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**2006
Calendar of Events**

**'06-'07 Institute for
Preaching and Pastoral
Renewal**

Candler School of Theology

A year-long program of
continuing education for
clergy that involves three
phases.

Email ocme@emory.edu or
call 404-727-0714 for
additional information.

Cooperative Baptist
Fellowship of Georgia
2006 General
Assembly

featuring
Jim Dant
Pastor, Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia.
Author of *Background Music: Notes to my Daughter*,
and *1&2 Samuel: Surviving the Tensions of Life*

assembly theme
"All Cracked Up"
"Promised Land – Not All It's Cracked Up to Be"
"Grace – More Than It's Cracked Up to Be"

March 3-4
Beginning 12:00 noon, March 3
Concluding 12:00 noon, March 4

First Baptist Church of Athens
355 Pulaski St. · Athens, GA 30601-2860

Child care provided

Housing
Holiday Inn Express, 513 W. Broad Street, Athens, GA 30603,
(706) 546-8122/(800) 465-4329
CBF/GA room rate: \$79.00*
Holiday Inn, 197 E. Broad Street, Athens, GA 30603,
(706) 549-4433/(800) 465-4329
CBF/GA room rate: \$89.00*
* Mention CBF/GA to receive special rates. Deadline for reservations:
Feb. 22

Information:
CBF of Georgia Office
(478) 742-1191, ext. 21
Toll-free (877) 336-6426
fbroome@cbfga.org

**Missions
Opportunities & Updates**

Conference on the Missional Church

Jan. 23-25 FULL
 (Please see other locations)
Spiritual Formation
Regional Retreat
 Montreat Conference Center
 Montreat, NC

Other locations: Texas, April 3-5; Kentucky, Sept. 11-13; Atlanta at a date to be determined. To register visit [the fellowship](#). For information email [Rick Bennett](#) or call 770- 220-1605.

Feb. 4
Now Serving: Atlanta 2006
 9:00 am – 7:30 pm
 Mercer University, Atlanta
 Sponsored by McAfee School of Theology and CBF of Georgia. Cost of \$5 includes meals and t-shirt. Visit [Now Serving](#) for details.
 Registration Deadline:
January 18th.
 Contact [Ryan Clark](#) or [Devita Parnell](#) for more information.

Feb. 6
Conference on the
Missional Church
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
(Lunch Provided)
CBF/GA Macon Office
 Email [Jimmy Lewis](#) for reservations or additional information.

February 6-7
William L. Self Preaching
Lectures
McAfee School of Theology
 For information and reservations please call Diane Frazier at 678-547-6470.

Feb. 8-9
Dr. Henry Mugabe's
Visit to Macon
 Sponsored by CBF/GA, The Christianity Department (Mercer), The office of the Minister to the University (Mercer), The Center for Baptist Studies (Mercer), Vineville Baptist Church (Macon), and First Baptist Church of Christ of Macon.

Feb. 6
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
(Lunch Provided)
CBF/GA Macon Office

Bo Prosser (photo below), Coordinator for Congregational Life, CBF National, will conduct the conference for pastors, staff members, and laity. If you plan to attend, please make a reservation. Email Jimmy Lewis for reservations or additional information. Click on this link if you would like additional information on the [CBF National Missional Church Initiative](#).



The "Missional Church" is one of the most challenging concepts in congregational leadership today. The Missional Church is more a journey than a destination; it is more about passion than program. Attending this training event, you will...

- 1) Examine a working definition of the Missional Church and develop your own working definition.
- 2) Hear some of the indicators of a Missional Church and how to spot these in your congregation.
- 3) Learn how to challenge your congregation to join in the Missional journey.
- 4) Embrace the concepts of "ambiguity" and "both/and."
- 5) Discover tools and resources for integrating the Missional Church concepts in your church.
- 6) Have fun in the discovery process.
- 7) Go home challenged to implement some things immediately.



Touching Taliaferro With Love is a partnership with churches, the city of Crawfordville, Taliaferro County, local businesses, and individuals. It has taken a concerted effort over the past two years with all of these partnerships to receive the necessary permits to construct a driveway onto the property in Crawfordville. The pictures tell the story! These photos show the construction and the cooperation necessary to achieve this undertaking. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Elroy Fowler (center in photo) for his hard work in performing the engineering. A special thanks to Mr. Charles Ware, Chairman of Taliaferro County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Ware, who owns a construction business, donated materials, equipment, and his time to the construction. Several county employees and volunteers, such as Tony Buesing (left in photo) and Brad Tyson (right in photo), also donated their time and talents to the construction.

Dr. Mugabe is the president of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Zimbabwe. For information email [Bruce T. Gourley](mailto:Bruce.T.Gourley) or call 478-301-5467.

**Feb. 8-11
streams
Current Retreat**

FBC Decatur
For more information, visit [Current](#).

