

VISIONS

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Thinking Globally in a World without Borders

Reaching Unevangelized People Groups is a difficult concept to communicate to churches and people in the pew. We are so conditioned to missions of the past that it can be awkward to



change our thinking. We have always thought of Foreign Missions and Home Missions. Cooperative Baptist



Fellowship uses the term "World without Borders" and focuses on People Groups. Let me share some startling numbers with you.

We measure the world according to its response to Christ. World A is the unevangelized world, or those individuals who have not yet heard of Christ, Christianity or the Gospel. World B are those who have heard the Gospel, but have not yet responded. World C are those who are professed members of a Christian church.

In the case of countries, peoples, cities, provinces, and other large segments, World A is less than half evangelized. World B is over 50% evangelized but less than 60% Christian, and World C is over 95% evangelized and over 60% Christian.

Presently, more than 70% of all Christian effort and ministry is directed at people who already profess to be Christians. Less than 5% of total missionary activity is focused on

those who have never once had a chance to hear about the good news of the Gospel. This is a scandal.

- World A Individuals (AD 2000) 1,629,000,000
- World A Countries 37
- World A People Groups 168

WHERE OUR MONEY GOES

- We Christians (33% of the world's population) own 66% of the world's money.
- Out of every \$10,000, Christians give away 2% to charitable institutions.
- Of that 2%, half goes to Christian causes (\$100 out of every \$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 access to the Gospel but most of whom don't believe.
- Of that \$1 remaining, we give .5% to reach 1/4 of the world, the unevangelized world known as World A, with over 1,500,000,000 (1.5 billion) people.
- ONLY 1/2 OF 1% OF ALL CHRISTIAN MISSIONS MONEY IS SPENT ON "WORLD A" PEOPLE.

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Frankly speaking



The Fall Convocation at First Baptist Marietta exceeded all expectations. It attracted more people than anticipated with over 1,000 in attendance. The gathering had an unusual amount of energy. Dr. Campolo's messages were both inspiring and challenging. The mission emphasis on Sunday night was well done with over \$25,000 in pledges and \$4,000 in cash given to the Taliaferro Initiative. We thank the First Baptist Church of Marietta for the fine job in hosting this event. Pastor Greg DeLoach, church staff and a host of volunteers provided the support we needed.

Elsewhere in this issue of *Visions* you will find information concerning a variety of opportunities related to CBF of Georgia including Global Women, March Mission Madness, and the Global Missions Offering. If you need additional information on any of these, let us know.

Work continues on our future office building. If things go well, we hope to be in the building by January of 2003. We have received \$6,169.45 in donations for the building. We hope you will consider purchasing at least one square foot (\$40.00) in honor or memory of someone. Contributions have been made to our building fund in honor or memory of friends and family by the following people: Robert and Anne Gardner, Stephen and Juanita Krysalka, Ronald Stone, Harvey and Barbara Mills, William Greenhaw, James Haygood, Ed Galbreth, Frank and Susan Broome and John and Catherine Naylor.

Several churches related to us have recently called pastors. We welcome them to Georgia and the CBF of Georgia. They are Stephen Cook, Morrow FBC; Bonnie Decuir, Fellowship BC, Edison; Clay Matthews, New Community BC, Buena Vista; and Paul Richardson, Fellowship BC, Fitzgerald.



A month after I became your coordinator I had the responsibility of hiring a staff member to help us with communication and publications. The person I selected was Surelle K. Pinkston. November 17, 2002, was her fifth anniversary. We owe her a great deal of thanks for the work she's done. Her work on the *Visions* publication has been excellent. She has effectively helped to communicate the vision of CBF by providing numerous publications and materials to churches. We owe a lot of our success to her and we are indeed grateful.

—Frank Broome, CBF of Georgia Coordinator



Photos by Margaret Dempsey

ABOVE: Tony Campolo speaks to a full audience at CBFGA Fall Convocation held at First Baptist Church Marietta.



RIGHT: Catherine Kiesler (behind table) and Laura Mauldin (at end of table) greet over 1,000 people as they register at Fall Convocation.

