

VISIONS



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Together...Being the Presence of Christ!

Together through the Offering for Global Missions You Help People in the United States and Other Regions

In Bali, being the presence of Christ means sharing the concerns of people's everyday lives. Balinese believer Rus Alit, an individual with vision, felt called to better the lot of his village. With the creative partnership of Rus's wife, Made, and with support from CBF Global Missions and other partners, the vision bloomed.

Rus built a low-tech pump to carry water to the people up the hill. He and Made taught their neighbors to convert animal waste to bio-gas, a free, renewable energy source that helps preserve forests. They worked together with villagers to make concrete for a dependable road that carries their rice and coconuts to market. They helped farmers find ways to expand their lands' sustainable potential through fish and alternative crops. Their unique approaches have grown into the Bali Appropriate Technology Institute, a demonstration center funded in part by Global Missions which now aids the healthy development of villages throughout

Asia. Rus said, "I usually tell people, whatever talent God gave you, use it ... to the best of your ability, use it. That's how we work here."

You can make a direct donation to CBF Global Missions by mail:

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PO BOX 101699
Atlanta, GA 30392

Or you may call CBF at 770-220-1600 for additional information.

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National Goal: \$6,100,000

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Together...

Jesus said... "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Mat. 9:37



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Frankly speaking



past fiscal year.

You will remember the approved process requires strategic collaboration between your CBF State/Regional Organization and CBF Global Missions. We want to encourage you to focus specifically on the "most neglected" as you make plans in your state or region. The ministry among most neglected persons includes such core initiatives as: HIV/AIDS, micro-enterprise development, transformational development (community development), emergency response, and church planting among unevangelized and marginalized people.

The Collaborative Missions funding is not intended for general missions promotion, education, or support. It is designed to help empower your collaborative efforts among the "most neglected."

There are a lot of good reasons to support the Global Missions Offering. The fact that some of the money might be put to work in Georgia is another one. I hope you will do your best to support this offering with you prayers and with your gifts.

—Frank Broome, CBF of Georgia Coordinator

Most of you know that last year the CBF National Coordinating Council responded to a request from a number of state coordinators regarding the Global Missions Offering. We wanted to know if it would be possible for the state organizations to share in the Global Missions offering. The National Council responded affirmatively. A formula was developed that will allow states to share in the offering. We will receive approximately ten percent of the increase in gifts to Global Missions over what was given last year. In 2002 churches in Georgia gave \$689,277.00 to the Global Missions Offering. In 2003 that total was \$767,572.00. This was a \$78,295.00 increase. Therefore, we will have \$7,830.00 available to us. These funds are not automatic. A proposal must be written that meets certain guidelines. A letter from the Global Missions office explains it:

Dear Friends and Co-workers:

We are excited about the shared commitment we all have for the Offering for Global Missions. The Collaborative Missions Funding Process is an important new aspect of our work, and Pat Anderson has communicated with each of you regarding the amount of money available to you as a result of receipts for the

From our moderator

While in Dublin, Ireland, we had the privilege of going to Trinity College to see the Book of Kells, an ancient Latin manuscript of the four Gospels that is magnificently decorated. Painstakingly produced by monks living at the Kells Monastery in the ninth century, the book is now carefully preserved in a darkened room with strict temperature controls, tight security, and limited crowds.

The real treasure, far more precious than a beautiful book, is what is contained inside: the message of God's love in the person of Jesus Christ. That message has been handed down through the centuries from one generation to another, as has the Book of Kells, and



just as that book is now being carefully preserved for future

generations, so must we pass along the message of salvation to those who come after us.

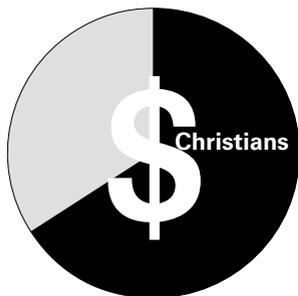
The Book of Kells, in order to survive, must be kept in a closely guarded display case, seen by only a few people at a time, but in order for the beauty of God's love for us to be seen, that Love has to be displayed in our lives, by what we do and what we say. The Book of Kells is seen by many as a lovely work of art, but it is meaningless as God's word unless its truth is (continued to page 3)

