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Calendar

## Will You Help?

Greetings,

A little over two years ago Bannister Creek Church was planted by CBF/GA in Cumming. We are still very much a mission and seeking to be the presence of Christ in our growing community. My husband and I have enjoyed both the hard labor and the joy of first fruits as church planters. As the summer months approach I would like your church to consider a **missions giving opportunity: please give a portion of your Vacation Bible School Offering to help provide a VBS for Bannister Creek Church.** We are not requesting that you give from your mission's budget, but that the offerings given during VBS go toward our missions outreach in our community.

Whatever help you and your church can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Peace to You-

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## Special Letter of Invitation to The China Bible Exhibit

A significant event is going to take place in Georgia in just a couple of weeks that is too good to miss! The Church of China is bringing a major exhibit to Atlanta May 19-24. Through the Bible Ministry Exhibition, the Church of China will share their witness of the miraculous work that God has and continues to do in China. President Jimmy Carter, who played a major role in the reopening of the Church in China and in negotiation with Deng Xiaoping for allowing Bibles to

**May 4-5**

**The University Campus:  
Tomorrow's Moderate Baptists**

First Baptist Church of Decatur

Begins 1:30 p.m. (May 4)

Concludes 12 noon (May 5)

Co-sponsored by the Center for Baptist  
Studies, CBF/National,  
and CBF/GA. Email

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for information.

To register visit:

([www.centerforbaptiststudies.org/  
conferences/registration.htm](http://www.centerforbaptiststudies.org/conferences/registration.htm)).

Directions to First Baptist Decatur

Recommended Hotels

([www.centerforbaptiststudies.org/  
conferences/hotels.htm](http://www.centerforbaptiststudies.org/conferences/hotels.htm))

**May 19-24**

**Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Atlanta, GA**

**Fellowship partners to bring  
Bible in China exhibition to U.S.**

Admission to the exhibition is free.

For more on the Atlanta schedule,

visit [www.bibleexhibitatl.org](http://www.bibleexhibitatl.org)

or call 404-591-4346.

**June 1 - 3**

**Baptist History and  
Heritage Society Annual Meeting  
Washington, DC**

Visit [Baptist History and Heritage Society](http://www.baptisthistory.org/annualmeeting.htm)

([www.baptisthistory.org/annualmeeting.htm](http://www.baptisthistory.org/annualmeeting.htm))

for additional information.

**June 11-16**

**June 18-23**

**Touching Taliaferro With Love (TTWL) Day  
Camp**

For additional information email

[Jimmy Lewis](mailto:Jimmy.Lewis@cbfqa.org)

([jlewis@cbfqa.org](mailto:jlewis@cbfqa.org)).

**June 22-23**

**CBF/National  
General Assembly**

Georgia World Congress Center  
Atlanta, GA

be printed, will open the Exhibit.

CBF has played a major role in the arrangements for this historic event to be held at the Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church on Peachtree Street. The Opening Ceremony is May 19th and the event will run through May 24. The hours are from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Admission is free and so is the ample parking.

Come meet courageous Christian Friends from China as they share their treasures, their stories and their hearts. Each daily schedule will feature live performances by traditional Lisu Ethnic musicians, a concert Erhu (Chinese violin) musician, and a magnificent display of historical Bibles and artifacts, including the personal Bible of the last Empress of the Qing Dynasty.

Check out the website, [www.BibleExhibitATL.org](http://www.BibleExhibitATL.org), for more information. If you are bringing a large group, please make a reservation online so that there will be ample timing for your visit.

Hope to see you there!

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**NOW!**

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**CBF/National  
General Assembly**

**June 22-23**

***Even if you do not need a room!***



**Your Registration Is Needed.**



Visit [the fellowship](http://www.thefellowship.info/)  
([www.thefellowship.info/](http://www.thefellowship.info/))  
to pre-register.

