



## A Decade of Freedom and Faithfulness

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia  
1992-2002

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In 1994, 250 CBF of Georgia volunteers participated in the building of a Habitat for Humanity home located on Dublin Street in East Macon. (See page 15.)

## Foreword

In June of 2001 the national Cooperative Baptist Fellowship celebrated its tenth anniversary. We gathered at the World Congress Center under the theme "A Decade of Promise." This has been a decade of promise, indeed. The promise is, above all, a promise of grace. The story in Scripture is a story of God's grace poured out for us. Time and time again when God's people were in crisis, God came through. Such has been done for us. We stood up to fundamentalism in much the same way Jesus did in the first century. And when things seemed darkest, God brought forth grace. This grace took the form of a renewal movement within our Baptist life. It enabled us to reclaim much of what we had taken for granted. Such concepts as the priesthood of the believer, the autonomy of the local church, the centrality of Jesus, the importance of both clergy and laity, a thoughtful respect for Scripture, and the freedom to respond to God's call by both male and female became even more precious to us. Without God's grace, these concepts would have been pushed aside.

This decade brought the promise of a fellowship. It was to be a fellowship based not on theological conformity or institutional programs but on trust. We trusted God to provide a way for us to continue to serve, and we trusted one another as we traveled along the way. At the center of this trust was a common commitment to Jesus as Lord. We were not sure where we were going, but we had no doubt whom we were following.

Along with grace and fellowship came the promise of freedom. The best kind of freedom. Freedom in Christ. Such freedom has let



us affirm women as they follow God's call. We are free to acknowledge the gifts that God has bestowed on individuals. We are also free to relate to other Christians. Baptists are one part of God's family. We are not the only part.

As this movement of grace matures, we have before us the promise of new ways of being Baptist and doing missions. Old structures are passing away and new ones are being born – from centralized to decentralized, from program-driven to mission-driven, from one-size-fits-all to a multitude of other approaches. God is at work weaving a new creation. How will we label the next decade? Perhaps a decade of fulfillment, maybe a decade of maturity, hopefully a decade of growth. No one knows, save God alone. What we do know is this. God will be as faithful in the future as in the past. The only question is, will we? Let us answer with an unmistakable YES.

This pamphlet has been five years in the making. Late in 1996 then-moderator Janie Peacock asked Dr. Robert Gardner to prepare a brief history of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia. His pursuit of the project was interrupted by seven by-passes and a period of recovery. Several months ago I invited him to resume the work, and he agreed without hesitation. He has presented us with a wonderful gift.

Several others have contributed information (sometimes in the form of extensive personal files), including Janie Peacock, Pearl DuVall, Jimmy Lewis, Carolyn Bell Massey, Sheryl Groover, Stacy Cox, Billy Nimmons, and William Trawick. Several have read the manuscript at various stages in its preparation: Janie Peacock, Pearl DuVall, Surelle K. Pinkston, Anne F. Gardner, Susan G. Broome, and I. Donna and Ron Jackson of Design 119 have generously assisted with the design and printing. This publication is a tenth-anniversary birthday present to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia from many capable persons for whom I am grateful.

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## Introduction

From our beginnings, Baptists have actively favored the Lordship of Christ, the authority of the Bible over tradition, believer's baptism, the priesthood of all believers, the gathered and congregational church, local church autonomy that encourages connectionalism, the separation of church and state, and religious liberty. Nevertheless, from virtually the start here in Georgia, *diversity* has also marked our denominational life. It seems that, in this state as elsewhere, the only time that *Baptist* is singular is when we are talking about one Baptist.

Thus, Baptist life in Georgia has experienced several significant divisions. In the 1820s and 1830s the antimissionary Baptists retained control of churches and associations already in existence or founded their own. Prior to the Civil War, the Cherokee Georgia Baptist Convention (1854-1864) emerged in northwest Georgia, chiefly as an expression of regionalism. After the war, regional loyalties gave rise to the North Georgia Baptist Convention (1878-1894) and the South Georgia Baptist Convention (1890-c.1898). Of course the most obvious division effectively started in 1865 when African-Americans in great numbers constituted their own churches and associations. Throughout the nineteenth century there were organizational disruptions in Georgia Baptist Convention fellowship.

The twentieth century saw major disagreements within Georgia Baptist life concerning evolution-modernism and biblical interpretation – particularly as related to Genesis – but no overt schisms. This changed when the Southern Baptist Convention and state conven-

tions in and after 1979 became increasingly fundamentalist in their theology, hierarchical in their structure, and unyielding in their opposition to women in pastoral and other significant leadership roles. Consequently, moderate Georgia Baptists gradually felt repression as they increasingly lost national and state leadership positions. The political and theological climate became frigid.

Moderates began to respond in various informal and formal ways. Informally they experienced a sense of cohesion with friends made at college and/or seminary as they communicated in the halls and over coffee and meals while attending increasingly unsatisfactory meetings of the Southern and Georgia Baptist conventions. Beginning in 1989 an almost-annual retreat for moderate ministers and spouses has provided mutual support.

Formal networking came in the late 1980s and early 1990s as Georgia Baptists, Inc., and related movements achieved modest, but only temporary, success in countering the fundamentalist coalition. In 1990 and 1991 the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship emerged as a national reality of considerable size and vigor. On October 8-9, 1992, a conference, "The History of the Moderate Movement," was held at Mercer University. (Most of the presentations were published by Mercer University Press as *The Struggle for the Soul of the SBC: Moderate Responses to the Fundamentalist Movement*.)

## Origin of The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia

In Georgia the emergence in 1991 of the national Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Inc. (hereafter cited as CBFN, when abbreviated), was soon followed by a state organization. At the 1991 CBFN meeting, a Georgia caucus was held to nominate Georgia representatives for the national coordinating council, but this brief, late-afternoon gathering in the middle of a noisy assembly hall cannot qualify as the organizational session for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia (hereafter cited as CBFG, when abbreviated). A preliminary meeting of the "Georgia Chapter" of the CBFN was convened following the Monday evening session of the Georgia Baptist Convention on November 11, 1991, at First Baptist Church of Augusta. Much was said and felt at this gathering, but little is on record concerning it.

A second, more productive, meeting was held by an estimated 400 persons on March 28, 1992, at Mercer University, Macon, with W. Ches Smith III of Tifton as moderator. Charles O. Walker of Jasper moved "that this group of Baptists organize themselves into the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia..." and the motion was approved unanimously. The group named a nominating committee to report in November, contributed \$126 to the work of the fledgling state organization, and discussed areas of mission service.

Called to order by Ches Smith on Monday, November 9, 1992, at 10 P.M., at the First Baptist Church of Macon, about 175 persons assembled to effect a formal organization. Three officers were elected:



Billy T. Nimmons of Dalton, moderator; Pearl DuVall of Cordele, moderator-elect; and John D. Baker of Atlanta, clerk and treasurer — all three clergy. Five were named to an executive committee and five others to an extended executive committee — soon to be called the coordinating council. Thirteen persons comprised a committee to formulate a constitution, bylaws, and a statement of financial procedures. The body agreed to seek the endorsement of the CBFN and legal incorporation, both of which were achieved in 1993. Current financial assets were reported at about \$3,800, most of which was held in trust by the national office. In forty-five minutes the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia had moved from words to structure.