Memos from our missions coordinator

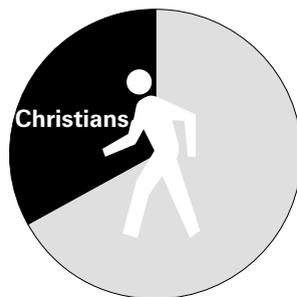


My former ethics professor, Dr. Henlee Barnette, was quoted as saying, “We spend more money on Cokes and coffee and stuff like that than we give to missions. We’ve got to see this thing in terms of a worldview.” It may seem rather strange to read of an ethics professor speaking on missions. This statement was made in a panel discussion, titled “Onward Christian Soldiers? Christian Witness in a Time of Terror,” and was sponsored by the seminary’s Carl F.H. Henry Institute for Evangelical Engagement. Could it be that our missions strategy is an ethical issue? Barnette was one of a diverse group of theologians who always had a prophetic word in a time of the status quo. In this post-9/11 world, Dr. Barnette’s position helps us understand that we are dealing with an ethical issue related to missions. What Christian people in Georgia do with their resources is crucial to the mission enterprise. Consider the following facts provided by the Center for Strategic Missions:

Christians possess 66% of the world’s money.



Christians make up 33% of the world’s population.



- We Christians (33% of the world’s population), own 66% of the world’s money.
- Out of every \$10,000, Christians give away \$200 (2%) to charitable institutions.
- Of that 2%, half goes to Christian causes (this would be \$100 of that \$10,000).
- Of that \$100, \$99 goes back into the church or institution to which it is given.
- Of that \$1 remaining, we give 94.5% to reach World C, the Christianized world.
- Of that \$1 remaining, we give 5% for World B, the world that has much access to the gospel but most of whom don’t believe.
- Of that \$1 remaining, we give 0.5% to reach one quarter of the World, known as World A, over 1,500,000,000 (1.5 billion) people.

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is focused on reaching the unreached in our world. Our missionaries are committed, courageous, well-trained, missionally-sound servants and committed to sharing the Good News of Christ with people who have never heard the Gospel. I want to encourage pastors, staff, WMU, and mission committees to be advocates for the Unreached People Groups.

—Jimmy Barron Lewis, CBF of Georgia Missions Coordinator

Fellowship Announces General Assembly Schedule Change, Online Registration

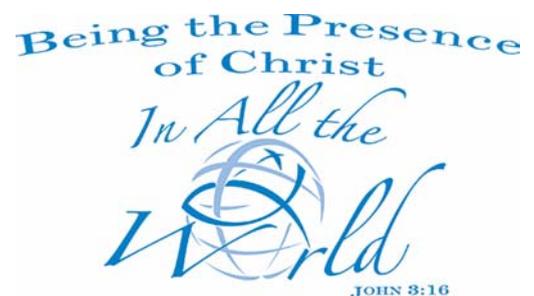
By Carla Wynn, CBF Communications

ATLANTA – The 15th annual Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly held in Grapevine, Texas, will depart from the traditional midday Thursday through Saturday morning schedule. This year, the event will begin Thursday morning, June 30, and end Friday evening, July 1, with auxiliary events being offered Wednesday, June 29, and Saturday, July 2.

“The schedule change provides more

opportunity for fellowship and better use of time when we’re together,” said Bo Prosser, the Fellowship’s coordinator for congregational life. Prosser also said the schedule change will give people more time for travel to and from the event. The first session of workshops begin 9 a.m. Thursday, and the first business session is at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday. The last general session will be 7 p.m. Friday. The event will be held at The Gaylord

Texan Resort and Convention Center. Hotel reservations can be made beginning Sept. 2 at the Fellowship’s Web site, www.thefellowship.info.



From our moderator (continued from page 2)

taken out of a sterile room and integrated into all that we are so that our very lives and our ministry become God’s works of art.

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.” II Cor. 4:7 (NIV)

—Sara Powell, CBF of Georgia Moderator

From our associate coordinator for congregational life



A Time to Serve... Mission Opportunities

March Mission Madness 2005 Youth Mission Weekend

March 11 – 13

March 18 – 20

Americus, Georgia

Each Madness begins on Friday evening at 9:30 p.m. in the Rylander Theatre — after registration from 6-9 p.m. and ends on Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Saturday will involve a day of mission service experiences and education. All participants will serve on mission project sites (several with New Horizons Habitat for Humanity), visit Habitat for Humanity International's Global Village & Discovery Center, and visit Koinonia Farms, founded by Clarence Jordan (author of *The Cotton Patch Gospels*) and birthplace of Habitat for Humanity International. Evenings will be filled with worship and fellowship opportunities. On Saturday evening, Madness participants will enjoy a variety show entitled *Americus Idol*. The registration fee of \$65 per person covers lodging, food, program costs, mission project costs, Global Village & Koinonia experiences, and, of course, a t-shirt! Contact Scott Ford at 770-860-0473 or email robertscottford@mac.com to register.