**Feb. 20-23
'06 Youth Ministers
Retreat for Rest & Renewal**
Sponsored by CBF/NC
Beach Cove Resort
North Myrtle Beach, SC
John Hendrix, worship leader
Email [CBF/NC](#) or call 1-888-822-1944 for information. Registration deadline is **January 18th**.

**March 3-4
CBF/GA General Assembly**
First Baptist Church of Athens
Guest preacher: Jim Dant

**March 6-8
True Survivor VI, Daniel Island (Charleston), SC**
A training event for all Christian Educators and age group ministers.
Cost is \$50 per person.
Email [Toni Draper](#) or call 770-220-1654 for information.
To register visit [True Survivor](#).

**March 8-9
Children's Ministries
Network Retreat**
Providence Baptist Church, Daniel Is. (Charleston), SC
Cost is \$25 per participant.
Email [Cathy Anderson](#) or [Tricia Hays](#) for information.
To register visit [True Survivor](#).

March 15 DEADLINE
Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia
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Visit [CBF/National](#) for additional missions opportunities.

[Offering for Global Missions 2005-06](#)

Important Deadlines Approaching

Now Serving: Atlanta 2006

9:00 AM – 7:30 PM on Feb. 4

Deadline to register - January 18

Visit www.nowserving.org for details.

NOW SERVING is a one day mission experience sponsored by McAfee School of Theology and CBF/GA. College students from Georgia are invited to the McAfee campus to engage in different ministries and service sites in the city. The day begins with breakfast on campus before heading out to sites and concludes with dinner and worship.

March Mission Madness

Deadline to register - January 31

Visit www.marchmissionmadness.org for details.

March Mission Madness is an annual weekend missions retreat sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia and attended by church youth groups and their adult chaperones.

Opportunities

**Current 's
Seventh Annual Retreat**

Feb. 8-11, 2006
First Baptist Church Decatur
308 Clairemont Avenue
Decatur, Georgia 30030

The retreat begins Wednesday evening and concludes Friday evening. Registration is \$110 and includes breakfast and dinner on Thursday and Friday. *Current* is the Fellowship's young leaders network. If you are a young Baptist leader in any area of ministry or someone who works as congregational minister with younger generations of Baptists, the annual retreat can provide you opportunities for networking, education and

YEAR AWARD

Visit the [CBF/GA](#) website and scroll down to Opportunities for details.

Mail all nominations to:
Nikki Hardeman, c/o First Baptist Church,
P.O. Box 1189, Rome, GA
30162-1189.

**March 15 Deadline
Sara Owen Etheridge
Scholarship Award**

Each year Georgia Baptist Women in Ministry awards \$500 to a Baptist woman who is currently studying at the Master's or Doctoral level. To receive the scholarship the student must be a current or past resident of Georgia and have completed at least 30 hours in a theological studies program. Applicants may attend a Baptist or non-Baptist institution. The scholarship will be awarded at the Georgia BWIM Spring Meeting on Saturday, April 22. For more information or to receive an application, please email [Carrie Veal](#) or call 770-534-7354.

March 17-19**March Mission Madness**

First Baptist Church of Warm Springs

March 20-22

**Interim Ministry for
Today's Church
Mercer University Atlanta
Campus**

Sponsored by CBF-
Congregational Life
[To register click here.](#) For
information email [Robin
Danner](#)

Or call 336-716-9722
Deadline: Feb. 20
Cost for materials/tuition
\$95.00.

March 24-26**March Mission Madness**

First Baptist Church of
Morrow
MMM is an Annual Weekend

renewal. For more information, visit [Current](#).

**William L. Self Preaching Lectures
February 6-7**

McAfee School of Theology

Featuring Dr. Brian L. Harbour, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richardson, Texas, and well-known author and lecturer. Theme of lectures: "The Context of Preaching."

Lecture Schedule:

Lecture 1: Monday, February 6 at 2:00 PM

The Cultural Context: "Doing Kingdom Work in a Time of Change"

Lecture 2: Monday, February 6 at 7:00 PM

The Congregational Context: "The Shadow of a Listening People"

Lecture 3: Tuesday, February 7, at 10:45 AM

The Pastoral Context: "The Life of the Pastor"

The lectures will be held in the Cecil B. Day Hall on Mercer's Atlanta campus, and there will be a dinner in the Trustee Dining Hall at 6:00 PM on Monday. To make a reservation for the dinner (\$20), please call Diane Frazier at 678-547-6470.

Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, will host one of two national introductions of **Beams of Heaven: The Hymns of Charles Albert Tindley**, a book and CD compilation of the hymns and poetry of Charles Albert Tindley. This event, tied to Black History Month includes a special worship service and lecture/discussion on Wed., Feb 8, 2006, starting at 11:00 AM in Cannon Chapel on the Emory campus. James Abbington, associate professor of music and worship at Candler and one of the major contributors to the book and CD, will provide leadership. Other guests include Carlton "Sam" Young, emeritus professor of church music at Candler, and S. T. Kimbrough, associate general secretary for mission evangelism at the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries.