**June 25-28**  
**Summer Retreat for Vocational Formation**  
**“Tapestry”**

([www.healthychurch.org/](http://www.healthychurch.org/))

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](mailto:dmhall@wfubmc.edu)  
([dmhall@wfubmc.edu](mailto:dmhall@wfubmc.edu))  
Ph.: 336-716-0459.

**June 26-30**  
**TTWL Baseball Camp**

For additional information email

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**June 28-July 01**  
**PASSPORTkids!**

Wesleyan College  
Macon, GA

Visit [PASSPORTkids!](http://passport-kids.org)  
(<http://passport-kids.org>).

**July 16-20**  
**SOULfeast 2006**  
**Lake Junaluska, NC**

**August 20-25**  
**CBF Boot Camp for Church Starts**  
**Baptist Theological Seminary**  
**Richmond, VA (BTSR)**

Arrangements for room and board should be  
made through Jim Peak at BTSR. Email  
[jpeak@btsr.edu](mailto:jpeak@btsr.edu) or call 804-204-1230.

**September 11-13**  
**Spiritual Formation Regional Retreat,**  
**Kavanaugh Life Enrichment Center,**  
**Louisville, KY**

To register visit [the fellowship](http://www.thefellowship.info/)  
([www.thefellowship.info/](http://www.thefellowship.info/)).  
For information email [Rick Bennett](mailto:Rick Bennett)




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## In the News

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**[Caleb's Cafe | Part 1: From Moultrie to Monrovia--  
The Beginning](http://www.calebscafe.com/articles/show/61)**

([www.calebscafe.com/articles/show/61](http://www.calebscafe.com/articles/show/61))

by Michael Helms

In March 2006, Michael Helms traveled to Liberia to teach, preach, and help restore the water supply for [Ricks Institute](#), a K-12 grade Baptist school in Virginia, Liberia. Michael is the pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Moultrie, Georgia. This is the first in a 5-part series of journal entries and photos from Michael's experience. Michael's journals and photos offer an insightful and moving look at a part of the world and a people few have a chance to experience.

**Visit the above website for complete article.**

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**Search Committee offers Nash as candidate for  
CBF Global Missions Coordinator**

By Lance Wallace  
CBF Communications



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or call 770- 220-1605.

**Sept. 24-26**  
**2006 Mercer Preaching Consultation**

King & Prince Resort  
St. Simons Island, GA

Visit the [The Center for Baptist Studies, Mercer University](http://www.centerforbaptiststudies.org/)  
([www.centerforbaptiststudies.org/](http://www.centerforbaptiststudies.org/))  
for details.

**Oct. 8-10**  
**Candler School of Theology**  
**Fall Conference**

**"Faith, Politics, and Policy"**

For more information visit

[Candler Fall Conference](http://www.candler.emory.edu/ABOUT/fallconference06/)

([www.candler.emory.edu/ABOUT/fallconference06/](http://www.candler.emory.edu/ABOUT/fallconference06/)).

**Nov. 5 - 6, 2006**  
**CBF/GA Fall Convocation**  
**First Baptist Church of Christ**  
**of Macon**

**Dec. 29, 2006-Jan. 02, 2007**  
**Antiphony**

([www.thesamuelproject.org/](http://www.thesamuelproject.org/))

**2007**

**January 8-10, 2007**  
**Spiritual Formation Regional Retreat**  
**Simpsonwood**  
**Conference Center**  
**Atlanta, GA**

To register visit [the fellowship](http://www.thefellowship.info/)  
([www.thefellowship.info/](http://www.thefellowship.info/)). For information email

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or call 770- 220-1605.

ATLANTA – A former missionary kid with extensive local church ministry experience and highly-regarded academic credentials has been nominated as the candidate to fill the vacant position of Global Missions Coordinator for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

A search committee appointed by the CBF Coordinating Council has offered Robert N. "Rob" Nash, Jr., dean of the school of religion and international studies at Shorter College in Rome, GA, as the candidate for the top administrator post for CBF Global Missions. The Council will vote on the nomination at its next meeting, June 21, in Atlanta. For complete article visit:

[www.thefellowship.info/News/060424nash.icm](http://www.thefellowship.info/News/060424nash.icm).