Youth Mission Opportunities in Taliaferro County- Summer 2005

June 12 – 18, 2005

June 19 – 25, 2005

June 26 – July 2, 2005

After six years of projects, Kingdom Builders Ministries, Inc. (a missions organization for teenagers and adults) has seen more than 1,500 students repair more than 85 homes, churches, and schools in communities in the United States and Bahamas. Kingdom Builders Ministries announces its summer 2005 projects in Taliaferro County, Georgia. In partnership with CBF of Georgia and Touching Taliaferro with Love, Inc., Kingdom Builders invites groups to participate in construction, repair, and renovation projects for community residents, as well as day camp for local youth and children. The Kingdom Builders' experience is hands-on during the day, with worship and fellowship opportunities in the evening. Cost per participant is \$150. Each week is limited to 200 participants. Registration is currently open online at www.kbministries.org. Visit the website for more information or contact Joey Fennell at 912-489-7908.

A Time to Learn... Missions Resources

CBF Missions Education

"Doing Missions in a World Without Borders" is CBF's line of missions education curriculum specifically designed for preschoolers, children, youth, and adults. The curriculum communicates Bible-based mission concepts and the dynamic stories of CBF missionaries and the people among whom they live and minister. Call 1-888-801-4CBF (4223) for a free sample or visit www.thefellowship.info and click on "CBF Store." You may also subscribe to the curriculum and order additional resources through this link. Other resources include: Prayer guides and calendars, "The Most Neglected" fliers and videos, New Church Starts packets, and The Missional Journey Guide.

ChurchWorks — an excellent e-resource for Pastors, Educators, Musicians, and All Age Group Ministers sponsored by The Department of Congregational Life, CBF Atlanta, and Bo Prosser. This e-zine is a free, easy-to-read, monthly newsletter with upcoming events, links to websites, book suggestions, etc. To subscribe, email churchworks@ezchurch.com.

A Time to say Welcome... Passportkids!

June 29 – July 2, 2005

Wesleyan College, Macon, GA

Passportkids! will help CBF of Georgia celebrate the impact of New Horizons Camp on Georgia churches and their children's ministries. Churches are invited to participate in this camp for children who've completed third through sixth grade. *Passportkids!* will blend Bible study, recreation, rest, rotations (including missions), and evening festivals around the 2005 Theme — "Make a Splash!" CBF missionaries on home assignment will give campers a first-hand look at the people group of special emphasis — the Balinese.

For more information about *Passportkids!* or to register visit www.passport-kids.org.

—Devita B. Parnell, CBF of Georgia
Associate Coordinator for Congregational Life

CBF of Georgia... enabling the people of God who are committed to historic Baptist principles to carry out the Great Commission under the Lordship of Jesus Christ in a fellowship where every Christian has the freedom and the responsibility to exercise God's gift and calling.

A Tribute to New Horizons

This past summer was the final summer of New Horizons Children's Camp. For ten years New Horizons has been making a difference in the lives of children across Georgia. Jay, a sixth grader, can tell you that for a fact. Jay attended New Horizons Camp this summer with his church, FBC Macon. The camp theme of "Peacemakers" helped Jay learn an important lesson, which he put into practice when he returned home and to school. Jay, who stood up for a girl who was being harassed by a sixth grade boy, literally brought to life a skit that had been performed during worship at camp. He even took several blows for standing his ground.



When asked if he was afraid that the bystanders would bully him for not fighting back, Jay said, "No, I think they will respect me ... for not being stupid enough to hit back and get suspended." Not only did Jay ask his then children's minister, Sonya Milam, to pray for him and the young girl, he also asked for prayer for his "enemies!" Yes, camp makes a difference.

New Horizons Camp began in 1994 under the leadership of Rachel Lackey and Eileen Campbell-Reed at Heritage Baptist Church, Cartersville. Together with several other churches, they provided a summer camping experience for their children. CBF National contributed to the camp in the early years, but since then, CBF of Georgia has significantly funded New Horizons Camp programming and staffing, including a part-time director.

