

VISIONS



June/July '03

March Mission Madness '03 Youth Pray with Flowers

Seven years ago Georgia youth ministers from CBF affiliated churches imagined an annual state gathering of youth for a weekend of fun, worship and missions. Beginning in 1997 with 70 youth and staff, MMM has grown to 635 youth and adults from 37 churches. Scott Ford was director this year.

Madison Baptist Church, led by Doug Adkins, hosted the March 21-23 MMM North, and Claxton First Baptist Church, led by Reeda Allen, hosted the March 28-30 MMM South. Working with local service organizations and churches, they planned and directed the repairing and painting of two Hispanic mission churches, 14 houses, a nursing home, and a food pantry ministry.



The participants of MMM '03 provided 4,500 hours of mission service in the 40 hours spent at MMM. A new perspective can open eyes and hearts. "Several of our youth talked about the people who owned the homes and how tough their lives must be. One girl expressed concern because the lady's house she worked at did not have water," said a youth minister.



The highlight of the weekend was worship. The worship team of Brent and Andrea Jones, Dixie Ford and Justin Hartzell led participants to "Lose Your Self" in following Christ, "Lose Your Self" in serving others, and "Lose Your Self" in missions.

At worship times, an individual from each youth group was involved in an aspect of worship, allowing everyone to feel a connection. "Worship was wonderful! The music was incredible and the worship experiences were sweet and meaningful," commented a youth leader. "The worship experiences were sensitive, thoughtful, and grounded," said another.

Participants were encouraged to remember the current world conflict. A touching closing ceremony, as flowers were passed through the group, featured a prayer for the world. As one leader expressed, "The prayer experience was very powerful." Another said, "I especially liked the prayer time with the flowers. Wonderful idea!"

Imagine your church in 2004 at MMM South, March 19-21 at Forsyth First Baptist Church or MMM North, March 26-28 at Hartwell First Baptist Church. You may contact the CBF of Georgia office for more information.





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Frankly speaking



Recently I led a discussion in a CBF of Georgia related church concerning outreach. We were talking about some of the barriers to reaching the under-40 person. Several of the participants mentioned the negative perceptions the general public has toward the name "Baptist." It seems the negative perceptions have substantially increased in the last decade.

A new pamphlet series called "Baptist Myths" will help our churches respond to these negative perceptions. I encourage you to use these pamphlets for individual study, church classes, and academic courses. They are jointly published by the Baptist History and Heritage Society, The Center for Baptist Studies of Mercer University, and the Whitsitt Baptist Heritage Society.

The titles are as follows:

- Myth: Baptists Are Anti-Catholic
- Myth: Baptists Are Anti-Ecumenical
- Myth: Baptists Are Anti-Intellectual
- Myth: Baptists Are Inerrantists

- Myth: Baptists Are Not Peacemakers
- Myth: Baptists Are Racists
- Myth: Baptists Are Scientific Creationists
- Myth: Baptists Believe in Doctrinal Uniformity
- Myth: Baptists Don't Believe in Social Justice
- Myth: Baptists Don't Believe in Women Pastors
- Myth: Baptists Support State-Sponsored Prayer

The pamphlets will be available for distribution by August 15, 2003, in time for fall church and school classes. Special prices, from \$2.20 to \$1.95 per set, are available on prepublication orders, which must be post-marked by August 15. You may email Surelle K. Pinkston at spinkston@cbfga.org for ordering information.

—Frank Broome, CBF of Georgia Coordinator

Vocational Awareness Initiative Is Born

Mainline Baptists in Georgia, like members of every Christian denomination, are growing in their awareness of a crisis on the horizon. Churches across the denominational landscape are faced with the reality that there will not be enough clergy to staff local churches in the future. Perhaps what is most alarming is that all of the indicators point to the fact that this shortage will come sooner rather than later.

It has only been a year since I was preparing for graduation from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, one of 13 CBF partner schools. Among my classmates, roughly half of us have pursued congregationally-based ministry positions, with only a fraction answering the call to the pastorate.

Over the past decade, while seminaries and divinity schools have seen increasing enrollment figures across the board, the numbers of graduates serving in the local churches has not kept pace with the number of stu-

dents pursuing theological education.

There are a multitude of reasons why seminary students are pursuing different avenues of ministry. Today there are opportunities to serve in non-church ministry positions that did not exist 25 years ago. The rise in para-church ministries has been an asset to strengthening communities and social service agencies in Christ's name.