Considered the “first” General Assembly (although the term then in use was *Convocation*), about 600 persons assembled at Smoke Rise Baptist Church, Stone Mountain, March 20, 1993; heard an address by Keith Parks, CBFN global missions coordinator; extended until spring 1994 the terms of the officers elected in Macon; and welcomed Dorothy Pryor, who delivered a “WMU Update.” The body also adopted a constitution and bylaws that had been prepared, with assistance from Tennessee and South Carolina documents, by Pearl and Wallace DuVall, John Baker, Susan G. Broome, and William G. Trawick.

About 350 persons attended a Georgia “break-out meeting” at the CBFN convocation, held in Birmingham in May 1993. Leaders were introduced, reports were given, “some \$1140” was contributed, and Nimmons closed with a statement of his dreams for the CBFG. Late in 1993 he distributed a three-page leaflet, “Welcome to the Fellowship — Update for Georgia,” which made use for the first time of the Fellowship’s new logo designed by an unnamed Columbus artist. Nimmons also served as editor of the first issue of *Visions*, in which he devoted one page to the purpose and structure of the infant body that reflected the new constitution and bylaws.

#### PURPOSE AND STRUCTURE OF THE COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP OF GEORGIA

“The ‘purpose of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia’ is to enable 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 responsibility to exercise God’s gifts and calling.” The most recent *Visions* continues to print this statement of purpose with only insignificant verbal changes.

Structurally the CBFG has developed gradually from the relatively simple to the relatively complex. The initial central documents, the constitution and bylaws, were accepted at Smoke Rise in 1993. They were revised and accepted in 1995, 1996, and 1998 when a sunset clause rendered the then-current documents inoperative.

In 1996 the CBFG prepared for the first time an extended statement detailing the “Operational Policies and Organizational Structure of the Coordinating Council of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia.” After a “Policies Committee” restudied this document in 1999, additional alterations were made the following year.

Changes at these and other times were made necessary in an effort to keep the documents in harmony with what the CBFG was actually doing and with the structure of the CBFN. It is expected that the coordinating council will henceforth review these foundational

statements at least every five years and suggest appropriate revisions.

Currently the CBFG constitution and bylaws and the "Operational Policies" statement center activities in the moderator, coordinating council, and coordinator. The Fellowship works through three governing committees within the coordinating council: (1) Education, which "promotes historic Baptist principles, encourages the education of Georgia Baptists, and builds knowledge of the heritage and hope of Baptist principles"; (2) Missions, which "encourages, identifies, and provides opportunities for sharing the Gospel and opportunities for engaging in mission activities"; and (3) Student Ministries, which facilitates work with children, youth, college students, and seminarians. There are also several standing committees: executive, communications, constitution and bylaws, convocations, finance, and nominating. Each of these entities reports to the coordinating council, which provides direction and unity to the movement.

#### PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE CBFG

**Spring General Assemblies.** One- and two-day meetings have been scheduled each spring since 1993: two at Decatur and one each at Stone Mountain, Milledgeville, Atlanta, Griffin, Athens, Tifton, and Augusta. Since 1997 they have included events during parts of two days, Friday and Saturday. In 1997-1998 serious thought was given to scheduling duplicate assemblies in North and South Georgia, but this proposal was rejected. (See Appendix A.)

No small part of the attraction of these gatherings has been the freedom of fellowship. For the first time in many years, participants can enjoy the absence of looking over their shoulder to see who is nearby!

Programs have included out-of-state and local speakers and musicians, reports from the leaders of ministries within the Fellowship, the election of officers selected after open discussion, workshops of great number and variety, at least one meal on the premises, and a room of exhibits publicizing ministry resources available to interested churches and members.

Non-Georgia guests have included Bill Leonard, then of Samford University; Margie and Paul Thibodeaux and Ron and Ina Winstead,

CBFN missionaries; Carolyn Weatherford Crumpler and John Tyler, moderators of the CBFN; Michael Hawn, musician from Perkins School of Theology in Texas; Bill Bruster of the CBFN; Robert Parham of the Baptist Center for Ethics; William Augustus Jones, Jr., pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York — and even the Bert and Debbie Ayers family from Albania by way of a long-distance telephone hook-up. Among the Georgia guests were Ron Johnson, who was then director of evangelism for the Georgia Baptist Convention and who received extensive convention criticism for his appearance; Cynthia Tucker of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*; and Robert Franklin, president of Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta. Each year authorities in their fields have conducted as many as thirteen practical and informative workshops, some of which have been titled: "C.B.F., Who Are We?"; "Doing Evangelism with Integrity"; "It's Time to Look at Creative Worship"; "Theological Education in Georgia"; "Stewardship and Church Budgets"; "Healing, Health and Faith"; "Marriage and Parenting"; "Frog Kissin': An Approach to Missions"; "Making All of Life a Prayer"; and "The Celtic Way of Doing Evangelism." Total attendance was estimated in 1995 at Decatur First and in 1996 at Wieuca Road of Atlanta to be 750 each, and other sessions have approached this figure.

**Fall Convocations.** Thus far held in connection with the annual meetings of the Georgia Baptist Convention, since 1991 fall convocations have provided a breath of fresh air — at first late Monday evening, and then Monday morning, and more recently Sunday evening and Monday morning. Starting in 1993 the one-day Monday sessions included speakers, reports, and a luncheon. With the addition of a second day in 1998, the two plenary sessions have been supplemented by a Sunday evening reception (once including a birthday cake for a favorite mother-in-law), a Monday-morning continental breakfast, a few resource exhibits, and various special-interest meetings. Major speakers have included Bill Leonard of Wake Forest University; Pat Anderson, moderator of the CBFN; Cecil Sherman and Daniel Vestal, coordinators of the CBFN; Keith Parks, the CBFN global missions coordinator; Jonathan and Tina Bailey, CBFN missionaries; Glenn Hinson, visiting professor at Candler School of



Theology; Rabbi Arnold Mark Belzer of Savannah; John Claypool of New Orleans and Atlanta; and Len G. Broughton, world famous pastor of Baptist Tabernacle, Atlanta (Ches Smith in disguise). Over 550 attended the one-day meeting in Marietta, no doubt a record to this date for a fall convocation.

**Meetings in Conjunction with the CBFN.** Since 1991 in Atlanta, Georgia gatherings have been held in connection with meetings of the national body. These state "break-out" sessions have sometimes attracted over 300 (Birmingham, 1993; Atlanta, 2001). Speakers have usually been brief, preceded by much animated conversation and light refreshments and followed by more of the same.

**Regional Meetings.** In order to publicize Fellowship activities, regional meetings have been held since 1994 — some under the auspices of local leaders and others under state and/or national leaders. Five meetings were scheduled in 1994, with the stipulation that each would be financially self-sustaining. Cecil Sherman spoke in Summerville, Rome, Tifton (in a theater!), Pinehurst, and Reynolds Plantation near Lake Oconee in June and July. Tifton attracted about 150 persons; Pinehurst was "much smaller" because of "weather and flooding"; the other three were less eventful. The next year an ambitious schedule was planned, but apparently services were conducted only in Dahlonega, Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church of Atlanta, Jasper, and Morrow. During the fall of 1998 rallies were held in Morrow, Milledgeville, Toccoa, Savannah, and Columbus. In cooperation with the CBFN, a statewide "CBF Blitz" occurred on May 3-6, 1999, in forty-one Georgia churches. Bill Bruster, Terry Hamrick, Gary Parker, Keith Parks, and Daniel Vestal contributed to these sessions of information and inspiration that involved some 1,230 participants. Thirteen Georgia women and men were the area coordinators who paid attention to the details. Observed one Carrollton woman afterwards: "I hope we can get together like this more often!" During 2001, meetings were convened at Dahlonega, Jasper, Rome, Wieuca Road Baptist Church of Atlanta, and Hartwell. Others in central and south Georgia are being scheduled for the not-too-distant future.

## ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE CBFG

**Moderators.** Ten persons have led the Fellowship as moderators, with the name of the eleventh already known: W. Ches Smith III, Tifton, 1992; Billy T. Nimmons, Dalton, 1992-1994; Pearl DuVall, Cordele, 1994-1995; David K. Hinson, LaFayette, 1995-1996; Janie Peacock, West Point, 1996-1997; Jon Appleton, Athens, 1997-1998; Carolyn B. Massey, Tifton, 1998-1999; Gary L. Abbott, Sr., Milledgeville, 1999-2000; Becky Matheny, Athens, 2000-2001; Jim Ross, Madison, 2001-2002; Rachel Deems, Macon, 2002-2003. Five of these are female; six, male. All six males are ordained ministers and are or were pastors of local churches. Two females are ordained ministers and another, an ordained deacon. Three laywomen have been named to this office, but no layman has as yet occupied this key position. (See Appendix B.)

The duties of the moderator are manifold: she or he presides at meetings of the Fellowship, the coordinating council, and the executive committee. The moderator is an ex-officio member of all committees, standing and ad hoc. In recent years the moderator has been involved, along with the state coordinator, in the ongoing business of the organization.

**Clerks.** Five have served as clerks: John D. Baker, Atlanta/Decatur, 1993-1996; Nona Junkin, St. Simons, 1996; Sarah B. Withers, McDonough, 1996-2000; Michael Helms, Moultrie, 2000-2001; Anne Green, Dahlonega, 2001-present. One male and one female are clergy; the others are laity. The duties of the clerk are typical of the position: to maintain a record of the various meetings. In recent years the clerk has been assisted in this function by persons employed in the CBFG office.

**Treasurers.** The CBFG has thus far elected three treasurers: John D. Baker, Atlanta/Decatur, 1993-1997; Darrell Watson, Macon/Gray, 1997-1999; and Ruth DuCharme, Macon, 1999-present. Both men were pastors of churches; the female is laity. Keeping an accurate account of monies received and disbursed is the duty of this officer, in recent years with assistance from persons in the CBFG office.



**Coordinating Council.** Since 1992, 81 persons have been on the coordinating council, 44 males and 37 females. The ministerial breakdown of the group is as follows: male clergy, 31; male laity, 13; female clergy, 9; female laity, 28, of whom 2 were deacons. (It should be noted that some have changed their status since leaving this council.) In 1999 a new category was added, student representative; and college and seminary students have served each year since.

The council initially gave serious attention to fellowship, since the members had often not worked together before. Accordingly, a large plate of peanut brittle came to be an anticipated feature at the beginning of each meeting. Unfortunately, with the death of Wallace DuVall, the generous and skilled cook, this practice has been allowed to lapse.

It would be difficult to overestimate the importance of this group. It initiates most of the activities of the Fellowship or, when it does not, supervises the various ongoing programs. It meets formally four times a year (and at other times when necessary), but maintains a network of communication throughout the year. In 1996 and 1998 retreats were instructive and inspiring. Without a coordinating council the existence of a state Fellowship would be virtually inconceivable.

#### PROFESSIONAL LEADERS OF THE CBF

**Coordinator.** As the program and income of the Fellowship gradually increased, there was widespread recognition that a full-time coordinator was needed. Of course this was not a new idea. Moderator Billy Nimmons favored the hiring of such a person in a newsletter that he sent out in the fall of 1993, and the first budget (1993-1994) included funds for a person in that position. However, requisite financial maturity was not reached for three more years.

On November 11, 1996, in Perry, the formal proposal to employ such an individual was approved. A nominating committee was named by the coordinating council. Eleven males and three females were recommended for the position and were appropriately evaluated. At a called meeting of the Fellowship on Saturday, July 12, 1997, on the Mercer campus in Macon, Rev. E. Frank Broome was

unanimously elected to the position. He formally assumed his role on September 1, 1997.

A native of Washington, Georgia, Broome is a graduate of Mercer University (B.A. in history and Christianity) and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div.). After serving as director of Christian social ministries in the Northern Kentucky and Columbus (Georgia) Baptist associations for thirteen years, he was director of missions for the Macon (Georgia) Baptist Association for eight. He is married to Susan Gardner, who is head of Special Collections and curator of the Georgia Baptist History Depository at Mercer; they are the parents of three children, Anna, Zachary, and Truitt.

A general description of his position was included in the announcement of his election: "Broome's call is to be responsive to the elected leadership of the CBF of GA in developing the state organization, by giving general supervision and implementation to its programs and to communicate its mission." From his office, his home, and his automobile he conducts a wide-ranging mission on behalf of the Fellowship: overseeing its every activity, maintaining a broad correspondence, speaking at every opportunity, counseling churches and clergy, sending resumes of worthy ministers and staff, and originating ideas that might lead to new ministries.

Broome's office is located on Mercer University property in space furnished without charge by the university and said in 2001 to be worth about \$8,000 per year. After Treasurer Baker's resignation in 1997, the checking account was moved to Macon and a local treasurer was named. Increasingly complex equipment has been installed in the office over the years, allowing for greater efficiency in handling financial matters, correspondence, and bulk mail-outs. In 1997-1998 a website was opened. Donna Jackson of Macon prepared a new logo for the CBF in 1997 that was compatible with the CBFN's design.

In all of this, Broome has been capably assisted by four colleagues: Sheryl Groover, part-time administrative assistant to the coordinator and financial secretary, 1997-2001; Surelle K. Pinkston, full-time administrative assistant for communications and resources, 1997-present; Stacy Cox, full-time administrative assistant to the coordinator, 2001-present; and Carol Jones, part-time financial



secretary, 2001-present. Two generous ladies have worked many volunteer hours in the office: Katie Fowler of Milledgeville and Nancy Long of Macon.

**Associate Coordinator.** In the spring of 1999 announcement was made concerning a search for a part-time associate coordinator. This person was to "assist the Coordinator in strengthening the work of the twelve geographical areas of the CBF of Georgia. Responsibilities include supervision of volunteers, planning and implementing special events, and encouraging churches within each area to support the work of the CBF."

The search extended over many months as numerous individuals were considered. In the spring of 2000 Rev. Ann White Morton of Atlanta was selected. A native of Atlanta, she was educated at Tift College (B.A.) and Emory University (Master of Science in Library Science and M.Div.). She worked in several libraries and on the staff at Briarlake Baptist Church of Atlanta. More recently she was theology librarian and is now adjunct professor of spiritual formation at the McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, Atlanta. She is married to Jack Morton, a retired executive with the Georgia state government and part-time tax consultant and director of the Georgia Association of Tax Officials; they are parents of three grown children: Walter, Brian, and Mary. She works out of her home office in Cumming.

**Missions Coordinator.** Rev. Jimmy B. Lewis was elected missions coordinator for CBFG in the spring of 2001. Born and reared in Rome, Georgia, Lewis was educated at Shorter College (B.A.) and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div., D.Min.). He has been pastor of Baptist churches in Floyd, Bartow, and Cobb counties, and most recently of Morrow First. Broome has said of him: "He has been a mainstay in the CBF of Georgia mission program." He is married to Sandra Lewis, a teacher; they are the parents of two grown sons, Jonathan and Jeremy. He works out of his home office in Toccoa. In 2001 Sheryl Groover became part-time administrative assistant for Lewis. Shortly after joining the staff, he expressed his interest in starting new churches, facilitating a partnership with

Baptists in Sumatra, leading in various mission projects for persons supporting the CBFG, and reaching the marginalized people of Georgia with the gospel.

