

VISIONS



Oct/Nov '03

New Church Start Is Launched

The boxes were packed and taken away. The walls bare. One last look around the office and a thoughtful glance through the stain glass window gave her pause and question, “You want me to start a church?”

Pieces of the puzzle took seven years to come together. Dr. Natalie Nicholas Adams learned, “You can’t fast-track God’s timing.”

As Natalie resigned as associate pastor of Central Baptist Church in Newnan, Georgia, she knew God’s call would include raising a family and pastoring a church.

Natalie and Tony were both slow and deliberate with their courtship and marriage. Natalie explains, “I never considered being a contractor’s wife something to wrestle over and yet Tony wanted to be fully prepared to become a ‘pastor’s husband.’” They both embrace their callings joyfully.

“Natalie has dreamed of starting a new church for most of her adult life, and she is fulfilling her dream with CBF of Georgia,” says Jimmy Lewis, Missions Coordinator. Following a year of church planter assessment and boot camp, she and Tony have accepted the role of church planting team of Bannister Creek Church in the northwest Forsyth County community of Cumming.”

Natalie explains, “It is amazing and humbling to be called to a ministry with your spouse. Other than the raising of our two children, this has become an incredible part of our journey as a married couple. We get to support each other and utilize our spiritual gifts.”

Jimmy Lewis says, “Natalie is a person with an ability to start things. She establishes relationships well. Her strength will be in ministering to young families. She has the passion, the calling,

and the training to plant a church. She and Tony both feel the calling, and they are partners in this endeavor.”

Natalie serves as pastor and leader/trainer of the ministry team, and Tony serves as leader/trainer of the launch team. Following a strategic plan, they are networking in the community. “God is blessing us through ‘divine appointments,’” says Natalie. “We have met more people in the community in the last three months than we have since we moved here three years ago!”

Bannister Creek’s first community event will be held Sunday, October 19 at Sawnee Mountain Park. The “launch” will include hot air balloon rides, BBQ and a family worship service. Times, directions and the church’s visions can be found on the church website www.bannistercreekchurch.com. You may make reservations by contacting Natalie@bannistercreekchurch.com or calling 770-888-3588.

November’s gathering will be a community Thanksgiving meal and Communion. December’s will be a family Advent worship service. Weekly worship services will begin in January with Celebration Sunday on February 1. The church will meet at Liberty Middle School.



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—Natalie and Tony Adams



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Welcome to CBF of Georgia

Grace Missionary Baptist Church,
Buckhead

People

The following have recently been called as pastor:

Jimmy Elder, Columbus First Baptist Church

Tommy Kennedy, Sardis Baptist Church,
Hartwell

Jim King, Parkway Baptist Church, Duluth

Dave Meadors, Ringgold First Baptist
Church

Craig Sherouse, Griffin First Baptist Church

Monty Stallins, Second Avenue Baptist
Church, Rome

Bill Wilson, Dalton First Baptist Church

opportunities reports

The following have recently been called as ministers of youth:

Joe Ferguson, Manchester FBC

Jay Reber, Eatonton FBC

Financial Picture

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

Budget requirement	\$124,049.50
Undesignated Receipts	\$86,724.50
Designated Receipts	\$26,699.26



**CBF OF GEORGIA
NEW HORIZONS CAMP
July 13-16, 2004
Georgia FFA-FFCLA Center,
Covington**

- Mission-focused camp •
- Children completed grades 3-6 •
- Multi-sensory exploration stations •
 - Experiential worship •
 - Evening parties •
 - Fun free-time options •
 - Low ropes course •
- Conveniently located on beautiful Lake Jackson •
- Staff with local church experience in children's ministry •

— NEW HORIZONS —

Valuing all children and their gifts
Involving children in leadership roles
Attentive to spiritual, physical, social and emotional needs of children
Connecting children from churches around the state

Detailed information packets will be mailed to churches in January. If you would like to receive one, please contact Dixie Ford, camp director, at dixieleeford@hotmail.com or (678) 413-1145.

Thank You ...

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Joy Carter

Sandra C. Belue
Mildred D. Brown
Gaile Carter
Robert A. Carter
Jimmy Cunningham
Mitzi Dupree
Melody W. Fortner
Evelyn H. Griffis
Charles L. Gruver
John and Sharon Haskins
Pauline Kennedy
Lamb P. Lastinger
Hazel M. Lee
Laurelle J. Lee
Donna D. Maggio
John and Gina McTier
George and Helen Mims
Eddie and Stella Minson
Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Newton
Ewell B. Pinkston
Kathryn G. Popell
James T. Stovall III
Mrs. Oren Tally
Edward and Lugene Teston
Carolyn B. Williams
Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Wisenbaker

In Memory of Josie Miller

Ed and Sarah Timmerman

In Memory of David Stallings

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In Honor of Dr. & Mrs. Greg Deloach

Charles and Margaret Deckner

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CBF GA coming up!