Yet, we also must confess that the conflicts that have marked denominational life for Baptists over the past 25 years, coupled with the traditional demands of congregational ministry, have made it more and more difficult for churches to attract recent seminary graduates.

In reality, we have reached a point where an entire generation of young ministers has grown up in the midst of unrest. Along the way we have probably missed opportunities to help people in our congregations discern the voice of the Lord.

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From Our Associate Coordinator for Congregational Life

I hope you enjoy this Student Ministry Edition of *Visions!* One of the most visible and tangible areas within CBF of Georgia life is the ministry to students through March Mission Madness and New Horizons Camp. Through these two events youth and children in our churches across the state are provided quality retreat experiences.

Students are encouraged to form relationships with those beyond their churches; they are exposed to different styles of creative worship; they are challenged to take their faith seriously: all of this within an environment that is supportive of the gifts and calling that we all have in Christ. I am proud that CBF of Georgia is offering these two events to youth and children around the state!

We are also blessed to have two seminary programs in Georgia that uphold historic Baptist principles — the Baptist Studies Program at the Candler School of Theology and the McAfee School of Theology. CBF of Georgia welcomes students each fall to both programs by providing a BBQ meal during orientation. We also provide scholarships each year to two students from each program.

The relationship that CBF of Georgia and students build with one another is mutually beneficial and important. Students can offer creativity and energy that CBF needs, and CBF offers a larger network for ministry placement, resources, and fellowship that students are looking for.

The ministry to students through CBF of Georgia is guided by a committee of local church leaders, ministers, and seminary



students. Allow me to introduce the Student Ministries Committee for 2003-2004:

Jenny Britt, Savannah, Chair
Charles Hendry, Dalton
Beth Flournoy, Albany

Craig Williamson, Manchester

Robert Walker, Atlanta
Greg Bazemore, Milledgeville
Tom McElhenney, Eatonton
Matt DuVall, Newnan
Todd Boling, Atlanta

We also include two student representatives on our CBF of Georgia Coordinating Council. Those student representatives for 2003-2004 are Matt DuVall, Newnan and Elizabeth Rickert, Decatur.

This year the Student Ministries Committee, as appointed by the Coordinating Council, will continue to seek ways that CBF of Georgia might engage students of all ages. One area of focus will be college ministry. We will begin addressing the question: How can CBF churches provide distinctive, meaningful ministry to college students?

Your input is invaluable. If your interest is in ministry to students — children, youth, college, or seminary — won't you join us in the dialogue?

—Devita B. Parnell, Associate Coordinator for Congregational Life

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That is why a group of clergy from CBF of Georgia partner churches has formed the Vocational Awareness Initiative. In May, we held an initial meeting with 11 ministers from around the state. David Odom, President of the Center for Congregational Health in Winston-Salem, NC, facilitated our dialogue that afternoon.

Part of our conversation was centered around how we came to understand that we were being called to ministry. While all of us had journeyed along a variety of paths, there was a common thread; none of us could have made sense of God's movement in our lives without the help of the people in our churches who listened with us. Were it not for the ones who, like Eli with

young Samuel, "perceived that it was the Lord calling" (I Samuel 3:8b), we might not find ourselves where we are today.

But that was only the first component of our conversation. The second topic saw us looking at what churches in our state can do to help perceive when the Lord is calling a person to ministry. We discussed ideas like emphasis weekends, retreats, and church partnership and exchange programs, along with at least a dozen other possibilities.

The refrain throughout the conversation was always that awareness must begin at the congregational level. We must work together in sharing this most urgent need with the people who populate our pews week after week.

How we respond now will have a significant impact on our churches for years to come. We cannot ignore this issue. CBF of Georgia, its partner churches, and most importantly, the young people who are straining to hear something of God in our world, need us. The time has come, and we must decide how we will respond.

If you are interested in joining the effort to address the coming clergy shortage, please contact Stephen Cook, Pastor at First Baptist Church of Morrow at 770-961-9270 or scook@fbc Morrow.org, or Devita Parnell, Associate Coordinator for Congregational Life at 478-742-1191, ext. 28 or dparnell@cbfga.org.