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following chart shows, in summary form, the approximate financial condition of the CBFG during its life to this point.

	Budget	Income Undesignated	Income Designated	Expenses Undesignated	Expenses Designated
1991-1993	None	See 1991-4	See 1991-4	See 1991-4	See 1991-4
1991-1994	121,700	28,313	40,983	25,322	38,179
1994-1995	52,000	23,457	60,113	15,855	60,113
1995-1996	33,250	32,075	18,578	20,545	11,900
1996-1997	51,400	64,568	10,639	26,706	10,639
1997-1998	127,070	104,598	21,364	102,245	21,364
1998-1999	154,426	223,137	18,690	188,242	18,690
1999-2000	246,963	286,482	35,284	212,523	35,284
2000-2001	282,475	378,039	163,168	273,726	191,092
2001-2002	408,602	xx	xx	xx	xx

In this chart, income and expenditures marked *Undesignated* relate solely to the budget and are received and spent for that purpose. Success in meeting the budget can be seen by comparing the second and third columns for each year. Items marked *Designated* are given and utilized for purposes specified by the donor. These latter purposes included some flood relief, some Habitat expenses, most social welfare expenses, and most food and camping costs. While some CBFG leaders hold that the undesignated funds reflect the true health of the organization, substantial confidence in the Fellowship is indicated when persons designate funds to be channeled through it.

As might be expected the infant organization experienced immediate problems related to the collecting of monies. Because it did not possess non-profit status in the eyes of the Internal Revenue Service, it first accepted donations indirectly — and legally — under the



CBFN's umbrella. Treasurer Baker opened a separate checking account for the CBFG in 1993. He also spent many hours dealing with the IRS, finally securing the desired non-profit status in 1995.

From the beginning, fiscal responsibility has been a high priority, and a finance committee has been active. A Financial Task Force was named in 1995, and an operations manual prepared principally by William Trawick was accepted in 1996. Since then an independent, professional audit has been conducted annually. Treasurers and computer programs have changed during this first decade, but the records reflect a concern for accuracy and comprehension.

At first, income was relatively small because expenses were limited largely to the annual meetings, publicity, a Habitat house, and flood relief. The first budget, \$127,700 for 1993-1994, reflected a dream for a larger future: \$63,000 was earmarked for a full-time "director." The next three budgets omitted this item. Income during the first six years was about \$278,726, only 18 percent of the ten-year total to date.

As the group recognized its financial potential and employed a professional coordinator, income has increased substantially. Coupled with this is the realization on the part of many persons and churches that the CBFG is an entity to be supported financially apart from the national organization.

Financial growth has been evident. In 1996-1997, about twelve churches and two hundred individuals contributed \$64,568 to the budget — and \$10,639 to designated purposes. During the fiscal year 2000-2001, eighty-nine churches and ninety-three individuals contributed \$378,039 to the budget — and another \$163,168 for designated and other purposes. Income for the last four years has been about \$1,230,762, almost 82 percent of the ten-year total to date.

An examination of the 2002-2003 budget for \$514,000 is instructive. It is broken down as follows:

A. Missions	\$150,000
B. Education	40,000
C. Student Ministries	40,000
D. Communication	45,000
E. Administration	118,200
F. Office Personnel	95,800
G. Assemblies	25,000



This budget includes expenditures for new church starts, mission trips, camps and other activities for children and youth, scholarships for theological students at McAfee and Candler, the Chamblee-Doraville Ministry Center, Morningstar Baptist Treatment Services, Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia, Mercer University, Associated Baptist Press, Baptist Center for Ethics, Center for Christian Ethics, *Baptists Today*, salaries and benefits for the professional and secretarial staff, and other objectives. To help in meeting this budget, newly created offering envelopes are now being distributed by mail.

With the advent of increased income, the coordinating council concluded in 1998 that a reserve fund should be established for use in case of emergency. Accordingly, \$100,000 is drawing interest for a rainy day that does not now appear on the horizon.

When the Trinity Baptist Church of Macon was disbanded and its property sold in 2001, the Trinity Baptist Church of Macon, Inc., Fund was instituted and invested under the guidance of the CBFG's finance committee. This \$107,798-fund is administered by the state Fellowship and assists Bibb County families during periods of crisis by direct financial contributions.

As of May 31, 2001, the CBFG reported total assets of \$275,574.76. In addition to the reserve and Trinity funds, the Fellowship held \$67,776.69 in undesignated and designated money not yet expended.

#### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Although CBF churches in several communities — including Athens, Decatur, Macon, Morrow, and Rome — have been involved in local Habitat homes, the CBFG has sponsored two projects in its own name. After elaborate planning and the prefabricating of walls in Smyrna, Jimmy Lewis led volunteers to start constructing a home on Dublin Street in East Macon on Friday, March 18, 1994. A photograph exists showing many of the 250 workers on top and in front of the partially completed structure. (See inside cover.) Mrs. Cassandra Robinson and her two sons moved into their new dwelling just before Christmas, and a dedicatory ceremony was set for February 26, 1995. Total cost to the CBFG was \$32,500.

Also under Lewis's leadership, a home was built in Tifton beginning



in March of 1999. The cost of construction was about \$30,000, part of which was raised by selling for \$30 each small white badges proclaiming:



Funds were slow in being received, but the building was formally dedicated on July 18, 1999. Mrs. Barbara White, the new homeowner, expressed her pleasure: "I've been praying for a house since I was seventeen and now, thanks to you, I have one."

Lewis investigated the possibility of erecting a home in Decatur in 1999. Local response was minimal and the project was abandoned.

Four other construction projects have directly involved the CBFG. (1) In 1996 about 350 workers assisted in the erection of the Horizon Baptist Church, Summerville — thereby saving about \$80,000 in costs. The CBFG contributed \$3,000 to the effort, thanks to a grant from the CBFN. (2) At the same time and in the same fashion, Fellowship Baptist Church in Fitzgerald received a like amount for its new building. (3) In May of 1997 work was started on the Heritage Baptist Fellowship building in Waleska, but proffered CBFG physical and financial assistance was stymied by local scheduling problems. Eventually the CBFG furnished funds for the church's baptismal pool. (4) Beginning in 1998, teams have worked at the Morningstar Treatment Center, constructing new buildings and renovating older ones.

#### **MORNINGSTAR BAPTIST TREATMENT SERVICES, INC.**

Founded in 1996 and formally opened in 1997 with Barry W. Kerr, a Baptist minister, as president and CEO, Morningstar Treatment Services, Inc., seeks to provide guidance for children and adolescents with severe emotional problems and for their families. At first understood to be self-supporting, it was endorsed by the CBFG coordinating council in 1996. Its board of directors is self-perpetuating, but

Baptists dominate its membership. Jim Dant, pastor of Highland Hills Baptist Church of Macon, was chair in 2001. Morningstar receives financial and moral support from the Fellowship, as well as assistance in constructing and renovating its main campus by adult and youth groups. At least \$16,000 has gone toward this objective. Twenty-five hundred volunteers have contributed more than \$400,000 worth of capital improvements to the buildings and grounds. A residential campus is located near Brunswick, while outpatient treatment is offered at Carrollton, Cartersville, Cumming, Savannah, Zebulon, West Point, Rincon, Rome, and Brunswick. In five years Morningstar has served 6,760 children and families, has grown to a staff of 150, and currently has a \$5-million annual budget. Through Morningstar, the CBFG has a significant role in "guiding children and families to the light of life!"

