

Celebrating a decade of promise and a bright Baptist future...

2001 CBF General Assembly, June 28-30

Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta

The Schedule

Thursday, June 28

9:00 a.m. Registration Opens 12:00 p.m. Resource Fair Opens

Children's Assembly and Childcare Opens 12:30 p.m. Orientation to the 2001 General Assembly 1:15 p.m.

2:00 p.m. Workshops - Session I

3:45 p.m. CBF of GEORGIA Reception in Room 314, Georgia World Congress Center

7:30 p.m. General Session I

9:15 p.m. CBF 10th Birthday Party Celebration

Friday, June 29

9:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. Children's Assembly and Childcare Opens

> Morning Prayer Resource Fair Opens Business Session I

11:00 a.m. Resource Fair/Fellowship Hour/Business Breakouts

12:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00 p.m. Workshops - Session II 3:45 p.m. Workshops - Session III

General Session II - Keynote Address by President Jimmy Carter 7:30 p.m.

9:15 p.m.

Saturday, June 30

8:15 a.m. Children's Assembly and Childcare Opens

Morning Prayer

8:45 a.m. Resource Fair Opens

Business Session II

10:15 a.m. Closing Worship

Getting There

Pre-registration or fee for General Assembly is not required.

For Pre-school Day Camp contact www.cbfonline.org.

For Children's Assembly contact ptunnell@fbcrome.org or 706-291-6850.

For Youth Break Away contact ymbart5@aol.com or 770-535-0478.

We regret we cannot provide day care services for children under the age of three.

Rooms are available through Connections at 1-800-262-9974.

Be sure to visit the CBF of Georgia booth at the Resource Fair!

The Most Current Information Is Available at www.cbfonline.org.

10 Suggestions for Maximizing **Your Assembly Experience**

(Offered by CBF Coordinator Daniel Vestal)

- 1. Make it a spiritual retreat.
- 2. Make it a reunion with friends and colleagues.
- 3. Make it a family vacation.
- 4. Make it a continuing education experience.
- 5. Make it a training event for your church leadership.
- 6. Make it an investment in shaping the Baptist witness.
- 7. Make it a networking opportunity.
- 8. Make it a learning time about CBF.
- 9. Make it a celebration of the blessings of our first decade of ministry together.
- 10. Make it a priority. Mark your calendar and encourage others to come along. Please pray for the event, and for those who will be a part of this event.

To Georgia World Congress Center

Traveling North on I-75/I-85: Exit 248C to International Boulevard. Turn left on International Boulevard and continue to GWCC.

Traveling South on I-75/I-85: Exit 249C, Williams Street. Turn right on International Boulevard and continue to GWCC

Traveling East or West on I-20:

Exit 56B. Windsor Street/Spring Street.

Turn onto Spring Street.

Turn left onto Marietta Street.

Turn left onto International Boulevard and continue to GWCC

From MARTA:

From East/West line exit at Philips Arena/Dome/GWCC Station (W-1). Follow signs to GWCC.



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am thankful for CBF! I was honored (and quite surprised) when asked to serve as moderator for CBF of Georgia. It is a sacred trust.

What I have found in CBF?

CBF is a place of fellowship. It is a fellowship in which our oneness in Christ is celebrated, and our diversity is cherished. We believe there is strength in diversity.

CBF is a place of renewal. It is a place of renewal in spiritual journey, in worship,

from the Moderator

in education, in following Christ, and in honoring our heritage as Baptist Christians.

CBF is a place for missions and ministry in Georgia. It is a place for missions and ministry through global missions, as we partner with other Great Commission Christians.

There is a place for you in CBF of Georgia. Let us journey together toward the goals of knowing Christ and making Christ known.

— Jim Ross, CBF of Georgia Moderator

"The future is not what it used to be... [it] is better than it used to be."

Frankly speaking

Assembly is just around the corner. I hope you and your friends are making plans to attend. Registration for this year is running ahead of previous years; however, we need to do even better if we are to have the kind of attendance we want. If your church has yet to set a goal relating to attendance, I hope you will help that happen.