—Stephen Cook, Pastor, Morrow First Baptist Church

memos from the missions coordinator



One of the most important projects CBF of Georgia has is the relationship with the Baptists of Bosnia-Herzegovina. This young organization of Baptist churches has seen positive growth in a land that was torn apart by war a few years ago.

Bosnia declared its independence from Yugoslavia in 1992 and was soon plunged into a deadly and destructive civil war that lasted three years. Many homes, businesses, factories, and historical buildings were destroyed and countless others were severely damaged during the war. Over three million people were forced to flee their homes.

Many of them have chosen not to return. Those who have returned found their homes destroyed and no jobs available. It is estimated that 60% of the population is unemployed because of the destruction of factories and businesses. Many people feel hopeless with no home, no job, no money, and seemingly no future.

This pall of hopelessness has provided a door of opportunity for evangelicals in Bosnia. Their message of hope for the hopeless has been effective, resulting in many new converts and the planting of several new churches since the end of the war. During this period, Baptists have grown from one church to twelve churches and/or house churches.

The Bible Institute is sponsored by the Baptist Union of Bosnia-Herzegovina and is housed in the Baptist church in Sarajevo which is called the Kairos Center. Tomislav Dobutovic serves as the pastor of this church as well as the executive secretary of the Baptist Union in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The Bible Institute began its first academic year in September 2001. Tomislav Dobutovic serves as Director of the institute as well as chairman of the board of trustees. Theodor Raychynets serves as the Academic Dean of the institute. He received his



Tomislav Dobutovic, Jimmy Lewis and Theodor Raychynets plan for visiting professors to teach and lead at the Bible Institute of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

“...I will be calling on some of our leaders to be a part of this teaching opportunity for a country in great need of hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ.”

Bachelor of Theology degree from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Osijek, Croatia, and is currently completing his Master of Theology degree at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Prague, Czech Republic.

I have known Theodor personally for more than two years. He is one of the most committed and competent young ministers I know. I believe God has prepared him for a significant leadership role among Baptists in Eastern Europe. His training and experience equip him to be a strong and capable leader in his position as dean of the school.

Theodor and Tomislav have been friends and acquaintances for years. They make a good leadership team. The Bible Institute is the only institution of continuing education for Protestant church leaders in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Mission Statement of the institute is as follows:

To train and equip the current and next generation of Bosnian evangelical Protestant leaders, pastors, and missionaries, so that they may announce the Good News of the Kingdom to this poor, war scarred, largely unevangelized, multi-faith country. Through this, to assist the mission of the Baptist Church in Bosnia-Herzegovina, which is to plant new churches throughout the country.

The Institute relies heavily on visiting professors from Europe and the United States for faculty. The program of study is organized in one and two-week sessions to facilitate this approach. Numerous people from Georgia have already gone to teach in the school and reported that it was a wonderful experience.

The Institute is relying heavily on CBF of Georgia for leadership to teach these new ministers. Our role is to empower the Baptists of Bosnia-Herzegovina to reach their neighbors with the Good News. As we approach the new school year I will be calling on some of our leaders to be a part of this teaching opportunity for a country in great need of hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The courses for the next term are: Church Education, Baptist Identity, Marriage and Christian Family, Work with the Youth, Culture and Contextualization of the Gospel, and Cross-Cultural Communication. If you would like to learn more about these opportunities, please contact me at jblewis@mind-spring.com or 678-428-6204.

—Jimmy Lewis, CBF of Georgia Missions Coordinator

CBF of Georgia Partners with South Wales Baptist College

South Wales Baptist College, located in Cardiff, the capital of Wales, is an international center for ministerial formation, equipping women and men for world-wide ministry. Founded in 1807, the college has welcomed students from Africa, Brazil, and Eastern Europe, who are required to have the endorsement of their own national Baptist organization. A degree from Cardiff strengthens and enhances the work that students return to do in their home countries.

South Wales Baptist College is one of eight Baptist colleges in the United Kingdom. There are two Baptist unions in Wales, the Welsh Union and the Baptist Union of Great Britain. All of the colleges train pastors for both unions.

There are 170 Baptist churches in South Wales, only 10% of which are thriving. Most of the ones that are not thriving are composed of 15-30 members, the youngest of whom is probably 65 years of age. There are only 60 to 70 ministers for the 170 Baptist churches, or chapels, as they are called to distinguish themselves from the Anglican churches.

Our impression was that the people would rather see their church die than incorporate any change. Except in the few thriving churches, which use contemporary worship and ideas, young people are not in the churches.

