



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

Dear CBF/GA Partners, Supporters, and Family,

I hope you will make plans to join us online on Sunday, November 8, for our annual State Gathering. Unfortunately, current communal health conditions due to the COVID-19 pandemic prevent us from gathering live and in person. Still, though, we have planned an afternoon of inspiring worship and engaging conversation. Beginning at 2:30 pm, our partner in ministry, Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia, will have a business session to discuss changes to their organization and outlook. We will gather at 4:30 pm for our annual business session, followed by worship at 5:00 pm, led by Dr. Paul Baxley, Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. At 6:30 pm, we will conclude the day with a roundtable conversation with partners and supporters, updating CBF/GA's work and programming as well as making space for talking about the coming year's plans.

I am deeply grateful for the First Baptist Church of Rome and her wonderful ministerial staff, led by Pastor Matt Duvall, for hosting us virtually this year. We had planned to meet in person in Rome and will certainly return there soon but their assistance through this process has been invaluable.

We hope to see you on Sunday, November 8!

Blessings,  
*Jody*

## Time to Register for the (Virtual) State Gathering!

Registration is free! Register today at [www.cbfga.org/gatherings/](http://www.cbfga.org/gatherings/).

### SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, VIRTUAL STATE GATHERING:

#### 2:30 pm - BWIM of GA annual business meeting

Zoom information for the 2:30 pm. Sunday, November 8 BWIM of Georgia annual business meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81652061510?pwd=eThPd2lYeTk3Sk9ZZmN1Rk5QNW1wQT09>

Meeting ID: 816 5206 1510

Passcode: 303668

**4:30 pm - CBF/GA Business session** - We will vote on the budget, Nominating Committee report, and any other necessary business. You must register for the Gathering to be able to access and to vote in the business session.

**5:00 pm - Worship video will launch**, featuring Paul Baxley, Executive Coordinator of CBF Global and former pastor of First Baptist Church, Athens. Musical offerings will be provided by First Baptist Church, Rome.

**6:30 pm - Round Table Conversations via Zoom** - We want to hear from you!

Registration is now open at [www.cbfga.org/gatherings/](http://www.cbfga.org/gatherings/). There is no cost, but you will need to register to be able to participate in voting during the business session. Registration will also provide you with access to the post-worship Roundtable Conversations. Please contact Jody Long, Executive Coordinator, at [jlong@cbfga.org](mailto:jlong@cbfga.org) with questions.

*First Baptist Church, Rome, is assisting with the development of the virtual State Gathering, and we appreciate their staff and technical support. In these strange times, while we cannot gather in person, we can still be together in spirit.*

### Senior Adult Retreat Sessions Are on the Website

The worship video and breakouts from the Senior Adult Retreat are available for your viewing and enjoyment at [www.cbfga.org/senior-adults/](http://www.cbfga.org/senior-adults/).



### State Mission Offering Materials Available Online

Promotional materials are now available at [www.cbfga.org/state-mission-offering/](http://www.cbfga.org/state-mission-offering/) for download for promoting the CBF/GA State Mission



Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia  
2020/21 State Mission Offering  
[www.cbfga.org/state-mission-offering/](http://www.cbfga.org/state-mission-offering/)



Offering. The offering will be divided between Congregational Ministry Grants and support of Georgia-connected CBF field personnel. An 8.5x11 poster and bulletin insert may be downloaded and printed for use in your church. Those materials are also featured in the current issue of *Visions*, along with a contribution envelope for mailing in your offering. You may also give online at [www.cbfga.org](http://www.cbfga.org).



## Center for Congregational Health Survey

The Center for Congregational Health seeks to help faith communities and their leaders thrive. With assistance from a grant through the Lilly Endowment Inc., the Center is preparing new educational, consulting and coaching resources to help us accomplish this mission.

They need your wisdom, experience and insight in order to determine how best to meet the needs of congregations emerging into this new, changed landscape of life and ministry. They are asking both clergy and laity to participate in the [Thriving During Times of Challenge](#) survey, which should take 15-20 minutes to complete. **Please complete the survey by November 1, 2020.** Thank you for your help!