#### **ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**New Horizons Camps.** New Horizons children's camps for those aged 9 to 12 have been held since 1994. Initially a successful ministry under Rachel Lackey and Eileen Campbell-Reed at Heritage Baptist Church, Cartersville, it received limited funds from CBFN during its first two years. Since then the CBFG has provided some financial support. Initially the camp moved from place to place: Rockbridge Baptist Assembly, near Franklin, in 1994; Burnt Mountain Baptist Assembly, near Jasper, in 1995 and 1997; and Shorter College, Rome, in 1996. Since 1998 the camp has regularly used the facilities of the New Ebenezer Retreat Center, Rincon, near Savannah. Usually one four-day experience has been offered, although four times a second session has been scheduled. Approximately 35 children came to the first camp, and 86 to the second. One hundred sixty children and staff members were present in 2001. Activities include Bible study, crafts, drama, worship, and recreation. Wacky Water Games and Show Off Crazy Talent Night produce sometimes unexpected results. The children learn about Global Missions in daily classes and have at times participated in hands-on missions activities in the vicinity of the camp. In 1998 Wendy Joyner and Sarah Withers were the camp pastors, providing a unique experience for most of the campers.

Significant leadership has been provided by Lackey, Campbell-Reed, Jennifer Britt, Connie Campbell, and Jana Kinnersley. Over the years the CBFG has spent almost \$33,000 of its budget for this activity, recently including a modest stipend for the increasingly busy part-time director. (See Appendix C.)

**“March Mission Madness” Weekends.** Finding that their youth were responding negatively to conventional activities, several ministers of youth sparked by Angela Oxford of Macon decided to create their own events. For two or three days in March, sometimes in connection with the spring meeting of the CBFG, since 1997 a program for teenagers has been scheduled in Griffin, Milledgeville, Decatur, Atlanta, Morningstar Baptist Treatment Service, and Rome. Working on Habitat for Humanity projects, with councils for the aging, with social service agencies such as the Salvation Army, Loaves and Fishes, St. Vincent DePaul Clothes Line, and Atlanta Community Food Bank, and with the Morningstar organization, participants have contributed as many as 2,088 hours of service in a single weekend. One year the teenagers were promised “creative worship, lots of games, fun mission projects, and tons of play.” The number of tons was not specified. Attendance has grown dramatically from 70 youth and staff in 1997 to a high of 380 in 2000. Twenty-five to thirty churches are now encouraging their young members to pursue this form of Madness that has been led by Oxford, Kurt Varney, Carmen Homola-Brock and Ben Homola, and Scott Ford. Almost \$54,000 of the CBFG budget has gone for this and other youth activities, including in recent years a sum for the coordinator(s).

**Passport Youth Camps.** A summer program for youth in grades 7 to 12 sponsored by the CBFN has attracted Georgians in two ways. Camps are held all over the country, and Georgians have attended some of them. In addition, two camps have been held in Georgia: at Rockbridge Baptist Assembly, near Franklin, July 10-15, 1994; and at Shorter College, Rome, July 16-21, 1995. Without being formally responsible for them, the CBFG publicized these events and contributed financially in 1995.

## OTHER MINISTRIES

CBF persons, CBF churches, and the CBFG as a recognizable organization cooperate with various organizations around the world. So far as the CBFG is concerned, such cooperation is expressed by publicizing various activities, by personal words of encouragement, by some financial support — or by a combination of these.

**Atlanta Olympics.** By 1992 the CBFG was laying plans to cooperate with the CBFN in ministering to visitors during the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. David Key was Georgia coordinator. Assistance was rendered in furnishing housing, increasing international harmony, and in praying for a safe event — an objective that was tragically not entirely realized. The CBFG contributed at least \$1,700 to this ministry, at a time in the Fellowship's history when funds were in short supply.

**Chamblee-Doraville Ministry Center, Inc.** The CBFN first appointed missionaries to the international Chamblee-Doraville Center in 1994. Since that time a widespread program has been developed, dealing with such things as after-school tutoring, teaching English as a second language, maintaining a food pantry, cooperating with an interfaith health ministry, providing Bible clubs and summer programs for children and adults, and sharing the Good News with a highly diverse community. CBF churches in the Atlanta area send mission volunteers, and money comes both from churches and the CBFG. To date the latter has furnished at least \$17,000 from its budget for this objective.

**Theological Education.** The CBFG has a relationship with the Baptist Studies Program in the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, and with the McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University. Scholarship money goes to Georgia students attending these schools; a period of orientation is provided for new students, at which time they are introduced to the purpose and mission of the CBFG; and assistance is rendered in finding employment for students and spouses. At times scholarships are given so that students may attend CBFN meetings, and once CBFG funds assisted a student in taking a mission trip to Prague. Money has also been provided to



the Asian Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary. Thus far over \$56,000 of the CBFG budget has been expended for these various functions.

**Disaster Relief.** Churches from the CBFG assisted with Missouri flood relief in 1993 by sending supplies and about 100 clean-up personnel. The devastating Georgia flood of 1994 produced countless state volunteers and about \$53,000 in funds from the CBFG, of which \$25,000 came from a CBFN grant. Partnering with the African-American New Era Baptist Convention, the CBFG sent \$1,500 to Vienna in 1999 for tornado assistance. Immediately after the 911 disaster, CBFG contributed \$1,000 for relief efforts.

**An Expanding Mission.** Here in Georgia, \$7,000 was sent to Primera Iglesia Bautista, the Hispanic congregation of Rome, Georgia, in 1997. An evangelistic conference was financed that year at Johns Creek Baptist Church, Alpharetta, in cooperation with McAfee School of Theology. Work was established in 1997 among international students and faculty members at the University of Georgia. CBFG persons have assisted in resettling Kurds from Iraq and one family from Bosnia. The CBFG co-sponsored an AIDs workshop in Macon in 1998, reaching 115 persons. Missions through music has recently been initiated through a Heritage Chorale. A statewide Sunday School conference was scheduled at Macon First Baptist Church early in 2002. Since 1997 various grants for starting new churches have been made, and in 1999 a conference devoted to the topic was held at Morrow First Baptist Church, attracting about 40 participants. In all, about \$54,000 has been spent on initiating new CBFG congregations.

A few mission projects have been undertaken elsewhere within American borders. Some CBFG persons drove to Kentucky where they roofed a church sanctuary. Funds and encouragement were funneled to the Baptist Student Union of Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, in 2000, after it was defunded by Southern Baptists.

Teams from Georgia traveled to Prague in 1994-1995, assisting at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in building renovation; and one went in 1998 to lead a Vacation Bible School for mis-

sionaries' children. Several persons have gone to China since 1997 to teach English as a second language. Workers and CBFG dollars have contributed to the construction of the Ruth School for Gypsy children in Bucharest, Romania. Five Georgians traveled to Bali, Indonesia, and to Thailand in 1998 to work in Vacation Bible Schools and teach English to local residents. A two-week mission to Kosovo was scheduled for 1999. The CBFG has adopted three Unreached People Groups of Sumatra, Indonesia. Recently CBFG has assisted individuals in going to China, Jordan, Ghana, Indonesia, and Thailand. CBF persons from Georgia have lived, studied, and taught at the South Wales Baptist College, Cardiff, Wales, and a closer relationship with that school is under discussion. In addition, of the 120 field personnel reported by the CBFN in 2000, 22 had strong Georgia ties.