CBFGA 1992-2002: **And What of the Future?**

—The following article is the last article in a series recounting the first ten years of CBF of Georgia. Written by Robert G. Gardner, Senior Researcher in Baptist History at the Jack Tarver Library of Mercer University, the articles are condensed excerpts from *A Decade of Freedom and Faithfulness: The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia, 1992-2002*, authored by Dr. Gardner and published in February 2002. Copies are available at no cost from CBF of Georgia, 478-301-5928, or pinkston_sk@mercer.edu.

The last decade has made a significant difference in the life of Baptists in Georgia. In the early 1990s, many of us knew what we did not want. We were far less clear as to what we did want.

We explored many possibilities, wandered around in an organizational maze, and used words that were a mixture of the practical, the impractical, the confused, and the tentative. Couple all of this with the raw wounds that plagued most of us. We were the walking wounded. In varying degrees we had all been hurt by the organizations with which we had cooperated over the years.

To organize and to be cured, both at the same time, is quite an accomplishment. If after ten years we are still determining goals, relationships, and priorities, imagine what it was like to operate in a structural fog that was not penetrated by a decade of experience. We might well marvel that our foremothers and forefathers were ever able to move beyond well-meaning words.

I am personally amazed that we have come this far in these few years.

What has been the result? A decade of freedom and faithfulness!

Frank Broome has observed: "While national CBF has been busy sending and supporting missionaries, developing theological education, and providing materials for churches, state organizations like Georgia have moved to expand the base."

With remarkable speed and efficiency, we have developed opportunities of service for persons of differing ages, genders, economic levels, races, and nationalities.

Concerning the future, Broome has insisted: "Yes, we have challenges ahead. We have obtained more office space in Macon. We need to increase giving to state and national CBF so that more missionaries can be sent. We need to strengthen our structure so that churches can more easily hear about and participate in CBF events. We have hired an additional staff member to help resource the churches we already have. And we need to start new churches where the needs exist."

Past-moderator Jim Ross has written: "CBF is a place of 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, 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."

These are thoughtful words of direction. The future is great with promise as they are heard and heeded.

—Robert G. Gardner, author *A Decade of Freedom and Faithfulness: The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia, 1992-2002*

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In a recent informal survey, I could not find one of our Baptist schools that taught a course on Unevangelized People Groups.

Where does your money go? What are the priorities of your church mission money? Why do we not invest in reaching the unevangelized? It could be that we don't know about the needs. It could be that it is too great a challenge. It could be that we think it is too great an investment with too little return.

I maintain that it is not right for the

Christian church to spend 99% of the money received on ourselves and .5% on the unevangelized. The unevangelized will remain unevangelized until we decide to change our priorities to follow the command of Christ in Acts 1:8: "but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

—Jimmy Lewis, Missions Coordinator

"Living the Call: Doing Missions in a World without Borders" is the theme for CBF's 2002-03 Offering for Global Missions. Free offering promotion resources are available from the CBF Resource Link at 888-801-4223 or from the CBF e-Store. Shipping will be charged for cost and free items.

"With a goal of \$6.1 million, each dollar given to the Offering for Global Missions will go toward helping someone hear the Gospel who's never heard it before or meeting human need that's being overlooked by others," says Gary Baldrige, global missions co-coordinator.

For more information go to:
www.cbfonline.org/mission/offering
www.cbfmissions.org/upg
www.cbfmissions.org/links

In the News

Liz Pearson was ordained to the gospel ministry by Briarcliff Baptist Church in Atlanta, October 20, 2002.

Jennifer Boyce Ham was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by the International Church for all Nations, Marietta.

Opportunities

If you are not subscribing to "**The Baptist Studies Bulletin**," produced by Walter Shurden and Greg Thompson at The Center for Baptist Studies at Mercer University, you may want to sign on. "The Baptist Studies Bulletin" is free. To subscribe to this free publication, go to www.mercer.edu/baptist-studies and click "The Bulletin." You will see a place to subscribe. Also the web site is a valuable resource for learning more about Baptists.