October 27-28

McAfee Bible Study Preview Conference

October 27/Atlanta Campus; October 28/Macon Campus

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Study Romans with Charles Talbert. Contact Diane Frazier for reservations, 678-547-6470, 888-471-9922.

November 9-10

CBF OF GEORGIA FALL CONVOCATION

Columbus First Baptist Church (Please see inside promotional poster.)

November 10

CBF OF GEORGIA COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING

Columbus First Baptist Church, 12:00 p.m.

November 11

Baptist Heritage Breakfast

Columbus First Baptist Church, 7:30 a.m. Bill Neal, speaker. Cost is \$12; deadline is November 1. Call 706-583-8618.

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January 13

CBF OF GEORGIA COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING

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

February 2-3

Marriage Enrichment for Clergy Couples

Holiday Inn Airport, Atlanta GA

Led by Bo and Gail Prosser. \$50 cost per couple includes one night hotel fees with continental breakfast. All other meals are on your own. Payment in full due by December 1. To register or for further information, contact Jeffrey and Tonya Vickery, POB 37, Cullowhee, NC 28723, 828-293-9024 or vickery@main.nc.us.

February 13-14

McAfee School of Theology Faculty/Staff/Student Retreat

Camp Pinnacle, Clayton

Contact Diane Frazier for reservations, 678-547-6470, 888-471-9922.

February 18-21

current Network Retreat

Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas TX

For information go to www.currentonline.org.

February 19-21

Children's Ministry Retreat

Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, TX

For information go to www.currentonline.org.

March 5-6

CBF OF GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Tabernacle Baptist Church, Carrollton

Kyle Matthews, music and worship; Otis Moss, speaker.

March 8-10

William L. Self Preaching Lectures

McAfee School of Theology

Bill Hull, speaker. Contact Diane Frazier for reservations, 678-547-6470, 888-471-9922.

March 19-21

CBF OF GEORGIA MARCH MISSION MADNESS SOUTH

Forsyth First Baptist Church

A CBF of Georgia Weekend Mission Experience for Youth

Each March Mission Madness event is hosted by a local church, begins on Friday evening, and ends Sunday morning. MMM weekends for chaperones and youth (grades 6/7-12) involve worship, recreation, mission service projects, games, a party, and loads of fun! For information, please email MMM Coordinator Scott Ford at robertscottford@mac.com.

March 26-28

CBF OF GEORGIA MARCH MISSION MADNESS NORTH

Hartwell First Baptist Church

Please see previous MMM date for information.

April 17

Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia Spring Meeting

Rocky Creek Baptist Church, Forsyth

Susan Burnette, speaker. Worship, lunch, business and awards are featured. Contact Devita Parnell 478-742-1191 ext 28 or dparnell@cbfga.org.

events, dates, times & places

Fellowship of Grace FALL CONVOCATION OF THE COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP OF GEORGIA

November 9-10, 2003 • Columbus First Baptist Church, 212 12th Street (706-322-4468 or www.visitcolumbusga.com)

SPEAKERS

Daniel Vestal, *CBF Coordinator*

Scott and Shari,
CBF Field Personnel to Asia

Tomislav Dobutovic, *Director of The Bible Institute of
Bosnia-Herzegovina*

Elizabeth Rickert, *Candler School of Theology Student*

LeAnn Gunter and Andrew Smith,
McAfee School of Theology Students



Daniel Vestal



"Scott and Shari"



Tomislav Dobutovic



Elizabeth Rickert



LeAnn Gunter



Andrew Smith

FEATURING

Ministry Fair of Church Mission Trips
and CBF Ministries and Resources

Book Signing with
Alan Culpepper, Suthern Sims, Rollin Armour,
Bo Prosser, Michael McCullar, Charles Qualls,
Jim Dant, Tim Owings, and Peter Rhea Jones

Panel of CBF Leaders

Commissioning of New Church Start Pastor
Natalie Adams



Natalie Adams

SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 9

7:00 p.m. Worship

8:30 Reception, Ministry Fair, Book Signing

Monday, November 10

9:00 a.m. Question & Answer Session, CBF Leaders

9:45 Coffee, Confections and Conversation

(Ministry Fair and Book Signing Repeated)

10:30 Worship

12:00 Dismissal

HOTELS

Gates House B & B - 737 Broadway
800-891-3187

Heritage Inns of America - 1325 Veterans Pkwy.
877-647-2547

Howard Johnson Express - 1011 Veterans Pkwy.
800-697-7293

Wingate Inn - 1711 Rollins Way
800-228-1000

Wyndam Hotel - 800 Front Ave.
800-524-4020

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