needs as we seek to be the presence of Christ. The internet server here in Liberia is very slow and unreliable. Once again thank you for your continued prayers and partnership.

Blessings and Peace,

Jessy & Calandra TogbaDoya

To learn more about the Balama Project visit
www.balamaproject.org.

Volunteers needed to continue
Hurricane Katrina restoration efforts

By Carla Wynn, CBF Communications
October 2, 2006

ATLANTA – More than a year after Hurricane Katrina, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship volunteers are still needed in recovery efforts along the Gulf Coast.

In Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, the Fellowship is still engaged in restoration efforts, most involving clean up and construction projects. Volunteers are making a difference, such as the more than 100 volunteers that restored New St. Mark's Missionary Baptist Church, an African American church in New Orleans.

Savannah

The once-damaged church is now holding worship services and offering its worship space for several New Orleans congregations whose buildings are still damaged. Until Dec. 31, the Fellowship hopes to aid in rebuilding several additional churches, including homes of pastors, and these efforts require ample volunteers.

Click [here](#) for full story.

Hurricane Katrina Victims Still Need Your Help

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.

An Invitation to Participate

We are excited about all that God is doing in Miami. We invite you to come join us in being the presence of Christ to the poorest community in Florida in the third poorest city in the country.

Due to the needs of the community, this next summer we are expanding our day camp to two locations and extending the length of camp for an additional two weeks. We need your help as we step out in faith that God will provide for the needs of our community.

Your week in Miami will start with serving the homeless community through leading our Downtown Mission. You will have the opportunity to lead worship, preach, assist in providing clothing, and serving a meal. The remainder of the week your group will have the opportunity to love on children and their parents through our summer day camp, work in a community garden, a community BBQ, and a movie for the homeless community.

Our summer programs run for six weeks from June 10th through August 27th. We are able to utilize groups sizes from 10 to 60 volunteers. Call today to reserve the space for your youth or adult mission team.

In addition, we will have a spring break day camp during the first week of April. We need 1-2 volunteer teams to assist in this ministry.

Touching Miami with Love
305-416-0435
www.touchingmiamiwithlove.org
keri@touchingmiamiwithlove.org

Other Opportunities

COMPANIONS TRAINING EVENT PACKAGES – WE'LL COME TO YOU!

You throw the party (training event) and we'll bring the content. Event packages are available for training on both the 28-week COMPANIONS IN CHRIST and the new WAY OF THE CHILD.

If you are a local church, cluster of churches, or organization, consider an event package. We'll bring everything you need (including leadership) to have a training at your location.

Contact Sharon Conley for more information: E-mail companions@upperroom.org or call 1-877-899-2780 (ext. 7525).

Upcoming Events

Interim Ministry for Today's Church October 16-18 McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, Atlanta

The time between permanent pastors is a critical time for a church. Members often give tirelessly to keep the ministries operating at maximum capacity. Decisions are frequently made about the future direction of the church. The Center for Congregational Health offers a series of educational events leading to certification for Intentional Interim Ministry. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is sponsoring one of these opportunities from October 16-18, 2006, to be held in the McAfee Theology Building, 2nd Floor, Mercer University-Atlanta. For more information download brochure [here](#).

**Youth Worker Summit
November 12-15
Walt Disney World Resort**

The deadline to register is October 13.

If you've got youth workers who need training, encouragement, and/or fellowship for the vital work they do, please keep in mind the Youth Worker's Summit to be held at the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida, November 12-15, 2006. Find out more information at www.youthworkersummit.org. Passport, a CBF partner, is playing co-host to this event that is an opportunity for "intimate worship and serious conversation," according to David Burroughs, Passport President. Mark Yaconnelli, founder of the Youth Ministry Spirituality, Project will be the main speaker.

**Denton Lotz Speaking Engagement
November 18**



**Religious Life Center, Mercer University, Macon
10:00 a.m.**

Come hear the Baptist World Alliance General Secretary 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 challenged!

For more information click [here](#) to download the press release.