**CBFG and CBFN Archives.** Preserving the past, Special Collections at the Jack Tarver Library, Mercer University, has expanded its purview to include records of both the national and Georgia fellowships. A formal agreement has been signed with the former, while a tacit understanding has existed with the latter since 1995. Thus, minutes, correspondence, printed programs, and audio-visual materials are regularly being added to these archives under the direction of Susan G. Broome.

**Area Networking.** Recognizing the essential cooperation of the laity, Pearl DuVall suggested in 1994 that they be enlisted to support CBF work locally, nationally, and internationally. In 1994-1995 a prayer network was active, being discontinued when the CBFN began duplicating its function. A committee on laity networking was formed in 1994, met several times for planning, profited from Bill Trawick's development of a database, and in 1995 sponsored four regional meetings. In 1996 Frank Holladay of Carrollton was named laity network coordinator and led a laity network council in organizing the state into a dozen geographical areas that would provide a basis for various CBF activities. He was replaced by Bob Focht of Decatur in 1997 and by Sam Foskey of Milledgeville in 1998. That fall five lay rallies were held. When Foskey left Georgia, this activity was turned over



to Ann White Morton, the assistant coordinator, who led five meetings in north Georgia in 2001. Apart from her salary, to the present about \$13,000 has been devoted to this cause.

**Publicity.** Feeling that an informed church member must know when and where certain events are to take place, the CBFG has publicized countless seminars, lectures, and other meetings. Thus, notices have appeared concerning Christian education conferences at Green Lake, Wisconsin; the William H. Self Preaching Lectures at McAfee; the Harry Vaughan Smith Lectures at Mercer in Macon; a marriage enrichment experience at Johns Creek Baptist Church of Alpharetta; a CBF children's ministry network retreat in Texas; conversational English teacher training classes at Macon First Baptist Church; a regional Sunday School training conference at Wieuca Road Baptist Church of Atlanta; a retreat for young CBF leaders at Simpsonwood Retreat Center, Atlanta; the Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry in New Jersey; and literally dozens of other similar events. Plainly the CBFG could not financially afford to sponsor all of these gatherings, but news notes bring them to the attention of the constituency.

**Communications.** Since 1993, *Visions*, a newsletter from the CBFG, has been issued from one to six times each year. Editors have been Billy T. Nimmons of Dalton, 1993; Nelson Granade, Jr., of Atlanta, 1994; Becky England of Macon, 1994-1995; Gary Leazer of Snellville, 1996-1997; and Surelle K. Pinkston of Macon, 1997-present. In 1998 Macon-resident Donna Jackson became graphic designer for the publication and it has since assumed an attractive new look. At first it contained four pages; more recently it has grown to six or eight. In 1994 it was sent to about 3,000 persons and churches; two years later the number had grown to 5,000. It is now mailed to 6,500 individuals and organizations. A four-page descriptive leaflet, printed on olive drab paper, was issued about 1995. A colorful brochure, developed by Ann White Morton and Pinkston and designed by Jackson, appeared in 2000 and is still being distributed. A four-page supplement devoted solely to Georgia news in each issue of *Baptists Today* was proposed in 2001, but the offer lacked widespread support and

publication of *Visions* was continued. However, a one-time grant of \$10,000 was made to *Baptists Today* in 2001. Both Broome and Lewis have established websites: [www.cbfga.org](http://www.cbfga.org) and [www.cbfgamissions.org](http://www.cbfgamissions.org).

## GEORGIA AND THE NATIONAL COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

While entirely separate in structure, state and national Cooperative Baptist fellowships occupy the same geographical territory, share many leaders, and contribute to the general effectiveness of each other's programs. Georgia persons have been in leadership positions from the beginning. Daniel Vestal was the Dunwoody pastor who called for the 1990 convocation. The first steering committee included Vestal as chair, Nancy Ammerman, Wynk Hicks, and Walter Shurden. Vestal, Shurden, and Kirby Godsey were on the search committee when a full-time national coordinator was employed. Layman Tommy Boland of Atlanta was interim coordinator after Cecil Sherman's retirement. Many Georgians have been program leaders, have served on various committees, and work in the CBFN office located in Atlanta.

Georgia joins with seventeen other states and regions in supporting viable local organizations. As might be expected, the relationship between state and national fellowships has not always been carefully defined. A certain degree of imperialism on both sides has been experienced but — although some issues remain to be resolved — expressions of appreciation and a spirit of cooperation have gradually increased.

CBFN has, over the years, made financial grants to various Georgia projects already described: flood relief, new church starts, and children's camps. In 1997 the CBFN contributed \$10,000 to Broome's first salary.

Since 1990, 48 Georgians have been voting and non-voting members of the interim steering committee or the national coordinating council. Of these, 24 have been male clergy, 4 male laity, 7 female clergy, and 13 female laity.

Georgia churches and individuals have contributed financially to the CBFN from the very beginning. In 1994, 124 Georgia churches contributed \$959,000 to CBFN. The state stood third only to Texas



and North Carolina in 2000-2001, with total gifts of \$2,294,548 from 148 churches.

Three annual national convocations have been held in Atlanta thus far, each calling for a great deal of time and energy on the part of local persons in their planning and execution. The resource fair held in connection with the 2001 meeting included a CBFG booth near the entrance staffed by Georgians who extended smiles of welcome, answered questions, offered extremely popular bags of Georgia peanuts, and distributed six-inch plastic rulers asserting that "Jesus Rules at CBF of Georgia." Through *Visions* and by word of mouth, national events have been extensively publicized in Georgia. (See Appendix D.)

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### And What of the Future?

A CBFG leader has recently 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 these words are heard and heeded.

# Appendices

## Appendix A — Meetings

### SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

March 28, 1992, Mercer University, Macon (preliminary)  
March 20, 1993, Smoke Rise Baptist Church, Stone Mountain  
(considered "First")  
March 19, 1994, Georgia College Centennial Center, Milledgeville  
March 24, 1995, First Baptist Church, Decatur  
March 22, 1996, Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta  
March 21-22, 1997, First Baptist Church, Griffin  
March 6-7, 1998, First Baptist Church, Athens  
March 5-6, 1999, First Baptist Church, Tifton  
March 3-4, 2000, First Baptist Church, Decatur  
March 2-3, 2001, First Baptist Church, Augusta  
March 1-2, 2002, Johns Creek Baptist Church, Alpharetta (proposed)

### FALL CONVOCATIONS

November 11, 1991, First Baptist Church, Augusta  
November 9, 1992, First Baptist Church, Macon  
November 15, 1993, First Baptist Church, Savannah  
November 14, 1994, First Baptist Church, Macon  
November 13, 1995, Porterfield United Methodist Church, Albany  
November 11, 1996, First United Methodist Church, Perry  
November 10, 1997, First Baptist Church, Marietta  
November 15-16, 1998, First Baptist Church, Columbus  
November 14-15, 1999, First Baptist Church, Macon  
November 12-13, 2000, First Baptist Church, Savannah  
November 11-12, 2001, Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon  
November 10-11, 2002, First Baptist Church, Marietta (proposed)

### CALLED MEETINGS

July 12, 1997, Mercer University, Macon  
(to call E. Frank Broome as first full-time coordinator)  
May 30, 1998, Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon  
(to adopt annual budget)

