Being "in" the Presence of Christ

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia • 2004 Fall Convocation • November 14-15, 2004

Christian Fellowship Baptist Church · 1500 Norman Drive, College Park, Georgia 30349



Featuring: Dr. Carolyn L. Gordon, Associate Professor of Church and Community, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas. Dr. Gordon is also the National Vice-President for the Baptist Women in Ministry organization.

Hotels: Holiday Inn Select, 4669 Airport Blvd/College Park
1-800-HOLIDAY (ask for the \$79.00 special rate for CBF of Georgia)
Sheraton Gateway, 1900 Sullivan Rd/College Park, 1-800-784-9400
Hilton Garden Inn - Atlanta Airport, 2301 Sullivan Rd./College Park, 1-800-HILTONS

Directions to Christian Fellowship Baptist Church:

Exit Riverdale Road off of I-285 near airport. Go south on Riverdale Road. Then continue south to the 3rd traffic light (Quick Trip, Checkers, and Blimpies on each corner). Turn right on Norman Drive. Come one block to the church.

Sunday, Nov. 14 · 6:00 Registration
7:00 Worship with Dr. Gordon
8:30 Reception

Monday, Nov. 15 · 9:00 "Reaching New People" Panel Discussion 9:45 Coffee, Confections, & Conversation 10:30 Worship with Dr. Gordon 12:00 Dismissal

Child Care provided (infancy through pre-school) by Christian Fellowship Baptist

Special musical presentation by Meridian Chorale.



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McCall, Sr., Pæstor of
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Oct/Nov '04

CBF of Georgia Joins Forces with CBF of Florida to Help out after the Catastrophic Effects of Hurricane Charley

Jimmy Lewis, Missions Coordinator, CBF of Georgia, & Ken Corcoran, Missions Minister, First Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia, help with the Florida Relief Effort

urricane Charley hit Punta Gorda, Florida, with a force that quickly moved inland up highway 17 through some of the most rural areas of Florida. The destructive winds went through Orlando and caused enormous damage to homes and businesses. Jimmy Lewis and Ken Corcoran quickly responded to requests from CBF of Florida to offer assistance to the people hardest hit by Charley. The photos show a very small sampling of the volunteers who helped out and of the work done by volunteers and residents to overcome the devastation of Charley.

The three geographic areas of most need were: De Soto County (a rural area with a large population of migrant workers who were already among the





Being the Presence of Christ... Loving Your Neighbor

Dear GA CBF,

Where would we be without our neighbors? Thank you for all that you have already done to help your neighbors to the south following Hurricane Charley's devastation. Even though we knew Charley was a category 4 storm and we had done all that we could to prepare, we were not prepared for the widespread hit that we sustained from the Fort Myers area up the center of the state through Orlando and out into the Atlantic at Daytona Beach.



Carolyn Anderson

You were here for us. Jimmy Lewis immediately called to volunteer to assist in any way. He arrived within a few days with Ken Corcoran, Missions Minister at First Baptist Church, Columbus, GA. They spent two long days touring the areas hit hardest by the storm and then Jimmy prepared an action plan for us. Volunteers are coming. There is much to do.

Scripture reminds us, "If we are rich and see others in need, yet close our heart to them, how can we claim that we love God? My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love which shows itself in action."

That is what we have seen from our neighbors in Georgia.

Thanks,

Carolyn Anderson, Coordinator, CBF Florida

marginalized before Hurricane Charley hit); Hardee County (an adjoining county and another rural

LEFT: Jimmy Lewis (Far Right Front), Ken Corcoran (Far Right Rear), and members of missions teams from Miami and Cocoa.

BOTTOM LEFT: FBC Columbus, GA, team (Brandon Strozier, Tim Thompson, Chuck Jones) repairing roofs.

BELOW: First Baptist Church Columbus, GA, team member, Chuck Jones, cutting and removing trees



area with migrant workers) and Orange County (Orlando).

Rev. David Burgess, pastor of the South Venice Baptist Church, has been heading up the state relief effort. As of press time, volunteers and resources were still needed to help Florida recover from the disaster.