Over the past ten years, the camp has been held at Rockridge Baptist Assembly, Burnt Mountain, Shorter College, New Ebenezer Retreat



Center (Rincon), Dogwood Retreat Center (Chattanooga), and the FFA-FFCLA Campground (Covington). The camp directors have been Eileen Campbell-Reed, Rachel Lackey, Jenny Britt, Sarah Withers, Connie Campbell, Jana Stewart Kinnersley, and Dixie Ford.

Although the location, camp directors and staff changed, the New Horizons Camp experience remained much the same. Year after year, children and adults from all over Georgia returned to camp to renew their friendships with one another. These third through sixth-graders were given the wonderful opportunity to experience worship led by both men and women in the role of camp pastor. Campers also learned about global missions in daily classes and often participated in hands-on missions activities.

We salute all those who have given of their time and energy for a decade to make a difference in the lives of our children. Thanks!

—Devita B. Parnell, CBF of Georgia
Associate Coordinator
for Congregational Life



Think out of the box this Christmas... The Christmas Box, that is!

Consider a family sponsored missions gift. You can give a missions Christmas gift by joining the efforts of Morningstar Treatment Services, Heifer International, or by reaching out to someone in your community.

Morningstar is an oasis of Christ-like care, safety, prevention, and therapeutic services which exists to serve and strengthen children and families. What better way for us to put Christ in Christmas. If you would like to help the children and families of Morningstar Treatment Services, there is one close to you. Check out the following list and give them a call... the people at the other end of the phone will GLADLY assist you in getting your Christmas love to the ones in need.

- Morningstar Youth Estate Center (60 children in residence), Brunswick, GA 912-267-3700
- Treutlen House at New Ebenezer (Boys Group Home 12 Boys in residence), Rincon, GA 912-754-9797
- Morningstar Foster Care Services, Savannah, GA 912-354-6803
- Morningstar Foster Care Services,

West Point, GA 706-645-0398

The following are Morningstar Family Resource Centers (FRC):

- FRC, Macon, GA 478-746-9868
- FRC, Brunswick, GA 912-267-3701
- FRC, Carrollton, GA 770-832-1603
- FRC, Cartersville, GA 770-607-0611
- FRC, Cumming, GA 678-513-3023
- FRC, Rome, GA 706-234-4355
- FRC, Savannah, GA 912-691-1262
- FRC, Zebulon, GA 770-567-0985

You can also contact Reneé Bennett, Sr. Vice President, Morningstar Treatment Services, Inc. at 478-746-9868 or Rena Henderson, Vice President for Advancement at 912-267-7583. Morningstar's website is morningstartreatmentservices.com.

Heifer International is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working to end world hunger by giving cows, goats, and other food- and income-producing livestock to impoverished families around the world. Recipients are trained in animal care and environmentally sound agricultural practices so they can lift themselves out of poverty and become self-reliant. Milk,

eggs, wool, meat, draft power, and other benefits of animals provide nutrition and money for education, better housing, healthcare, and small business enterprises. Their mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth. Heifer partners with community groups that form a development plan with specific goals. Partners learn how to care for animals and grow crops in ways that can be sustained for future generations. Heifer provides expertise in animal health, water quality, gender equity, the environment, and community development. Heifer International currently provides 27 different kinds of livestock to families in 47 countries, including the United States. Since it began in 1944, Heifer has given direct aid to 4 million families and, through training and "Passing on the Gift," indirectly affected the lives of more than 24 million people in 128 countries around the world. You can be a part of this unique love offering by contacting Heifer Project International, 1015 Louisiana St., Little Rock, AR/USA 72202, Phone: 800-422-0474, www.heifer.org.

Georgia CBF Partners to Produce Missions Study

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia is partnering with the Baptist Center for Ethics to offer a resource to help churches discover and fulfill their mission in the 21st century.

Leading Churches into 21st Century

Missions: 13 Lessons in Acts is the newest line of undated, online Sunday school curriculum published by Acacia Resources, publishing division of the Baptist Center for Ethics. The 13-week study explores how local churches can be the center and primary agent of global missions in the 21st century.

"Missionary-sending agencies have historically played key roles in advancing the gospel message," Acacia Resources Managing Editor Jan Turrentine writes in the unit introduction. "But the changing world landscape demands constant assessment of mission strategies and priorities."

Other partners include the Alabama Cooperative Baptist



Fellowship, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship South Carolina, and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions in Atlanta.

Writers for the lessons are from diverse backgrounds and bring an international perspective to the subject. Various lesson writers represent Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Great Britain, and the United States.