Tindley (1865-1933), a self-educated son of slave parents, writer, poet, pastor, theologian, and social activist, gave voice to the cries and hope of his generation in his sermons and his songs. He is known as the "father of African American hymnody", "progenitor of African American gospel music," and "prince of preachers." His words and music have endured the test of time and will be honored in this new songbook with CD demonstrating all the musical genres into which Tindley's work has been translated. For additional information, please visit the Candler website at [candler.emory.edu](#).

The Baptist History and Heritage Society, in cooperation with the H. Franklin Paschall Chair of Biblical Studies and Preaching at Belmont University, Nashville, Tennessee, invites you to participate in the fourth annual **Baptist Heritage Preaching Contest**.

Sermon manuscripts must be turned in by February 15, 2006, and winners will be announced by April 1. The first-place winner will be invited to attend the Baptist History and Heritage Society's annual meeting in Washington, DC, to deliver the sermon.

Missions Retreat sponsored by the CBF/GA. Visit the new [MMM website](#) or email [Scott Ford](#) or call 770-860-0473 for information.

**May 4-5
The University Campus:
Tomorrow's Moderate
Baptists**

First Baptist Church of Decatur
Begins 1:30 PM (May 4)
Concludes 12 noon (May 5)
Co-sponsored by the Center for Baptist Studies, CBF National, and CBF/GA. Email [Devita Parnell](#) or [Bruce T. Gourley](#) for information.

**June 11-16
June 18-23
Touching Taliaferro With
Love (TTWL) Day Camp**
For additional information email [Jimmy Lewis](#).

**June 22-23
CBF-National
General Assembly**
Georgia World Congress Center
Atlanta, GA
Visit [the fellowship](#) website to pre-register.

**June 25-28
Summer Retreat for
Vocational Formation
"Tapestry"**
Intricately Woven--
Wonderfully Made
(Psalm 139)
A vocational formation retreat for high school juniors and seniors.
Contacts:
Beth Kennett
Ph.: 336-227-0287
OR
[Dawn M. Hall](#)
Ph.: 336-716-0459

**June 26-30
TTWL Baseball Camp**
For additional information email [Jimmy Lewis](#).

**June 28-July 01
PASSPORTkids!**

Awards:

1. The following awards will be given:
\$400 first prize
\$300 second prize
\$200 third prize
2. Travel expense (up to \$1,000) will be provided for the first-prize winner to receive the award.
3. The award-winning sermon(s) will be posted on Belmont's and the Baptist History and Heritage Society's Web sites.
4. All three winners will receive a plaque.
5. The first-place winner will receive a 1-year membership in the Baptist History and Heritage Society.
6. The first-place winner will receive a complimentary registration to the Baptist History and Heritage Society annual meeting.

Contact Pam Durso for guidelines and additional information.

[Pam Durso](#)
Associate Director
Baptist History and Heritage Society
P. O. Box 728
Brentwood, TN 37024-0728
615-371-7937

Interim Ministry for
Today's Church

Tuition

Room and Board

3/20/2006 - 3/22/2006
Atlanta, GA
[Register](#)

\$95

This event is sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and will be held on the campus of Mercer University in Atlanta, Georgia. We will begin at 2:00 PM on March 20, 2006 and end at 12:00 PM on March 22, 2006. Registration deadline is February 20, 2006. Housing for this event is the responsibility of the participant. We suggest the Hampton Inn at 3400 Northlake Parkway, NE in Atlanta (770-493-1966) as it is located near the campus.

Vocational Opportunities

**Youth Ministry Intern
First Baptist Church
P.O. Box 908
Griffin, GA 30224**

For information contact [Hambric Brooks](#), Minister to Students, ph 770-227-5517, fax: 770-412-7873 or send resumes to the church address listed above.

**Senior Pastor
First Baptist Church
St. Simons Island, GA**

Wesleyan College
Macon, GA
Visit [PASSPORTkids!](#)

Sept. 24-26
2006 Mercer Preaching
Consultation
King & Prince Resort
St. Simons Island, GA
Visit the [Mercer website](#) for
details as they are finalized.

Resumes should be submitted before January 31, 2006, to Pastor Search Team - FBCSSI, 729 Ocean Blvd., St. Simons Island, GA 31522 or email dona@fbcssi.org.

REFERENCE AND REFERRAL WORKSHOP at the CBF/GA 2006 General Assembly in Athens, March 3-4. The purpose of this workshop will be to better equip both Ministers seeking Churches and Churches seeking Ministers. For more information email [Alan Mitchell](#).

IN the NEWS

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