**Here is the survey link:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ThrivingCongregationsCCH>.



## Atlanta Pastor Introduces Children's Book

Nathan Dean, co-pastor of CBF/GA partner congregation Edgewood Church in Atlanta,

has authored a children's book, ***The Song***, which tells the redemptive story of God's love. Here is the press release for the book:

*The Song* is the retelling of the timeless story of creation, humanity, the beauty and brokenness of our world, and the heroic quest to rescue what was lost. We hope the story of Jesus comes alive for you, your children, and grandchildren through the pages of this special book.

*The Song* was originally a sermon Nathan preached to help his people understand the Christian story. At the end of the service, a woman in the church who loves children said, "That would make a beautiful children's book!" Other people got excited about the idea, too.

Nathan wanted to create a beautiful book that helps children, adults, parents, and grandparents really experience and feel the story of what God has done for us. He hopes people will read this book and be moved by the love and goodness of God and want to share the book, its message, and the experience with others.

You can find out more at [www.littleseedpress.com](http://www.littleseedpress.com).



## CBF Disaster Relief Opportunities

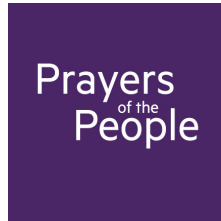
An effective way to respond to hurricane relief through CBF is through prayer and by donating to the Disaster Response fund of CBF Global. Teams are also being sought to help with projects in the Lake Charles, LA, area. For more information, go to [www.cbf.net/dr-volunteer](http://www.cbf.net/dr-volunteer).

## CBF Seeks Reflections in Response to the COVID-19 Crisis

CBF is seeking to offer perspectives across the fellowship in response to the COVID-19 crisis. If you would like to submit a devotion or reflection in these days of quarantine, please send these to [aweaver@cbf.net](mailto:aweaver@cbf.net).

## CBF Global Offers Weekly Tuesday Night Gathering at 7 pm EDT

CBF Global offers a weekly Tuesday night time of fellowship, music, a devotional, and stories from field personnel from around the world. Tune in on CBF's Facebook page Tuesdays at 7:00 pm Eastern Time! Catch up on past episodes of the CBF Gathering at [www.cbf.net/gathering](http://www.cbf.net/gathering).



### **Prayers of the People Offered by CBF Global**

*Prayers of the People* is CBF's year-long guide to prayer that invites you to explore how your prayers may intersect with CBF field personnel, church starts, chaplains, pastoral counselors, and partners around the world. This year's completely redesigned prayer guide is available digitally by download at [www.cbf.net/pray](http://www.cbf.net/pray), in a weekly format.

There also is a redesigned print edition available. You may request the print edition by emailing [fellowship@cbf.net](mailto:fellowship@cbf.net).

### **Upcoming Events at Candler, Fall 2020**

Candler School of Theology is hosting a number of online public events this semester. Join us in exploring how theology intersects with current issues in our world. You can catch the latest goings-on at their website, [candler.emory.edu](http://candler.emory.edu). Follow us on social media on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for the latest on happenings at Candler.

### **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.

### **iVISIONS Subscription Request**

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* will be sent to all *ReVisions* subscribers each quarter.

## **Quarterly Financial Report**

### **Third Quarter 2020: July - September**

Operating Budget Revenue: \$101,067.48  
Operating Budget Expenses: \$61,468.17

Year-to-date Budget Receipts: \$332,604.21  
Year-to-date Budget Expenses: \$249,921.05

Over/(Under): \$82,683.16

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

Broome Endowment Fund Receipts, July - September 2020: \$890.00  
Broome Endowment Fund Receipts, Year-to-date: \$2,548.27  
Broome Endowment Fund Balance, as of September 30, 2020: \$1,177,941.55

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).

CBF of Georgia - Coordinator of Young Baptist Ministries  
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  
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Troutville, VA - Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Manchester, GA - Associate Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Jefferson, GA - Traditional Worship Leader  
First Baptist Church, Jefferson, GA - Audio-Visual Director (part-time)  
Madison Baptist Church, Madison, GA - Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Cornelia, GA - Senior Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Black Mountain, NC - Pastoral Leader  
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).