Lesson writers are Mark McEntire, associate professor of religion, Belmont University; Bob Allen, *EthicsDaily.com* managing editor; John Upton, executive director, Baptist General Association of Virginia; Tony Cupit, director of evangelism and education, Baptist World Alliance; Erich Geldbach, professor emeritus of ecumenical studies, Ruhr University Bochum in Germany; Parush Parushev, academic dean at International Baptist Theological Seminary, Prague, Czech Republic; Laurence Barber, area minister of Toronto Area Association of Baptist Churches; Bob Fox, pastor, Faith Baptist Church, Georgetown, KY.; Jan Turrentine, managing editor, Acacia Resources; Paul Montacute, director of Baptist World Aid; Rick Burnette, a CBF missionary in Thailand; and Ken Hall, president, Buckner Baptist Benevolences in Dallas.

The resource is available at EthicsDaily.com.



CBF OF GEORGIA SPONSORED annual luncheons for students and faculty at Candler School of Theology and McAfee School of Theology. These luncheons were held at the opening of the 2004-2005 academic year. **Phil Smith** (far left in photo), Chair of the CBF of Georgia Student Ministries Committee, and **Devita Parnell** (third from left), CBF of Georgia staff, are pictured with **Michael Harris** (pastor of Higher Piney Grove Baptist Church) and **Stephanie Bonsall** (member of Wieuca Road Baptist Church), students at Candler School of Theology.

Event Updates

Current sponsored 11-on-11 mission project at Atlanta's Stewart Center

On September 11th, twenty-five youth and young adults participated in the *Current* (a network of young Baptist leaders within the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship) project, "Lend a Hand, Lend a Heart." This group was one of eleven that served in remembrance of the victims who died in the World Trade Center and Pentagon terrorist attacks. "Our idea was to try and do something constructive on a day that is remembered as destructive," said mission project coordinator **Carol McEntyre** of Augusta, GA. The site of the Georgia mission project, coordinated by **LeAnn Gunter**, associate pastor of Peachtree Baptist Church, was the Andrew P. Stewart Center in the Reynoldstown community of inner-city Atlanta. Volunteers cleaned, organized, and painted the rooms that hold an after school program for the neighborhood children. Others worked in neighborhood yards of senior adults who are involved in Bible study at the Stewart Center.

Opportunities

Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia Accepting Applications

The Sara Owen Etheridge Scholarship

Each year, Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia awards a \$500 scholarship to a Baptist woman who has been or is a resident of Georgia and who has completed 30 hours in a theological

studies program at the Masters or Doctoral level. Applicants may attend a Baptist or a non-Baptist seminary. Applications must be received by March 15, 2005. Scholarships will be awarded at the BWIM of Georgia spring meeting. To receive an application form or for more information contact **Bonnie Oliver** at bjolive@LearnLink.emory.edu.

The Distinguished Churchwoman of the Year Award

Qualifications for the award include significant contributions to the ministry by a Baptist woman who has experienced a call to ministry and is fulfilling that call in a salaried or non-salaried position. Nominations by persons throughout Georgia are welcomed. Please include a brief written summary of the woman's call and qualifications for ministry and letters of recommendation. All nominations should be received in writing by March 15, 2005. The recipient will be honored at the BWIM of Georgia spring meeting. For more information contact **Reneé Bennett**, Morningstar Family Based Services, P. O. Box 4933, Macon, GA 31208, 706-773-2298 (cell), 478-746-9868 (office).

CBF Young Leaders' Program

Coming to Georgia starting in 2005! This year-long leadership program is being developed as a partnership between CBF National, CBF of Georgia, and the North Carolina-based Center for Congregational Health®. Candidates for this program are congregational/denominational leaders with some ministry experience, but who have not yet reached mid-career. The program involves 65-70 hours of intense training over four levels, plus three self-development projects in between levels. (See page 8 for dates.)

Location: Calvin Center, Hampton, GA.

Cost per participant for the entire program: \$1175 double occupancy; \$1265 single occupancy (scholarships available through CBF of Georgia).

To learn more about CBF Young Leaders' Program or to register for 2005, visit www.healthychurch.org and

click on "Leadership Development for Clergy," then click on "CBF Young Leaders' Program," or contact **Dawn Hall** at dmhall@wfubmc.edu or by telephone at 336-716-9722.