Student.go, China Bound, and PASSPORT, Inc. have provided fresh-off-the-press brochures for 2003. Their summer mission opportunities for students have deadlines. For information call our office at 478-301-5928 or visit www.destinationmissions.net, www.CBFInChina.org, or www.passportcamps.org.

During the summer of 2003, 54 rising high school seniors from across the country will gather at Emory University for a four-week experience in Christian theological education. Every youth admitted to the **Youth Theological Initiative Summer Academy** receives a full scholarship for tuition, room, and board for this four-week program. Applicants must be high school juniors during the 2002-2003 academic year and should have a strong academic profile as well as a desire to be challenged spiritually and intellectually. Youth are recruited from diverse racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, denominational and religious backgrounds. Participants must be present for the entire program, from June 28 to July

26. The application includes four short essays, two recommendations, and a high school transcript. Applications are due February 14, 2003. For more information, contact 404-712-9160, www.candler.emory.edu/resources/yti, or yti@emory.edu.

The First Baptist Church of Gastonia, NC, is searching for an **experienced Minister of Youth and Recreation** to provide creative leadership to a comprehensive youth ministry, including activities at the Family Ministries Center. Candidates should have a seminary or divinity school degree, effective communication and organizational skills, a commitment to assist others in their spiritual journey, and a demonstrated love for youth from all backgrounds. For more information, visit www.fbcgastonia.org. Qualified candidates may send resumes to: Youth Minister Search Committee, POB 6298, Gastonia NC 28056, or may email to fbcgast@bellsouth.net.

The Glenn Chancel Choir, a renowned Atlanta choir, announces auditions for talented amateurs. The choir is known for its dedication to cutting-edge church music by the greatest composers from ancient times until today. Glenn Memorial Church provides matchless facilities. Contact director Steven Darsey at darsey@glennumc.org to arrange an audition.

Thank You

...from Ron and Melin, Asia: We have been greatly honored over the past year by your support in encouragement of us as well as for the other CBF families working in Asia. At your regional meeting at this year's General Assembly in Fort Worth you presented us with a beautiful plant arrangement as well as a personal gift for our expected baby. Your generosity and thoughtfulness touched us greatly. We thank you very much.

...from Allison Carter: I would like to thank Jimmy Lewis, missions coordinator, and Georgia CBF for the financial support necessary to participate in the China Bound Cultural Exchange Program. Your generous donation allowed me to experience this great opportunity. Not only did I grow from this program of acceptance and understanding between our two cultures, but I believe that our team of American students also positively influenced the college students from the Chang Zhi Medical College as well. I purchased a kite for the Georgia CBF office in the Silk Market in Beijing. Please think of it as a gift of appreciation for your generosity.

Financial Picture

<i>2002-2003 monthly budget requirement</i>	\$40,950.00
September receipts.....	\$34,063.62
October receipts.....	\$34,395.88
November receipts.....	\$32,143.17



Ann Duncan greets CBFGA guests as they register at FBC Marietta Welcome Center.



Photos by Margaret Dempsey

Annette Moore (L) and Ronda West (R) offer warm smiles of welcome to all who attended Fall Convocation.

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Step out in 2003!

EDUCATION Reach the Child Teach the Child: The Workshop Rotation Model



Photo by Jimmy Lewis

This conference for children's ministry focuses on multidimensional learning approaches to reaching and teaching children through the local church Sunday School. The purpose of the conference is to introduce, enrich, and connect the volunteers and staff members of local churches engaged in ministry with children. The conference is sponsored and presented by Athens area churches on Saturday, February 1, 2003. FBC Athens is the host.

The conference begins with registration and refreshments at 8:00 a.m., followed by the presentation of four workshops with lunch included, and dismissal at 5:00 p.m. Cost for 1-3 individuals from the same church is \$40 per person before January 6, 2003; \$50 per person after January 6, 2003. Additional participants from the same congregation are \$25 per person. Contact CBF of Georgia for registration forms. For more information, contact Frank Granger at 706-548-1359 or frank@firstbaptistathens.org.

