



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

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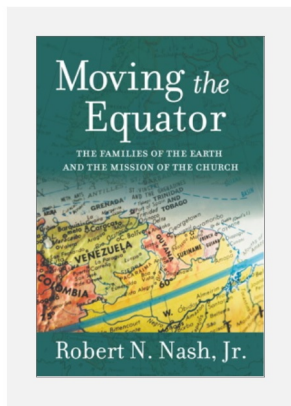


**Join March's Special Preaching Conversation**

On Monday mornings at 10 a.m., CBF/GA hosts weekly conversations between pastors about the upcoming Revised Common Lectionary texts, the craft of preaching, and the art of worship. Once each month, a special guest will join us and lead the conversation.

On Monday, March 15, we will feature David Lose, previously president of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and professor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Lose is currently senior pastor of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

Please contact Jody Long at [jlong@cbfga.org](mailto:jlong@cbfga.org) for information on how to join the Zoom conversation.



**Wednesday Webinar for March**

Join CBF/GA Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. for a Wednesday Webinar with Rob Nash, associate dean and Professor of World Religions at McAfee School of Theology. Rob will discuss his new book, *Moving the Equator*, which challenges us to rethink our understanding of missions in a changing world. Rob also serves as Senior Pastor of Heritage Fellowship in Canton, Georgia.

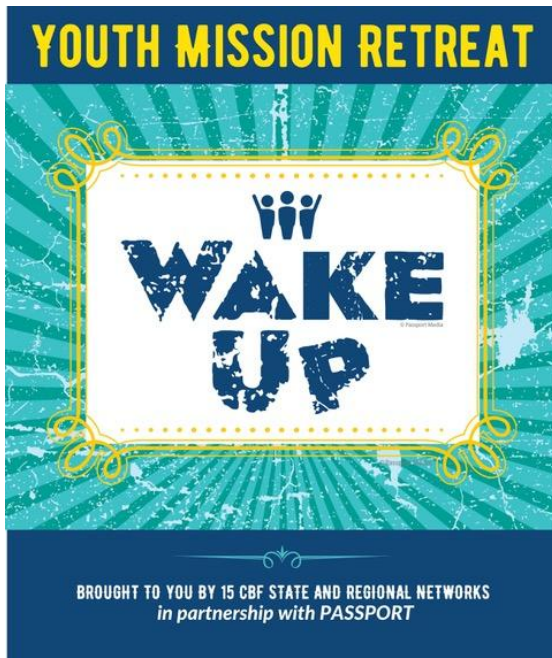
To register for this free Webinar, go to [www.cbfga.org/event/webinar-global-missions/](http://www.cbfga.org/event/webinar-global-missions/).

**BJC Essay Contest Deadline is March 26**

High school juniors and seniors are invited to enter the annual Religious Liberty Essay Scholarship Contest sponsored by the BJC (Baptist Joint Committee for Public Affairs) For more information, go to [www.bjconline.org/contest/](http://www.bjconline.org/contest/). The essay must be between 800-1200 words, and the submission deadline is March 26, 2021. The grand prize includes a \$2,000 scholarship.



The topic this year is: Does a religious leader, such as a minister, rabbi, imam, priest, or any other clergy in a religious tradition, have the right to run for public office? What, if any, steps should a religious leader running for public office take to acknowledge the bedrock



## Wake Up Resource Now Available!

Passport Camps, Inc., in partnership with 15 CBF state and regional networks, has created a resource to help CBF Churches host Spring Mission Weekends for their student ministries. Passport's "Wake Up" resource can help individual churches engage in local mission in ways that can meet their safety goals during the pandemic. This resource is flexible enough to help churches gather regionally for hands-on mission projects, allow a church to host their own mission weekend, or allow for students to gather virtually to discuss missions in deep and creative ways.

This resource is available to any church **free of charge** and is now available for download. For more information, contact Jody Long at [jlong@cbfga.org](mailto:jlong@cbfga.org) or Megan Doud at [mdoud@cbfga.org](mailto:mdoud@cbfga.org).

## Amani Sasa Event Announced

Missy Ward Angalla, CBF Field Personnel in Uganda, invites you to a virtual celebration, "She Will Rise," on Sunday, March 7, at 4 p.m. EST at



*She Will Rise.*

An International Womens Day Celebration with Amani Sasa  
March 7th at 4pm via Facebook Live



<https://www.facebook.com/events/690803481616232>. The event will highlight the amazing ways in which our partnership with Missy Ward Angalla and Amani Sasa provides healing and transformation among refugee women and girls living in Uganda. Resources should soon be made available through the CBF/GA website, including a children's mission lesson booklet, a gospel song from our refugee community sung by Amani Sasa staff, and a missions moment video.



## Apply for Thriving in Ministry Cohort

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Thriving in Ministry Initiative is now accepting applications for the second set of cohort groups. This four-year initiative, funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment, aims to address challenges that pastors face in their congregational settings. Participants will build their capacity to thrive in ministry through personal goal setting, congregational support teams, and participation in a cohort of colleagues and mentors. Together they will develop and share best practices and build and sustain

collegial relationships essential to ministerial well-being.