One of the biggest needs is to get people to talk to one another. We heard a story of the pastors of two churches three miles apart. One has been there 11 years, the other four, and until recently at an associational meeting, they had never talked to each other.

The culture of all of Great Britain is very secular. For the majority of the population, church is simply not relevant to their lives. In 2000, only 7.8% of the population identified themselves as “churched.” In the Welsh valleys, which were coal-mining areas and are now severely economically depressed, the percentage is 1%.

The church needs to find new ways of “doing church.” Two years ago a 14-year-old lad heard his teacher tell the story of Christ Jesus’ birth. Afterwards he had two questions, “Why have I never heard this before?” and “Why did the baby’s parents give him a swear word for a name?”

Almost everyone we talked with is open to short-term visits from Georgia churches or CBF groups, but all felt there would be more value in couples or singles coming for six months to a year and serving with those already working there. McAfee School of Theology has had two interns in Wales, and hopes the partnership will work both ways.

Several ways the CBF of Georgia/South Wales Baptist

Sara Powell and her husband Bill visited South Wales Baptist College while Sara was serving as chairman of the Missions Committee for CBF of Georgia. During her tenure, CBF of Georgia formed a partnership with SWBC, as the school administration was interested in aligning themselves with a CBF organization. Following is her account of their time there.

College partnership can work are:

- Financial support of the college, with a vision of revitalizing the Gospel and the chapels.
- Processing hardware and software for the 20,000-volume library, and a skilled person to set it up.
- Financial assistance for students from Africa, South America, and Eastern Europe.
- An additional staff person to administer the remedial program and teach New Testament.
- A half-time personal assistant for the college.

Visitors can rent a flat near the college, which helps the school financially. The flat has been rented as a base for sabbaticals, retreats, or rest and relaxation.

The folks we met are eager to further our partnership and seek our prayers and volunteer and financial support.

—Sara Powell, Moderator-Elect
CBF of Georgia



South Wales Baptist College principal John Weaver, with Sara Powell and Pastor Desmond Davis as they visit in front of the chapel at Carmarthen.



Three Welsh ladies represent the typical age and gender of the local congregations. (Photos by Bill Powell)

Meet your CBF of Georgia 2002-2003 Scholarship Recipients

CBF of Georgia awarded a total of \$5,000 to the following students for the year 2002-2003.

Dixie Ford



Dixie Lee Beardon Ford is currently working toward a Master of Divinity degree at the Mercer University McAfee School of

Theology. Originally from Gadsden, Alabama, she is a graduate of Jacksonville State University with a degree in Music Education. She has taught elementary music, served on the program staff of Passport youth camps, and served as a summer missionary.

Dixie is a member of Haven Fellowship Church in Conyers, where her husband Scott serves as Minister of Education and Youth.

Mary Catherine Foster

Mary Catherine has spent the last three summers working at Furman University's High School Theology

Institute, which encourages high school seniors and incoming college freshmen to explore calling and vocation theologically. She is a native of Camden, South Carolina, a graduate of Furman University, and a student at the Candler School of Theology.

Although uncertain of her plans after completing her Master of Divinity degree at Candler, she says she "looks forward to the many possibilities that will come my way in the life of ministry."

Kim Heath



Kim Heath holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion/Philosophy from Shorter College.

She is pursuing a Master of Divinity

degree in Christian Education at the McAfee School of Theology. Kim served two summers as children's ministry intern at Macon's Highland Hills Baptist, her home church, and one summer at Roswell First Baptist.

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Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia Award 2003 Scholarships

Christina Garcia-Alfonso



Christina Garcia-Alfonso was born and raised in Cuba where she attended the Evangelical Seminary of Theology. She received a Master of Arts in Theological Studies at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA. She is a student at Candler School of Theology where she is working on a Master of Theology in order to improve her English writing skills before beginning doctoral studies. She plans to complete a Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible and teach in an academic environment.

Liz Pearson



Liz Pearson, originally from Florida, received a M.A. from Carson Newman College, a M.R.E. from Southern Seminary, and is currently working on her M.Div. at McAfee School of Theology. She has served as an Associate for the Georgia Woman's Missionary Union and as State WMU and Church and Community Ministries Director in New York. She is currently serving as a Chaplain at King's Bridge Retirement Community and as a consultant with the Atlanta Baptist Association. Her future plans include preaching, teaching, Christian Education, and completion of a Ph.D. program.