The National General

Based on responses we have received so far, about 1,500 people from Georgia are planning to attend. We want that figure to be 3,000. So please hear this simple request. Do your best to attend the General Assembly, and do your best to bring a group with you.

When we started this enterprise ten years ago, 6,000 people came to Atlanta. The size of the group gave us encouragement. Numbers were not the most important factor in the founding of CBF, but they didn't hurt. A large gathering will speak volumes.

It is one way we can say to the world, "CBF is alive and well."

If you need information about the Assembly or if you need help

with transportation or housing, let us know. We will do what we can to assist you.

The CBF of Georgia state gathering is Thursday, June 28, at 3:45 P.M. in Room 314 of the Georgia World Congress Center. Join us for refreshments as we meet CBF missionaries with Georgia connections.

I want to say a personal word about Jimmy Lewis. He has been a mainstay in the CBF of Georgia mission program. It is really a plus for us to have someone of his caliber as our Missions Coordinator. Some of you know that one of my favorite quotes comes from Arthur Clark, "The future is not what it used to be." With Jimmy on board full time, "The future is better than it used to be."

-Frank Broome, CBF of Georgia Coordinator

CBF of GA names Jimmy Lewis as Missions Coordinator

t is with enthusiasm and passion that I accept the position of Missions Coordinator for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia. As your Missions Coordinator, I will have a major responsibility in initiating new church starts.

A clear 90% of Americans indicate that they believe in a Creator, but across the U.S. only 40% have active membership in any particular place of worship. Current data from George Gallup Jr., Louis Harris, and the George Barna research organizations indicate there is a move back to belief in God and the power of personal prayer, but this belief is not bringing people back into the organized church as active, contributing members.

There is a wide demographic difference in those who attend church. Individuals aged 50+ attend church at a rate of 48%. Those 30-49 years of age attend at a rate of 39%, with a decline to 33% for those under age 30. Women attend church on a regular basis at a rate of 46%, and men attend church only at a 33% rate.

There is a critical need for new churches to reach a new generation. As we make plans for this new initiative, I want to encourage you to pray for



On April 17, 2001, the 2001-2002 Coordinating Council voted unanimously to accept Jimmy Lewis as the first Missions Coordinator for CBF of Georgia.

your missions staff and make yourself available for new mission initiatives.

It is an honor to serve as your new Missions Coordinator. I look forward to our working together. You can reach me at my office in Toccoa, Georgia (cell 770-789-4320, residence 706-297-7122, email <code>jblewis@mindspring.com</code>, <code>www.cbfgamissions.org</code>).

—Jimmy Lewis, CBF of Georgia Missions Coordinator

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Visit the new missions website at www.cbfgamissions.com.

We welcome Stacy Cox to our staff



Jimmy Lewis, new CBF of

Georgia missions coordinator

We are pleased to announce that Stacy Cox is the new Administrative Assistant to the Coordinator for CBF of Georgia.

Stacy most recently taught middle school math and science, and participated in many extracurricular and professional activities as a teacher.

She and her husband Shawn are the parents of toddler Bailey, and are members of the First Baptist Church of Christ at Macon, Georgia.

Stacy is excited about this new challenge and looks forward to meeting many CBF of Georgia folks at the General Assembly in Atlanta. Be sure to welcome Stacy to CBF of Georgia!





Robin Norsworthy

was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Rocky Creek Baptist Church of

Forsyth on April 29,

2001. Robin is minister of activities at the church, and is a student at the McAfee School of Theology.

Sarah B. Withers was awarded the Distinguished Church Woman of the Year Award by the Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia on April 20, 2001. The award is given to a Baptist woman in Georgia who has experienced and is engaged in pursuing a call to ministry. Sarah has been fulfilling her call to ministry for over 50 years, and presently serves as deacon at First Baptist Church of Morrow.

opportunities

Cullowhee Baptist Church in Cullowhee, North Carolina is seeking a full-time minister. Requirements are a seminary degree, a mission mind, and ability to relate to all ages. Church of 150 members is located in the beautiful western Carolina mountains, 50 miles southwest of Asheville. Adjacent to Western Carolina University and affiliated with CBF, the local association, and the N.C. Baptist Convention. Send resume to Irene M. Hooper, POB 2317, Cullowhee NC 28723.

