



ReVisions - a monthly e-newsletter from CBF/GA

Last Call to Register for CBF/GA's Virtual Marriage Retreat!

Please register by September 4. The Marriage Retreat has been reimagined 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. Registration is now open at www.cbfga.org/marriage-retreat/. Cost for the retreat is \$25. Registration ends September 4. Registrants will receive detailed information about how to access the four sessions of the retreat. Please contact Jody Long at jlong@cbfga.org with any questions.



Nominations Sought for CBF/GA Coordinating Council

The CBF/GA Nominating Committee wants to hear from you! Please submit nominations for persons (clergy or lay) to serve 3-year terms on the Coordinating Council. For more information, please contact Jake Hall (Chair of the Nominating Committee) at jake@highlandhillsbaptist.org, or Jody Long at jlong@cbfga.org, with questions. [Click here](#) to access the nomination form. **Please submit nominations by September 30, 2020.**

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

The CBF/GA Senior Adult Retreat takes place virtually, Sunday – Monday, September 27-28. Registration ends Wednesday, September 23. The recorded sessions will be available for viewing anytime after they have been launched online, so you will not be tied to viewing at the actual dates and times. Only the Zoom online fellowship time will be limited to that actual time frame.



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 launched online

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

-- "Writing for You and Others: Telling Your Life Story in Journaling and Narrative" - led by Millicent Austell Flake, retired media specialist, author and member of FBC Dalton
Millicent will bring her years of expertise as a writer to us as we learn how to share our life's story, both for ourselves and our loved ones.

-- "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story: An Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing" - led by Erin Keel Clarke, Minister of Music, and Ellee Hilley, Minister of Worship Arts, FBC Griffin
Join us for a good, old-fashioned hymn sing as Erin Clarke and Ellee Hilley lead us in wonderful hymns of our faith.

-- "Cat-Cow, Pigeon, Eagle, and Warrior: Chair Yoga for Meditation and Exercise" - led by Ann Smith, Macon spiritual director and certified yoga instructor
Ann Smith will lead us in learning some basic chair yoga poses and techniques. This is a perfect breacout for those who want to move more but may have some limitations.

-- Bible Study - led by Jonathan Barlow, Pastor, FBC Dalton

Register now at www.cbfga.org/senior-adults/.



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 on Sunday, November 8 only. More details will be in the late September *Visions*. Registration will open in early September. You will need to pre-register to be able to participate in voting during the business session.

We look forward to gathering together for a business session and worship led by Paul Baxley, Executive Coordinator of CBF Global and former pastor of First Baptist, Athens.

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.

State Mission Offering Materials Available Online

Promotional materials are now available at www.cbfga.org/state-mission-offering/ for download for the CBF/GA State Mission Offering. Again this year, the offering will be divided between Congregational Ministry Grants and support of Georgia-related CBF field personnel. Materials include a poster and bulletin insert that may be downloaded and printed for use in your church. Those materials will also be featured in the next issue of *Visions*, along with a contribution envelope for mailing in your offering. You may also give online at www.cbfga.org.



Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia
2020/21 State Mission Offering

www.cbfga.org/state-mission-offering/



CBF Disaster Relief Opportunities in Wake of Hurricane Laura

The most effective way to respond to Hurricane Laura relief through CBF at this time is through prayer and by donating to the Disaster Response fund of CBF Global. For more information, go to www.cbf.net/dr-volunteer.

CBF Global Offers Weekly Tuesday Night Gathering at 7 pm EDT

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fellowship, music, a devotional, and stories from field personnel from around the world. Tune in on CBF's Facebook page Tuesdays at 7 pm Eastern Time! Catch up on past episodes of the CBF Gathering at www.cbf.net/gathering.



Children's Online Mission Resource Offered for Churches and Families



In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, CBF is offering a weekly **Form and Spark at Home** free download, a one-page PDF with a story and activity to help children connect with the ministries of CBF field personnel. The activities can be presented in small bites to remind children that missions continues even in the midst of a pandemic, and we can still be a part of what God is doing in the world. Each "At Home" download is taken from *Spark and Form*, CBF's missional formation resources for preschoolers and children. [Click here](#) for more information and to download.

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Prayers of the People

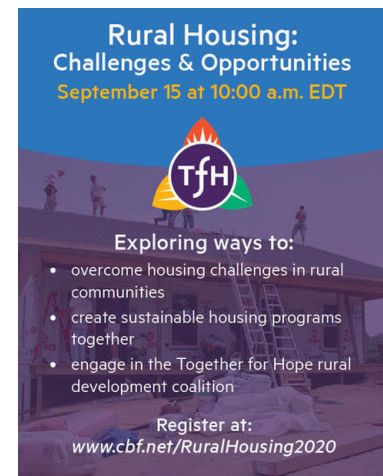
Prayers of the People is CBF's year-long guide to prayer that invites you to explore how your prayers may intersect with CBF field personnel, church starts, chaplains, pastoral counselors, and partners around the world. This year's completely redesigned prayer guide is available digitally by download at www.cbf.net/pray, in a weekly format. The first week of content for the guide is Sunday, August 30 - Saturday, September 5.

There will also be a redesigned print edition available later in September. The print edition is delayed by COVID-19 issues. So be on the lookout for the weekly prayer guide via email or download. Or you can also let us know if you want to have the print edition mailed to you by emailing fellowship@cbf.net, and it will be sent as soon as it is available.



Together for Hope Seminar Set for Wednesday, September 15

This interactive webinar will focus on ways to overcome housing challenges in rural communities. The speaker, Harold Tessendorf, is an internationally experienced executive leader, mediator and trainer who has worked in the community economic development sector for three decades, including leading Habitat for Humanity affiliates in Georgia. Register at www.cbf.net/RuralHousing2020.



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.

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.

Together for Hope, Louisiana - Executive Director
First Baptist Church, Jefferson, GA - Audio-Visual Director (part-time)
Madison Baptist Church, Madison, GA - Pastor
First Baptist Church, Cornelia, GA - Senior Pastor
Alpine Baptist Church, Talladega County, AL - Bi-vocational 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. Ministers seeking opportunities to move may go to www.cbfga.org/minister-seeking-church.