CBF Fellowship Leadership Scholars Named

The 2002-2003 CBF leadership scholars include 13 students from Georgia. This financial support is given to outstanding students preparing for ministry in local congregations or missions.

Candler School of Theology

Mary Catherine Foster, Camden, SC, presently at Furman University High School Theology Institute
Jeremy Lewis, Atlanta, GA, presently serving at Atlanta Urban Ministry
Tommy Shapard, Gainesville, GA, presently serving as Assistant Minister of Music, FBC Gainesville
Anne Vestal, Atlanta, GA, May 2003 graduate

McAfee School of Theology

Mark Basehore, Fall River, MA, presently serving as Youth Minister, Northwoods BC, Chamblee
Linda David-Mitchum, Fairburn, GA, presently serving as Business Manager, Christian Fellowship BC, College Park
Laura Domke, Lawrence, KS, presently serving in Communications and Marketing, CBF, Atlanta
Michael Duncan, Jacksonville, AL, presently serving as Minister to Students, Peachtree BC, Atlanta
Alan Redditt, Georgetown, KY, post-graduate studies, Divinity School, Duke University
Andrew Smith, Nashville, TN, presently serving at Towne View BC, Marietta as Youth Intern
Ryan Tracy, Shelbyville, KY, post-graduate studies, Princeton Theological Seminary
Julie Whidden, Fitzgerald, GA, presently serving as Minister to Children, Shadnor FBC, Union City
Brian Wright, Church Hill, TN, post-graduate work, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta

Opportunities

Tennessee CBF Seeks Missions Coordinator

The Tennessee CBF is seeking a full-time Missions Coordinator. A person with hands-on missions experience in a cross-cultural setting and a seminary degree is preferred. Information is available at www.tncbf.org or from Ircel Harrison, Coordinator TCBF, 1-888-661-8223 or coordinator@tncbf.org. Deadline for applications is July 15, 2003.

Athens Congregations Join Forces for Habitat

The "Abraham Habitat House" is a joint venture of three Athens congregations, Congregation Children of Israel, Al-Huda Islamic Center, and Milledge Avenue Baptist Church. They hope to complete their fund-raising by the end of 2003 and begin work on the house in early 2004.

Athens Hosts Companions in Christ Leader Training Event

Published by Upper Room Ministries, *Companions in Christ* is a powerfully transforming small-group experience that builds spiritual practices within congregations, helping participants open more fully to God and to one another. The 28-week spiritual journey draws participants into daily time with God through individual reading and reflection, and gathers them weekly for a time of sharing and deeper exploration.

Chattanooga, TN, First Baptist Church will provide a regional training site on

August 2, and Athens First Baptist Church is the site for August 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Visit the training site at the CBF home page, www.cbfonline.org, and pull down the "Resources" menu.

Initiative for Ministerial Excellence Beginning with Peer Groups

IME (Initiative for Ministerial Excellence) maintains that excellence in pastoral ministry is marked both by a renewed commitment to the historic tasks of ministry as well as vision, imagination, discernment and relationship. IME is composed of three major components: Peer Learning Networks, Funded Sabbatical Leaves for Ministers; and Ministerial Residencies for Seminary Graduates.

Through Peer Learning Groups, IME hopes to offer ministers nurturing communities and relationships. The Sabbatical Program will support 100 sabbatical experiences for ministers and their churches. Through Ministerial Residencies, IME hopes to strengthen commitment to local church ministry among seminary graduates.

Valerie Burton is the Regional Coordinator for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee. If you would like information about Peer Learning Groups convening in your area, please contact Burton at 205-410-5381 or valerie@alabamacbf.org.

Scholarship Recipients *(continued from page 6)*

Jeremy Lewis



Following graduation from the University of Georgia, Jeremy had "a sincere desire to follow God's direction in my life, and felt led to seminary." As he considered and prayed about the possibilities, he felt Candler was a great fit because of its diverse population and academic setting.

He is pursuing a Master of Divinity with directed interest in missions and in issues relating to separation of church and state. He just completed a year of working with the Atlanta Urban Ministry's women and children's soup kitchen. Following graduation, he hopes to follow his interest in law and explore the relationship between law and religion.

opportunities reports

Referral Services Available to Seminary Students

If you are a seminary student looking for a church to serve, you may want to explore with the CBF Office of Reference and Referral opportunities for church ministry. These options include the position of pastor, associate pastor, music, education, youth, and children. Many of the 60 or so position descriptions currently on file are open to seminary students who may have limited church leadership experience.