New Horizons Camp needs additional staff for the July 17-20 camp week. Sponsored by CBF of Georgia, New Horizons Camp is a missions camp for children who have completed third through fifth grades. The camp is held at New Ebenezer Retreat Center in Rincon, Georgia. Contact Connie Campbell at *connie@1stbaptistcha.org*.

CBF of Georgia financial picture

 2000-01 monthly budget requirement \$23,539.58
 March receipts \$49,594.92

• April receipts \$63,988.61

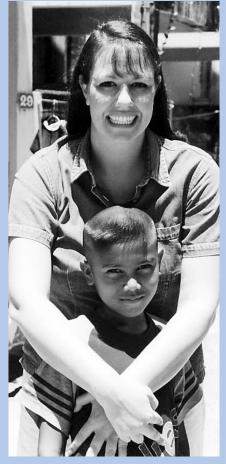
Dear CBF of Georgia...

Greetings from Dartmouth! It is spring here and the snow is finally starting to melt. We here at the Baptist Student Union are looking forward to another term full of fellowship, Bible study, and student missions.

We had the opportunity to send one of our members to Costa Rica to build a home for an underprivileged family. It was a truly blessed time for him and the other eleven students who went.

Thank you for allowing BSU to continue its journey in Christ. We look forward to visiting with the CBF of Georgia this summer at the conference in June. A few students, including myself, will have the opportunity to fellowship with various CBFs during this time. We are excited to have such an opportunity. We look forward to meeting with you soon.

—Shiriki Cavitt



Milledgeville native, Tara Johns shared this picture when she visited the CBF of Georgia office recently.

Tara serves an unreached people group in Southeast Asia.



Sandy Hale, coordinator of Baptist Fellowship/NE visits with Dartmouth students.

March Mission Madness 2001

ponsored by CBF of Georgia, shaped by a steering committee, and hosted by Memorial Baptist Church in Savannah, MMM 2001 was attended by 25 church groups from all over Georgia. The 348 youth and adults participated in worship and play, and donated 2,088 hours of volunteer labor at

Morningstar Baptist Treatment Services, a facility for mentally challenged and emotionally traumatized children ages 6-17.

Though the stats speak well of the event, the cooperative spirit of those who planned, led, and attended MMM 2001 is much more telling. The students and

adults, ten Super Chaperones, steering committee, lay and clergy ministers of Memorial Baptist Church, Morningstar staff, and the Morningstar Alliance worked well together to make MMM 2001 a meaningful, transformational, and memorable weekend.

—Scott Ford MMM 2001 Coordinator



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Photos Harrison Mills



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June 28

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June 28-30

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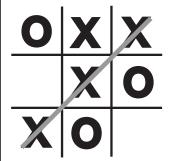
July 17-20 and July 24-27

New Horizons Camp *FULL*New Ebenezer Retreat Center, Rincon GA
A missions camp for children who have completed third through fifth grades.

November 11-12

CBF of Georgia Fall Convocation Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon John Claypool, Speaker

A Winner!



Imost anyone can be a winner in a simple game like Tic-Tac-Toe.
Succeeding in the starting of new churches is much more difficult, but can be made simpler with capable assistance.

This is the role of the *Cooperative Baptist Fellowship New Church Starts Ministry*. Our desire is to help people like you succeed at planting new congregations or to nurture existing ones.

The Fellowship is working in partnership with a growing number of churches, Christian organizations and individuals — clergy and laity — as we seek to provide resources, encouragement and expertise arising from the proven experience of our staff.

If this is God's call to you, your congregation or group, allow us to partner with you as we work together in God's kingdom.

For we are God's servants, working together. (I Cor. 3:9a — NRSV)

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