Graduates of the North Carolina Program who are currently serving in Georgia are **Jeff Allred**, **Bill Bigger**, **Rick Bennett**, **Edward Bolen**, **Michele Deriso**, **Jana Kinnersley**, **Charles Qualls**, and **Devita Parnell**.

In Memoriam

Sympathy is extended to **Bill Rhodes** for the loss of his wife, **Fay**; to **Donna and Todd Lowe** with the passing of Donna's father, **Ronny Pritchard**; and to **Prissy Tunnell** who lost her sister earlier this year. CBF of Georgia also mourns the loss of **James T. McAfee, Jr.** God bless and comfort all of you during this time of bereavement.

Financial Picture

2004-2005 year-to-date as of
September 30, 2004

Budget Requirement	\$185,900.00
Undesignated Receipts ..	\$188,153.99
Designated Receipts	\$81,763.77

Reader's Responses

(The following correspondence is in response to a letter that CBF of Georgia and the Interfaith Task Force mailed to Jewish congregations during the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.)

"Thank you for your very kind letter of September 9. The holidays are nearly over, and so, I am now able to catch up on some of my correspondence. Your words and expression of faith were deeply appreciated.

May God bless us all as we journey towards a world of peace, respect and understanding."

Sincerely,
Rabbi Shalom Lewis
Congregation Etz Chaim
Marietta, Georgia

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CBF GA coming up!

December 9

A Culture of Call: The Congregation's Role in Raising the Next Generation of Leaders

First Baptist Church of Decatur, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. No cost to attend. Featured speaker George Mason, pastor of Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, TX. For more information or to register, contact Kevin Spears at 404-727-1458 or KSpears@thefund.org or Stephen Cook at 770-961-9270 or scook@tbcmmorrow.org.

December 29-January 2, 2005

Antiphony — A Conference for University Students, Birmingham, AL
Theme: "God's Call, The World's Cry, My Answer." Visit www.antiphonyonline.org.

2005

January 18

CBF of Georgia Coordinating Council Meeting

10:00 a.m. CBF of Georgia Office, Macon

CBF Young Leaders' Program

January 24-27, 2005 – Level 1 – Self-Awareness

April 4-6, 2005 – Level 2 – Leadership Settings

August 29-31, 2005 – Level 3 – Leadercraft Skills

October 17-19, 2005 – Level 4 – Leadership Synthesis

Registration deadline is January 7, 2005. (See inside article.) www.healthychurch.org

February 4-5

Laity Weekend

A weekend full of courses designed just for the laity (though pastors can attend, too). For additional information contact: Lay Theology Institute of Candler School of Theology, Office of Church Ministries Education, Rev. Beth Luton Cook, director, 211 Bishops Hall, Atlanta, GA 30322, 404-727-0714, 404-727-2494 (Fax), email: ocme@emory.edu.

February 5

CBF State Choir Rehearsal, Briarcliff Baptist Church, Atlanta

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. with a break for lunch. Contact Carey Huddlestun at chuddlestun@briarcliffbaptist.org or 404-633-6103.

February 23-26

Current Retreat, First Baptist Church, Asheville, NC.

\$100 registration; contact Mary McCoy at 770-220-1637 or mmccoy@thefellowship.info. For young Baptist ministers, leaders, and divinity students.

March 4

CBF of Georgia Coordinating Council Meeting

10:00 a.m. First Baptist Church, Rome

March 4-5

CBF of Georgia General Assembly

First Baptist Church, Rome

Dr. Chuck Poole, featured preacher; Theme: *The Bible, the Church, and Careful Speech*.

March 7-9

True Survivor, Dallas, TX

Annual gathering for Christian educators. Contact Toni Draper at 770-220-1654 or tdraper@thefellowship.info.

March 11-13, March 18-20

March Mission Madness 2005 (See inside article for details), Americus.

Contact Scott Ford at robertscottford@mac.com or 770-860-0473 to register.

June 12-18, June 19-25, June 26-July 2

Youth Mission Opportunities in Taliaferro County

Kingdom Builders Ministries, Inc. (See inside article for details)

Registration is currently open online at www.kbministries.org. Visit the website for more information or contact Joey Fennell at 912-489-7908.

June 29-July 2

PassportKids! Wesleyan College, Macon

Summer camp for children completing grades 3-6. For more information or to register a group visit www.passport-kids.org or contact 1-800-769-0210.

June 30-July 1

CBF National General Assembly

Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center, Grapevine, TX

Auxiliary events offered Wednesday, June 29, and Saturday, July 2.

events, dates, times & places