Most search committees will average 6-9 months from the time they open a search until a minister/staff member is called. This time line is especially important for those students who are approaching graduation. For example, students who will be graduating in May 2004 should have their Personal Information Forms and resumes on file no later than Thanksgiving, 2003.

A Personal Information Form is available on the CBF of Georgia web site. Please submit the information requested, email an up-to-date résumé to r-richardson@cbfga.org, and mail five copies of your résumé to Office of Reference and Referral, CBF of Georgia, POB 4343, Macon GA 31208-4343. If you have questions, you may call 478-742-1191, ext. 23.

—Robert L. Richardson, Assistant to the Coordinator for Reference and Referral

Reports

Leonard Ezell has been called as pastor of First Baptist Church, Union Point, GA. Leonard is a graduate of the McAfee School of Theology and has served Central Baptist Church, Newnan, GA, as Associate Pastor for five years.

Financial Picture

2002-2003 year-to-date as of May 31, 2003

Budget requirement	\$491,397.40
Receipts	\$526,580.54

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CBF GA coming up!

July 15-18

CBF OF GEORGIA NEW HORIZONS CAMP NORTH
Dogwood Retreat Center, Chattanooga TN

A missions camp for children who have completed grades 3-5. Contact Jana Kinnersley 706-354-0090 ext. 204 or janask@milledge.org.

July 22-25

CBF OF GEORGIA NEW HORIZONS CAMP SOUTH
New Ebenezer Retreat Center, Rincon GA

Contact Jana Kinnersley at numbers listed above.

August 2 and 16

Companions in Christ Training Events, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

August 2 First Baptist Church, Chattanooga TN

August 16 First Baptist Church, Athens GA

Visit www.cbfonline.org and pull down the "Resources" menu.

August 26

CBF OF GEORGIA COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING
CBF of Georgia, Macon, 10:00 a.m.

September 4

A Pastor's Workshop: Dealing with the Hot Potato Church/State Issues Today
A Morning with Brent Walker of the Baptist Joint Committee

Sponsored by The Center for Baptist Studies, Mercer University
9:00 a.m. to noon, Vineville Baptist Church, Macon

To register for this free event, contact Greg Thompson 478-301-5467 or thompson_mg@mercer.edu.

September 16-19

A Celebration of Preaching
with Fred Craddock, Teresa Fry Brown, Gail O'Day and others
Candler School of Theology, Emory University

Call 404-727-0714 or visit www.candler.edu/ACADEMIC/OCME.

September 20

Church Leadership Academy
Gainesville First Baptist Church, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A training experience for all teachers, workers, deacons, leaders, pastors, and ministers.
Cost \$15. Contact Stacy Cox at 478-742-1191 ext 21 or scox@cbfga.org.

September 28-30

The Center for Baptist Studies and McAfee School of Theology
Preaching Consultation with Tom Long
King and Prince Hotel, St. Simons Island

Call Truett Gannon at 689-547-6457.

October 2

Candler School of Theology, Emory University
Baptist Day in Chapel, 11:00 a.m.

Greg Boyd, speaker

October 17

Teaching and Preaching the Baptist Heritage in the Local Church
Mercer University, Macon, Religious Life Building
With Walter Shurden, Greg Thompson, Pam Durso, Robbin Mundy, and Quinn Pugh
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To register contact Greg Thompson 478-301-5467 or thompson_mg@mercer.edu.

October 17-18

Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia Fall Retreat
Religious Life Center, Mercer University, Macon

To register contact Devita Parnell, 478-742-1191 ext 28, or dparnell@cbfga.org.

October 27-28

McAfee School of Theology Bible Study on Romans
Preview Conference with Charles Talbert
Cecil B. Day Campus, Atlanta on October 27
Mercer University, Macon on October 28

November 9-10

CBF OF GEORGIA FALL CONVOCATION
Columbus First Baptist Church

Daniel Vestal, speaker. Also featuring a ministry fair, McAfee and Candler student speakers, missionary speakers, and a question and answer session with Daniel Vestal and CBF of Georgia leaders.