MISSIONS Global Women Freedom Conference



Photo by Jimmy Lewis

The worldwide needs of women are staggering, and they only grow with each passing year. Women comprise the largest unevangelized people group in the world. Women are 60% of illiterates, 80% of refugees, 70% of poor, 75% of sick persons. This means millions of women are homeless, hungry, and dying. This year alone, 4,000,000 women will be sold as slaves.

As a result of the world's needs and God's call to minister, Global Women was formed in December of last year. The organization will work through voluntary core groups and networks formed around issues and opportunities concerning the global ministry of women. Through these networks Global Women hopes to be advocates for women and action agents to enable women to serve globally in the name of Jesus.

Global Women presents A Global Women Freedom Conference, co-sponsored by CBF of Georgia and Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia, on February 22, 2003, at the Religious Life Center on the campus of Mercer University in Macon. The conference provides women of all ages the opportunity to explore their ministry options and realize that God has given them the power to change their world.

There is no cost for the conference, but reservations for a \$5.00 lunch should be made by calling CBF of Georgia at 478-301-5926. The conference begins at 9:00 a.m. with a continental breakfast, with sessions running from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information contact globalwomen@globalwomengo.org.

STUDENT MINISTRY March Mission Madness 2003



Sponsored by CBF of Georgia, MMM is a weekend event for Georgia students in grades 6 through 12. Attending chaperones and students participate in mission service, worship, fellowship and fun. New for 2003: sixth graders are invited, and MMM is in two locations.

In March 2003, two churches graciously host separate events in Georgia. Madison Baptist Church hosts MMM North on March 21-23. Claxton First Baptist Church hosts MMM South on March 28-30. Registering churches designate which location they wish to attend. If your church has not received a leader's packet, contact Scott Ford at 770-860-0473 or robertscottford@hotmail.com.

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February 1

Reach the Child Teach the Child

Athens First Baptist Church

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sponsored by Athens area churches. Cost for 1-3 individuals from the same church is \$40 per person before 1/6/03; \$50 per person after 1/6/03. Additional participants from the same congregation are \$25 per person. Contact CBF of Georgia for registration forms. For more information contact Frank Granger at 706-548-1359 or frank@firstbaptistathens.org.

February 17-19

William L. Self Preaching Lectures

McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta, Day Hall

Walter Brueggeman, speaker; Call 678-547-6470.

February 22

Global Women Freedom Conference

Religious Life Center, Mercer University, Macon

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For \$5 lunch reservation, contact CBF of Georgia at 478-301-5926. For information contact globalwomen@globalwomengo.org.

March 7-8

CBF OF GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Gainesville First Baptist Church

Georgia's annual assembly with inspiring speakers and informational breakout sessions. Maurice Boyd is keynote speaker.

March 21-23

CBF OF GEORGIA MARCH MISSION MADNESS NORTH

Madison Baptist Church

Georgia youth in grades 6-12 join in a weekend of missions, worship, fellowship and fun. Contact Scott Ford at 770-860-0473 or robertscottford@hotmail.com.

March 28-30

CBF OF GEORGIA MARCH MISSION MADNESS SOUTH

Claxton First Baptist Church

Contact Scott Ford at 770-860-0473 or robertscottford@hotmail.com.

April 5

Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia Spring Meeting

National Heights Baptist Church, Fayetteville

10:30 a.m. Worship, lunch, business and awards are featured. Wendy Joyner, speaker.

June 26-28

CBF General Assembly

Charlotte NC

For accommodations, go to www.cbfonline.org/community/ga. If you need assistance, call CBF toll-free at 866-748-3055.

July 15-18

CBF OF GEORGIA NEW HORIZONS CAMP NORTH

A missions camp for children who have completed grades 3-5. Site to be determined.

Contact Jana Kinnerley at 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 Kinnerley at 706-354-0090 ext. 204 or janask@milledge.org.

November 9-10

CBF OF GEORGIA FALL CONVOCATION

Columbus

events, dates, times & places