Seven online cohort groups, comprised of eight participants and two mentors, will begin this spring and continue for one year. This set of groups will include cohorts of women pastors, rural pastors, pastors in transition, pastors in the second half of ministry, church starters, pastors doing intentional racial justice work and Latino pastors (in Spanish).

Go to [www.cbf.net/thrivinginministry](http://www.cbf.net/thrivinginministry) for more information and to apply.

## CBF Global Offers FreeWill Giving Seminar

CBF Global and the CBF Foundation are offering an important opportunity to grow congregations' planned giving programs by attending training on an innovative estate planning platform called [FreeWill](#).

CBF's partners at FreeWill have raised over \$2B in charitable bequests by helping 185,000 people create their wills for free. This tool will help church members dedicate a portion of their estate directly to their church at no immediate cost, ensuring that congregations' ministries have the resources they need to sustain their mission in the generations to come.

Please join CBF for a FreeWill training on Thursday, March 4, at 12 p.m. EST. [Click here](#) to register.

## Campbell University Offers "Church Wise" Support Resources

Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC, has launched "Church Wise," a series of support resources specifically aimed at clergy health, well-being, and thriving. For 2021, the theme of Church Wise is *Resilience*, helping pastors and clergy deal with areas of their lives that seem to be most vulnerable to the stresses of ministry. For more information on Church Wise, go to [www.campbell.edu/life/spiritual-life/center-for-church-community/churchwise-series/](http://www.campbell.edu/life/spiritual-life/center-for-church-community/churchwise-series/). Topics include:

- Emotional & Cultural Intelligence
- Family and Marriage
- Leading Change
- Management & Leadership
- Self-Care
- Spiritual Formation

## FBC Athens Launches Devotional Experience Podcast

FBC Athens, a CBF/GA partner congregation, has launched a podcast called "Open to Explore." Led by Frank Granger, Minister of Christian Community, and Emily Harbin, Minister to Students and Young Adults, "Open to Explore" is a short prayer and devotional experience, during which members of FBC Athens share their reflections on a scripture passage each day. To listen or download the podcast, go to: <https://opentoexploredévotions.transistor.fm/episodes>.

## Give to Relief Efforts through Fellowship Southwest

Fellowship Southwest is working with partners to help provide response to the damage inflicted by the recent winter storm. Because of COVID, they still do not recommend placing volunteers, but they are providing supplies for recovery efforts. Heart for Kids, a Fellowship Southwest partner, has helped replenish food supplies in areas that are hard hit because of the winter storms.

Individuals and congregations may contribute through the "2021 Winter Storm Relief" link on the Donate Page of FSW's website, at <https://fellowshipsouthwest.org/donate-index-impact>.

Checks may be made out to Fellowship Southwest, designated for "2021 Winter Storm Relief" and sent to:

Fellowship Southwest\*  
6640 Abrams Rd.  
P.O. Box 822993  
Dallas, TX 75382

\* Both the street address and P.O. Box number are required.

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

Go to the CBF/GA website, [www.cbfga.org/covid19/](http://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.

## ***i*VISIONS Subscription Information**

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Please continue to let Melissa Kremer at [mkremer@cbfga.org](mailto:mkremer@cbfga.org) know if you would like to convert your print *Visions* subscription to the interactive *i-Visions* only. The link to the new *i-Visions* also will be sent to all *ReVisions* subscribers each quarter.

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## **Quarterly and Year-End Financial Reports**

### **Fourth Quarter 2020: October - December**

Operating Budget Revenue: \$98,832.53

Operating Budget Expenses: \$75,987.55

Gain/(Loss): \$22,844.98

Designated Fund Revenue: \$115,579.84

[Note: Designated Fund Revenue includes unrealized gains in value to the CBF/GA Endowment]

### **Year-End Report: January - December 2020**

Year-to-date Budget Receipts: \$431,436.74

Year-to-date Budget Expenses: \$325,908.60

Gain/(Loss): \$105,528.14

Designated Fund revenue: \$223,389.12

[Note: Designated Fund Revenue includes unrealized gains in value to the CBF/GA Endowment]

### **Frank & Susan Broome Endowment**

Broome Endowment Fund Receipts, October - December 2020: \$1,183.83

Broome Endowment Fund Receipts, January - December 2020: \$3,732.10

Broome Endowment Fund Balance, as of September 30, 2020: \$1,285,106.68

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## **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).

Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, TX - Senior Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Tucker, GA - Part-time Worship Leader  
First Baptist Church, Lumberton, NC - Senior Pastor  
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Carrollton, GA - Minister to Students

First Baptist Church, Hawkinsville, GA - Associate Pastor to Families and Children  
First Baptist Church, Manchester, GA - Associate Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Cornelia, GA - Senior Pastor  
Johns Creek Baptist, Alpharetta - Mobilization Pastor  
Johns Creek Baptist, Alpharetta - Preschool 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)) or Megan Doud ([mdoud@cbfga.org](mailto:mdoud@cbfga.org)) at 478-742-1191

with 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).