Anyone interested in volunteering or in sending resources should direct inquiries to David Burgess, Pastor, South Venice Baptist Church, phone number: 941-493-0022.

Following is a list of needed items (please contact Rev. Burgess or South Venice Baptist Church to obtain an updated needs list prior to shipping):

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opportunities reports

People

Robert Couey has been called as pastor for Fellowship Baptist Church, Fitzgerald.

Andrea Dellinger Jones (formerly Minister of Children and Youth FBC, Commerce) has been called as Minister of Christian Formation and Children for Chestnut Grove Baptist Church, Earlysville, VA.

CBF of Georgia Staff

Alan Mitchell joins CBF of Georgia as Part-time Assistant to the Coordinator for Reference and Referral.

Nancy A. Copeland joins CBF of Georgia as the Assistant for Communication and Resources.

Resources

CBF 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 a 13-week study that

explores how local churches can be the center and primary agent of global missions in the 21st century. The curriculum is available on the Baptist Center for Ethics Web site, *EthicsDaily.com*.

The Crafts of Preaching and Writing Baptist History is by Walter B. Shurden, founding executive director of The Center for Baptist Studies at Mercer University, and Wayne Flynt, distinguished university professor at Auburn University. Baptist preachers, writers, students, and professors will find this to be an excellent and highly practical resource. To order copies today, simply call 800-966-2278. The per-copy cost is \$5.00. Or send an e-mail request to Pam Durso at pdurso@tnbaptist.org. Give your name, address, and telephone number, and indicate the number of copies you would like.

Financial Picture...

2004-2005 year-to-date as of August 31, 2004
Budget requirement ... \$139,425.00
Undesignated Receipts ... \$135,689.22
Designated Receipts ... \$39,980.43

Hurricane Relief (continued from front)

Personal care shoeboxes with toothpaste, tooth brush, deodorant, comb, shampoo, wash cloth, towel, soap, vitamins, OTC pain medications.

- Water
- 16 and 8 penny Nails
- Disposable Diapers
- Baby food

- Roofing Nails
- OSB plywood
- Premixed baby formula
- Paper Products (plates, paper towels, toilet paper)
- Portable Cooking Stoves with extra gas containers

These items can be sent to: South Venice Baptist Church 3167 Old Englewood Rd. Venice, FL 34293 941-493-0022

Please Note: As of press time, we obtained the following contact information for Hurricane Frances: Paul Thibodeaux, cell phone number: 404-428-6166.



First Baptist Church Ft. Myers youth unloading relief supply truck filled with water and tarps

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 Gods gift and calling.



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CBF GA coming up!

October 11-13

Bridging Faith and Health: The Role of the Church

Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta

For more information, log on to candler.emory.edu/ACADEMIC/OCME.

October 29-30

Baptist Women in Ministry Fall Retreat

Simpsonwood Retreat Center, Norcross

"When Women Lead the Flock"

Rev. Ann Svennungsen, speaker.

For registration and housing information, contact Devita Parnell at 478-742-1191, ext. 28, or dparnell@cbfga.org.

November 14-15

CBF OF GEORGIA FALL CONVOCATION

Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, College Park

Carolyn Gordon, speaker.

Call 1-800-HOLIDAY and identify yourself with the CBF of Georgia for the \$79.00 room rate at the Holiday Inn Select in College Park.

December 9

Cultivating a Culture of Call: A Symposium on the Role of Congregations in Calling People to Ministry

First Baptist Church of Decatur

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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@fbcmorrow.org.

December 29-January 2

Antiphony

A Conference for University Students

Birmingham, AL

Theme: "God's Call, The World's Cry, My Answer"

Visit www.antiphonyonline.org for additional information.

Registration deadline November 1.

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January 18

CBF OF GEORGIA COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING

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

March 4

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

March 4-5

CBF OF GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

First Baptist Church, Rome

June30-July1

CBF National General Assembly

Auxiliary events offered Wednesday, June 29, and Saturday, July 2 Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center, Grapevine, TX

events, dates, times, & places