## MEETINGS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CBFN

August 24, 1990, Atlanta, GA  
May 10, 1991, Atlanta, GA  
May 1, 1992, Fort Worth, TX  
May 14, 1993, Birmingham, AL  
May 6, 1994, Greensboro, NC  
July 21, 1995, Fort Worth, TX  
June 28, 1996, Richmond, VA  
June 26, 1997, Louisville, KY  
June 25, 1998, Houston, TX  
June 24, 1999, Birmingham, AL  
June 29, 2000, Orlando, FL  
June 28, 2001, Atlanta, GA  
June 27, 2002, Fort Worth, TX (proposed)

## Appendix B — Officers/Council Members

### OFFICERS OF THE CBFN

#### Moderator

Smith, W. Ches III, Tifton (temporary), 1991-1992  
Nimmons, Billy T., Dalton, 1992-1994  
DuVall, Pearl, Cordele, 1994-1995  
Hinson, David K., LaFayette, 1995-1996  
Peacock, Janie, West Point, 1996-1997  
Appleton, Jon, Athens, 1997-1998  
Massey, Carolyn B., Tifton, 1998-1999  
Abbott, Gary L., Sr., Milledgeville, 1999-2000  
Matheny, Becky, Athens, 2000-2001  
Ross, James E., Madison, 2001-  
Deems, Rachel, Macon, 2002-2003 (proposed)

#### Clerk

Baker, John D., Atlanta/Decatur, 1992-1996  
Junkin, Winona (Nona), St. Simons Island, 1996  
Withers, Sarah B., McDonough, 1996-2000  
Helms, Michael, Moultrie, 2000-2001  
Green, Anne, Dahlgonega, 2001-



### **Treasurer**

Baker, John D., Atlanta/Decatur, 1992-1997  
Watson, Darrell, Macon/Gray, 1997-1999  
DuCharme, Ruth, Macon, 1999-

### **Editor of *Visions***

Nimmons, Billy T., Dalton, 1993  
Granade, Nelson, Jr., Atlanta, 1994  
England, Becky, Macon, 1994-1995  
Leazer, Gary, Snellville, 1996-1997  
Pinkston, Surelle K., Macon, 1997-

### **Laity Network Coordinator**

Holladay, Frank, Carrollton, 1995-1997  
Focht, Bob, Decatur, 1997

### **Area Network Coordinator**

Foskey, Sam, Milledgeville, 1998-1999

### **Georgia Coordinating Council**

Abbott, Gary L., Sr., Milledgeville, 1992-1996, 1998-2001  
Appleton, Jon, Athens, 1996-1999  
Baker, John, Atlanta, 1992-1997  
Bannister, Anna, Augusta, 1992-1993  
Boggan, Charlie, Jasper, 1998-1999  
Bridgman, Huey, Columbus, 2000-  
Brock, Rusty, Fitzgerald, 1996-1999  
Broome, Susan G., Macon, 1992-1993  
Buchanan, Robert E., Jr., Duluth, 1997-2000  
Campbell-Reed, Eileen, Atlanta/Cartersville, 1994-1996  
Carter, Joy, Homerville, 1998-2001  
Chadwick, Chad, Claxton, 2000  
Coates, William, Gainesville, 2001-  
Deems, Rachel, Macon, 1995-1998, 2001-  
Dellinger, Andrea, Atlanta/Rome, (student representative) 2001-  
DuCharme, Ruth, Macon, 1999-  
DuVall, Pearl, Cordele, 1992-1996  
Eberhart, Virginia, Atlanta, 1992-1994  
England, Becky, Macon, 1993-1995  
Finley, John, Savannah, 1999-  
Fleming, Barry, Harlem, 1999-  
Flournoy, Beth, Albany, 2000-  
Focht, Bob, Decatur, 1997

Foskey, Sam, Milledgeville, 1998-1999  
Freeman, Bob, Atlanta, 1996-1998  
Galloway, Caroline, Greensboro, 1997-2000  
Golden, Laura, Atlanta, 1995-1998  
Granger, Frank, Athens, 1995-1998  
Green, Anne, Dahlonega, 1999-  
Gregg, Randy, Montezuma, 1992-1995  
Hammons, Jamie, Atlanta, 2000-  
Harwell, Joanne, Homerville/Dillard, 2001-  
Heath, Kim, Macon, (student representative) 2001-  
Helms, Michael, Moultrie, 2000-  
Hendry, Charles, Dalton, 2001-  
Hinson, David K., Cleveland/LaFayette, 1992-1996  
Holladay, Frank, Carrollton, 1995-1997  
Ivey, Doug, Carlton, (student representative) 1999-2000;  
(regular member) 2000-2001  
Joyner, Wendy, Americus, 1996-1999  
Junkin, Winona (Nona), St. Simons Island, 1996  
Keel, Nan, Stockbridge, 1998-1999  
Kinnersley, Jana, Athens, 2000-  
Kitchen, William, Madison/Eatonton, 1994-1997  
Leazer, Gary, Stone Mountain/Snellville, 1996-1997  
Martin, Trip, Athens, (student representative) 1999-2000  
Massey, Carolyn B., 1997-2000  
Matheny, Becky, Athens, 1999-  
McCullar, Michael, Alpharetta, 2000-  
McDonald, Roger, Summerville, 1997-1998  
McQuaig, Beth, Fitzgerald, 1999-2000  
Moates, Charles L., Jr., Moultrie/Stone Mountain, 1994-1997  
Morton, Ann White, Atlanta/Cumming, 1996-1999  
Nicholas-Adams, Natalie Kay, Newnan, 1992-1994  
Nimmons, Billy T., Dalton, 1992-1995  
Owings, Nathan, Athens, 2000-2001  
Owings, Timothy, Augusta, 2001-  
Oxford, Angela, Macon, 1996-1999  
Peacock, Janie, West Point, 1995-1998  
Platt, Barbara, Macon, 2000-2001  
Pope, Greg, Rome, 1999-  
Potts, Robert J., Columbus, 1992-1994  
Powell, Sara, Hartwell, 2000-  
Reeves, Frances, West Point, 1998  
Richardson, Joel, Newnan, 1999-

Ross, James E., Madison, 1998-  
 Sanders, Mary Etta, Dalton, 1998-2001  
 Sapp, Linda, Atlanta, 1999-  
 Scarborough, William F., Fayetteville, 2000-  
 Self, Patricia, Rome, 1994-1997  
 Shauf, Al, Cordele, 2001-  
 Simpson, Stacey, Edison, 1999-2000  
 Teal, Dewey E., Carrollton, 2000-  
 Timmerman, Sara, Cairo, 2001-  
 Trawick, Margaret, Decatur, 2000-2001  
 Trawick, William G., Atlanta/Decatur, 1992-1996  
 Varney, Kurt, Decatur, 1999-  
 Walker, Robert, Atlanta, 1999-  
 Watson, Darrell, Macon/Gray, 1997-1999  
 Williamson, Craig, Manchester, 2001-  
 Wilson, Charles E., Duluth, 1995-1997  
 Withers, Sarah B., McDonough, 1996-2000

## Appendix C — *Children and Youth Activities*

### SUMMER CAMPS

#### **New Horizons Children's Camps (grades 3-6, ages 9-12)**

Rockbridge Baptist Assembly, Franklin, July 5-9, 1994  
 Burnt Mountain Baptist Assembly, Jasper, July 11-14, 1995  
 Shorter College, Rome, July 11-15, 1996  
 Burnt Mountain Baptist Assembly, July 15-18, 1997  
 New Ebenezer Retreat Center, Rincon, July 21-24 and July 28-31, 1998  
 New Ebenezer Retreat Center, July 27-30, 1999  
 New Ebenezer Retreat Center, July 17-20 and July 25-28, 2000  
 New Ebenezer Retreat Center, July 17-20 and July 24-27, 2001  
 New Ebenezer Retreat Center, July 16-19 and July 23-26, 2002 (proposed)