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## Vocational Opportunities

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**Full-Time Summer Minister To Youth & Children**  
(Summer 2006)

New Heights Baptist Church

158 Lamar Road

Macon, GA 31220

478-757-2240 or 478-731-7837

Duties include: working with the Youth and Children's Councils in preparing and implementing the Youth and Children's program of activities for the Summer of 2006; organizing activities; some Bible teaching; and involving the youth and children in leading worship. Applicant needs to be a self-starter, a hard worker, and someone who enjoys a challenge!

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## Other Opportunities

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**July 16-20**

**[SOULfeast 2006](#)**

**Lake Junaluska, NC**

Featured preacher: Jorge Acevedo

Featured teacher: Stephanie Ford

At **SOULfeast 2006** experience four days of "Sensing the Sacred in All of Life" through worship, workshops, and Sabbath rest. This is the conference for those who hunger for a deepening spirituality. SOULfeast focuses on the central practices of faith and provides rich settings for exploring these practices with new depth. The four days provide a true feast for your soul as you

explore these topics: Christ, Creation, Creativity, Circumstance, and Community. Whether you are clergy or lay, youthful or mature in years, at SOULfeast you will find a wealth of opportunities to grow, learn, play, and rest. You will also gather an abundance of experiences and resources to take back to your local church setting. For details visit [The Upper Room SoulFeast \(www.upperroom.org/soulfeast\)](http://www.upperroom.org/soulfeast).

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### **Sermon Submissions**

**M**any thanks for your sermon submissions for the book *And Your Daughters Shall Prophesy: Sermons by Women in Baptist Life*. I received many sermons related to Old Testament and New Testament texts, but I still need more sermons related to Contemporary Issues (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Earth Day, World Hunger Day, Peace with Justice Sunday, etc.) and sermons related to the church year (Advent, Lent, Pentecost, etc.). If you have sermons you would like to submit in these categories, please do so by **May 15**. Email them to Karen Massey at [massey\\_k@mercer.edu](mailto:massey_k@mercer.edu). I look forward to receiving your submissions.

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## **Resources**

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### **Deacon Ministry Newsletter** **May Edition, 2006**

[thefellowship.info/CL/FF/CMResources/Deacon.icm](http://thefellowship.info/CL/FF/CMResources/Deacon.icm)

By Eddie Hammett, Deacon and Church  
Consultant and Coach, Author of  
Making the Church Work – [www.helwys.com](http://www.helwys.com)

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### **Online Curriculum Support** **Now Free with Teaching Guide**

Smyth & Helwys announced that online curriculum support for dated curriculum no longer requires a subscription for access. Beginning May 2006, online premium support is offered through a new service named Smyth & Helwys Premium. Access to the online content is included free with every new Teaching Guide for Adult Formations, Uniform Series, and Youth Intersection. The Premium content offers teachers additional teaching helps, including extra Bible background materials, a current event illustration tied to the theme of the session, and a variety of other content designed to help set the context of the passage being studied. Teachers will access the Premium content through the new Caleb's Cafe service officially launched in March 2006. Caleb's Cafe

groups give Sunday school classes and other small groups easy-to-use tools for staying in touch, sharing prayer requests, and coordinating activities and schedules. "Sunday school classes continue to be at the heart of most congregations. These groups are the core hubs for Bible study, ministry, and community for many people," explained David Cassady, Executive Vice President & Publisher of Smyth & Helwys. "We are thrilled to be able to combine the quality and depth of our printed Sunday school materials with fresh and relevant online tools. Together with Caleb's Cafe, classes now have powerful tools for learning about the Bible, and for growing as a community."

Contact information:

Smyth & Helwys  
6316 Peake Road  
Macon, GA 31210

<http://www.helwys.com/premium>

478-757-0564

800-747-3016

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