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CBF/National Appoints Disaster Relief Coordinator



Charles Ray,
Photo compliments of CBF Arkansas

By Carla Wynn, CBF Communications

ATLANTA – The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and CBF of Arkansas have partnered to appoint Charles Ray, of Little Rock, Ark., as the Fellowship's first coordinator for U.S.-based disaster response.

Ray begins as national disaster response coordinator Jan. 1, 2007.

The two-year position was created through a partnership between CBF and CBF of Arkansas, who are jointly funding the position. Other state and regional CBF organizations are funding operational expenses for the position.

To read the full story click [here](#).

Now Available on the CBF/GA Website

View pictures from
CBF/GA 2006 Fall Convocation

Calendar

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. 13

**The Way of the Child
One-day Training Event
First Baptist Church, Griffin**
For more information download
the [event flyer](#).

Jan.14

**First Annual Georgia Youth
Choir Concerts
An initiative of CBF/GA and
the Townsend-McAfee
Institute, Mercer University
11:00 a.m. – FBC Griffin
6:00 p.m. – Briarcliff Baptist
Church, Atlanta**

For more information contact
Devita Parnell at
dparnell@cbfga.org.

Jan. 16

**Coordinating Council Meeting
CBF/GA office, Macon
10:00 a.m.**

Jan. 26-27

**2007 Retreat for
Moderate Ministers
and Spouses**

on the CBF/GA website

click the direct link below to view the pictures
[2006 Fall Convocation Photos](#)

December '06/January '07 Visions Newsletter



Click [here](#) to view.

Visit www.cbfga.org to find information on Congregational Life, Reference and Referral, view past newsletters, and find resources.

A Message from the Coordinator

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will begin work on December 11, 2006. We will need to fill six regular council positions and two student representatives. If you have someone to nominate please send us his/her name, church and contact information.

Individuals who serve on the council must either contribute to CBF/GA or be a member of a church that does. We want individuals who are committed to Christ and who feel strongly about helping CBF/GA serve individuals and churches. It is important that the persons nominated be able to attend the five yearly council meetings. It is also helpful if they have access to email since a good bit of our committee work is done over the internet. Submit nominations by emailing Frank Broome at fbroome@cbfga.org.

Lait Network

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 jeross2@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
Young Leader's Program
Thomasville, NC
For more information, visit [Center for Congregational Health](#).

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 or email dparnell@cbfga.org for more information.

Feb. (Exact date TBA)
Baptist/Jewish
Dialogue and Dinner
Temple Emanuel, Atlanta
6:00 p.m.
Sponsored by CBF/GA and the American Jewish Committee Atlanta Chapter.
Contact Devita Parnell at dparnell@cbfga.org.

Feb. 7-10
Current Retreat
"Let Justice Roll"
First Baptist Church of Austin,
TX
Registration cost \$110 for ministers and lay leaders, \$55

CBF/GA is establishing 12 laity networks around the state. If you are interested in representing your church email Frank Broome at fbroome@cbfga.org.

Vocational Opportunities



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 ershauf@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.

Mission Opportunities

Volunteers for China

Volunteers for China's mission opportunities for Summer programs for May, July, and August have been posted on the website (visit www.volunteersforchina.org). Opportunities for College students are available for a two-week project in May and a three- or five-week project in July/August. Volunteers, both college students and adults who want to teach oral English, have opportunities during the month of July and maybe into the month of August. Volunteers for China will try to place anyone at anytime he/she wants to serve. Just ask! If you would like a program summary emailed to you email David and Ann Wilson at cen29529@centurytel.net or call 865-983-9852.

Upcoming Events

The Way of The Child One-day Training Event

January 13, 2007
First Baptist Church, Griffin

This one-day training event will prepare leaders to help children ages 6-11 explore their spirituality and deepen their awareness of God's presence in their lives.

for seminary students. For more information, visit the [Current](#) Website.

Feb. 19-20
Self Preaching Lectures
McAfee School of Theology,
Mercer University, Atlanta
Speaker: Tom Long
For more information, email frazier_d@mercer.edu.

Feb. 26-March 1
Youth Ministers Retreat
Beach Cove Resort
North Myrtle Beach, SC
A retreat for "Rest and Renewal" sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina. For more information download the brochure [here](#).

March 5-8
True Survivor VII
Scarritt-Bennett Center,
Nashville, TN
A Christian Educators' conference and training event. Featuring Kyle Matthews and Kate Campbell. The cost is \$75 per participant. For more information download the brochure [here](#).

March 9
Coordinating Council Meeting
CBF/GA General Assembly
Smoke Rise Baptist Church,
Stone Mountain
Time to be announced.

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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
A mission weekend for youth.

Download the event flyer for more information.
[The Way of The Child flyer](#)

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Financial Picture

2006-2007 Year to Date
June 1-November 30, 2006

Budget Requirement..... \$ 349,214.04
Undesignated Receipts.... \$ 269,506.74
Over/<Under>.....\$ (79,707.30)
Designated Receipts..... \$ 32,225.61

Deepest Sympathy

CBF/GA extends our deepest sympathy to Doug Ivey, Pastor of The Oaks Traditional Baptist Church, and family at the loss of his father, Marion C. Ivey, Sr.

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 16
“Growing Generous Churches,
Growing Generous Christians”
Religious Life Center, Mercer
University, Macon

A free, one-day, ecumenical
conference featuring Lynn Miller,
Stewardship Theologian. Co-
sponsored by The Center for
Baptist Studies, Mercer
University, Congregational Life,
CBF/National, CBF Foundation,
and CBF/GA.

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 or 5
Coordinating Council Meeting
CBF/GA Fall Convocation
First Baptist Church,
Savannah**
Date and time to be announced.

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