



**ReVisions - a monthly e-newsletter from CBF/GA**

**CBF/GA Marriage Retreat Goes Virtual - Register Now!**

The Marriage Retreat has been re-imagined to take place over four consecutive Thursday nights, beginning September 10. Sam and Melody Harrell have graciously agreed to lead as planned, and they are asking participants to read Discovering Your Personality Type: The Essential Guide to the Enneagram by Don Richard Riso and Russ Hudson. The first twenty couples to register will receive a free copy of the book, so register soon!

Registration is now open at [www.cbfga.org/marriage-retreat/](http://www.cbfga.org/marriage-retreat/). Cost for the retreat is \$25. Registration ends September 10. Registrants will receive detailed information about how to access the four sessions of the retreat. Please contact Jody Long at [jlong@cbfga.org](mailto:jlong@cbfga.org) with any questions.



**Senior Adult Retreat Plans Are Finalized - Registration Is Now Open!**

Thanks to creative thinking and planning by the Senior Adult Committee, the CBF/GA Senior Adult Retreat will take place virtually this year, Sunday – Monday, September 27-28. The retreat will begin on Sunday afternoon with an online ZOOM fellowship time, followed by the launch of recorded worship led as planned by Katie Faison, Associate Pastor to Children, Women and Senior Adults at Central Baptist, Newnan. Monday will bring the launch of several recorded breakout sessions. The recorded sessions will be available for viewing anytime once they are launched online, so you will not be tied to viewing at those dates and times.



While First Baptist, Dalton, will not be physically hosting the retreat, we thank them in advance for graciously providing staff support and technical assistance with recording the retreat sessions and assisting with music for worship.

Information about accessing the ZOOM fellowship time will be sent to registered participants shortly before the retreat dates. Registration is free, so sign up soon!

## Tentative Schedule for Senior Adult Retreat

4:30 pm, Sunday, September 27 – ZOOM fellowship time online - provide your own cake and coffee and catch up with old friends!

5:00 pm, Sunday, September 27 – Recorded worship online

10:00 am, Monday, September 28 – Breakout sessions will be launched online

Register now at [www.cbfga.org/senior-adults/](http://www.cbfga.org/senior-adults/).

## COVID-19 Ministry Relief Fund

The Congregational Life Committee of the Coordinating Council of CBF/GA has created a fund to help partnering congregations address ministry funding shortfalls due to COVID-19-related loss in funds. This fund will issue one-time grants for CBF/GA partner congregations, up to \$2,000 each, to help existing congregation-based ministries survive these difficult times. Some examples of ministries that may be eligible for a grant include, but are not limited to, congregation-based food pantry, meal delivery, or food ministries; congregation-based medical or healthcare ministries; and "backpack buddies" congregation-based school ministries. The grant application can be found [here](#). the deadline for grant applications is September 1. [Click here](#) to learn more and access the application.

## State Gathering Will Happen Virtually in November

Because of the rising number of COVID-19 cases in Georgia, and out of an abundance of caution, we are transitioning the fall CBF/GA State Gathering, planned for November 8-9, to a virtual meeting. More information will be shared in the August edition of *ReVisions*, and details will be in the late September *Visions*. Registration will open in early September.

First Baptist, Rome, is continuing to assist with the planning of the State Gathering, and we appreciate their staff support and technical support. In these strange times, while we cannot gather in person, we can still be together in spirit.



**Together For Hope  
Webinar Planned for  
August 17 - Register at  
[www.bit.ly/ABCD101](http://www.bit.ly/ABCD101)**

## ABCD 101 • Asset Based Community Development

Monday, August 17, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. EDT



This webinar will focus on ways to use an asset-based approach to community development in rural areas. By focusing on abundance and gifts and avoiding "deficit thinking," we'll explore ways to create sustainable change as we create community together.

- Rev. Dr. Melissa Browning is a theologian, ethicist, and activist who studies community-based responses to injustice. Dr. Browning is currently serving as the Interim Director and Visiting Assistant Professor of Contextual Education at Columbia Theological Seminary.

To register: [www.bit.ly/ABCD101](http://www.bit.ly/ABCD101).



## Class Offering: "Church Communications during COVID"

A 4-part course designed for church leaders to learn to more easily and effectively navigate churches' communications during the pandemic is being offered by Digital Congregations. Cost for the course is \$100 and includes the four live lessons (along with their recordings), a take-home communications road map, and office hours with Christen

Kinard for specific questions and concerns. Classes are on consecutive Wednesdays at 10 am, beginning August 5. Registration information is available at [www.digitalcongregations.com](http://www.digitalcongregations.com).

## McAfee School of Theology Announces Fully Online MDiv program

McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University is excited to now offer the first and only fully accredited and fully online Master of Divinity at a research university in the Southeast. Read the letter from Interim Dean and longtime CBF/GA partner and supporter, Dr. Greg DeLoach, about the online program [here](#).

## COVID-19 Resources Available on CBF/GA Website

Go to the CBF/GA website, <https://www.cbfga.org/covid19/>, for a list of and links to many wide-ranging resources for you and for your church during this time of crisis.

## CBF/GA Office Information during the Pandemic Crisis

The CBF/GA staff continues to work from home, and Jody Long, Melissa Kremer, and Rachel Greco are available at these email addresses: [jlong@cbfga.org](mailto:jlong@cbfga.org), [mkremer@cbfga.org](mailto:mkremer@cbfga.org), and [rgreco@cbfga.org](mailto:rgreco@cbfga.org). You may also reach us through the office phone, 478-742-1191.

## Quarterly Financial Report

### Second Quarter 2020: April - June

Operating Budget Revenue: \$85,484.82  
Operating Budget Expenses: \$68,444.83  
Gain/(loss): \$17,039.99

Designated Fund Revenue: \$81,022  
(Includes the annual disbursement from the Broome Endowment Fund).

State Missions Offering Gifts Received (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020): \$13,114.40

### Frank & Susan Broome Endowment

April - June 2020 Gifts: \$146,006.20  
(Includes the proceeds from the sale of the former CBF/GA office building)

Balance as of June 30, 2020: \$1,154,195.25

## Reference and Referral

CBF/GA is happy to post your church's job listings for staff positions on our website. Listed below are the positions currently posted. For full information, go to [www.cbfga.org/job-listings](http://www.cbfga.org/job-listings).

Madison Baptist Church, Madison, GA - Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Cornelia, GA - Senior Pastor  
Alpine Baptist Church, Talladega County, AL - Bi-vocational Pastor  
Central Baptist Church, Johnson City, TN - Administration and Education Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Black Mountain, NC - Pastoral Leader  
Johns Creek Baptist, Alpharetta - Executive Director of Operations  
Johns Creek Baptist, Alpharetta - Children's Pastor  
Johns Creek Baptist, Alpharetta - Mobilization Pastor  
Johns Creek Baptist, Alpharetta - Preschool Ministry Associate (part-time paid internship)  
Johns Creek Baptist, Alpharetta - Children's Ministry Associate (part-time paid internship)  
Rocky Creek Baptist, Forsyth, GA - Senior Pastor

First Baptist Church, Dalton, GA - Minister to Children and Their Families

Call Jody Long ([jlong @cbfga.org](mailto:jlong@cbfga.org)) at 478-742-1191 with any questions about reference and referral assistance. To advertise a position on the CBF/GA website, go to [www.cbfga.org/church-seeking-minister](http://www.cbfga.org/church-seeking-minister). Ministers seeking opportunities to move may go to [www.cbfga.org/minister-seeking-church](http://www.cbfga.org/minister-seeking-church).