#### **Passport Youth Camps in Georgia (grades 7-12)**

Rockbridge Baptist Assembly, Franklin, July 10-15, 1994  
 Shorter College, Rome, July 16-21, 1995

### MARCH MISSION MADNESS

Griffin First Baptist Church, March 21-22, 1997  
 Milledge Avenue Baptist Church, Athens, March 20-21, 1998  
 Decatur First Baptist Church, March 19-20, 1999  
 Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, March 17-18, 2000

Memorial Baptist Church, Savannah, and Morningstar Baptist Treatment  
 Services, Brunswick, March 23-25, 2001  
 Rome First Baptist Church, March 22-24, 2002 (proposed)

## Appendix D — *CBFN Council Members*

### GEORGIA REPRESENTATIVES

#### **ON THE CBFN INTERIM STEERING COMMITTEE (1990-1991) AND COORDINATING COUNCIL (1991-PRESENT)**

#### **Voting Members**

Allen, Carlton E., Claxton, 1996-1999, (non-voting) 1999-2001  
 Ammerman, Nancy, Atlanta, 1990-1994  
 Boland, Thomas, Atlanta, 1994-1996  
 Buchanan, Robert E., Jr., Duluth, 1997-1998  
 Burke, Nancy B., Milledgeville, 1997-2000  
 Campbell-Reed, Eileen, Cartersville, 1998-2000  
 Dant, James C., Macon, 2000-  
 Deems, Rachel, Macon, 1998-2001  
 Gatlin, Dorothea, Decatur, 1996-1997  
 Godsey, Kirby, Macon, 1991-1994  
 Gough, Kerry H., Augusta, 1992-1996  
 Grizzle, Ronald, Columbus, 1999-  
 Henderson, Marty L., Atlanta, 1998-2001  
 Hicks, Wynn, Clarksville, 1990-1991  
 Jones, Peter Rhea, Decatur, 1991-1992  
 Lewis, Jimmy B., Morrow, 1997-2000  
 Massey, Carolyn B., Tifton, 1994-1997  
 Matheny, Becky, Athens, 1998-2001  
 Moates, Charles L., Jr., Stone Mountain, 2000-  
 Nimmons, Billy T., Dalton, 1994-1997  
 Peacock, Janic, West Point, 1992-1995  
 Perkins, Margaret, Atlanta, 1998-2001  
 Ponder, Rita, Lyons, 2000-  
 Roebuck, Ann, Rome, 1997-2000  
 Sanders, Mark, Duluth/Bogart, 1995-2000  
 Sanders, Mary Etta, Dalton, 2001-  
 Scarbrough, William F., Fayetteville, 1992-1995  
 Setzer, Robert B., Jr., Macon, 2000-  
 Shurden, Walter, Macon, 1990-1991, 1993-1994  
 Simpson, Stacey, Edison, 2000-2001  
 Smith, W. Ches III, Tifton, 1991-1992



Snyder, Betty, Milledgeville, 1995-1998  
 Solomon, Marsha, Carrollton, 2000-  
 Strickland, Clarissa D., Cartersville, 1991-1992  
 Vestal, Daniel, Dunwoody, 1990-1991  
 Walker, Charles O., Jasper, 1994-1995

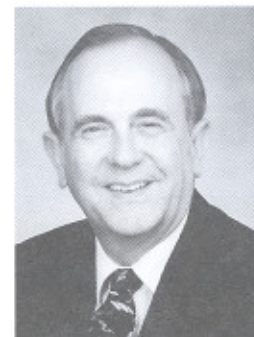
#### Non-Voting Members

Allen, Carlton E., Claxton, 1999-2001  
 Colley, Mary-Paxton D., Tucker, 1997-2000  
 Hinson, David K., LaFayette, 1997-1998  
 Junkin, Winona (Nona), St. Simons Island, 1997-1998  
 King, James M., Atlanta, 1999-2001  
 Lamkin, James, Atlanta, 1997-1999  
 Nall, Phillip, Atlanta, 1997-1999  
 Nelms, Doris C., Lilburn, 1999-2001  
 Roebuck, Floyd, Rome, 1998-2001  
 Sapp, David, Atlanta, 1998-2000  
 Snider, Joel, Rome, 1999-2001  
 Tarpley, Harvey E., Decatur, 1997-2000  
 Taylor, John Lee, Gainesville, 1998-2001

## Photos



W. Ches Smith III  
 Moderator, 1991-1992



Billy T. Nimmons  
 Moderator, 1992-1994  
 Editor, *Visions*, 1993



Pearl DuVall  
 Moderator, 1994-1995



David K. Hinson  
 Moderator, 1995-1996



Janie Peacock  
 Moderator, 1996-1997



Jon Appleton  
 Moderator, 1997-1998



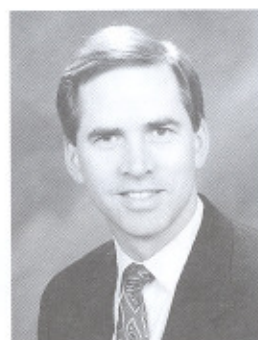
Carolyn Bell Massey  
Moderator, 1998-1999



Gary L. Abbott, Sr.  
Moderator, 1999-2000



Becky Matheny  
Moderator, 2000-2001



James E. Ross  
Moderator, 2001-2002



Rachel Deems  
Moderator, 2002-2003  
(proposed)



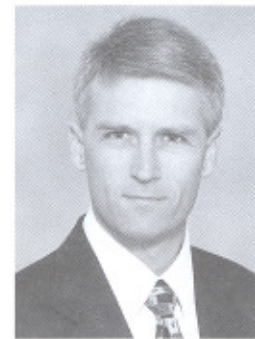
John D. Baker  
Clerk, 1992-1996  
Treasurer, 1992-1997



Winona (Nona) Junkin  
Clerk, 1996



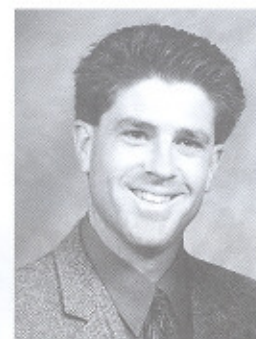
Sarah B. Withers  
Clerk, 1996-2000



Michael Helms  
Clerk, 2000-2001



Anne Greene  
Clerk, 2001-



Darrell Watson  
Treasurer, 1997-1999



Ruth DuCharme  
Treasurer, 1999-



Nelson Granade, Jr.  
Editor, *Visions*, 1994



Becky England  
Editor, *Visions*, 1994-1995



Gary Leazer  
Editor, *Visions*, 1996-1997





E. Frank Broome  
Coordinator, 1997-



Ann White Morton  
Associate Coordinator, 2000-



Jimmy B. Lewis  
Missions Coordinator, 2001-



Sheryl Groover  
Administrative Assistant to the Coordinator  
and Financial Secretary, 1997-2001  
Administrative Assistant to Missions Coordinator,  
2001-



Surelle K. Pinkston  
Administrative Assistant for  
Communications and Resources, 1997-  
Editor, *Visions*, 1997-



Stacy Cox  
Administrative Assistant to the  
Coordinator, 2001-



Carol Jones  
Financial Secretary, 2001-

