

2022 CBFGA BUDGET

In 2022, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia will turn 30 years old! In the early years, there were some who said that the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship would be a one-generation movement which would die quickly. And yet, here we are nearly 30 years later, thriving and living out our calling to partner with and support moderate Baptist congregations, ministers, and individuals in and around Georgia and beyond.

For 2021, CBF's 30th Anniversary year, we featured stories and pictures from the first thirty years of her life. As the calendar pages turn to 2022, we will be telling some of the story of CBFGA. We will tell these stories not as a nostalgic trip to a bygone era that seeks to warm our hearts but to remind us from where God has brought us and to dream of where God is leading us in the years to come.



These stories - our story - do not happen by accident. All of us, supporting churches and individual supporters, to covenant together to do missions and ministry together, are required to support each other during tough times, to celebrate with each other during joyous times. Telling the story of CBFGA as we live into the future God has prepared for us requires all of us giving our financial resources, our time, and our talents so that together our gifts, like loaves and fishes, can be multiplied to feed a hungry world.

This narrative budget tells some of the story of CBFGA, using our five administrative core priorities as starting points: Missions, Fellowship, Communications, Administration and Personnel. As we continue to tell the story of God's work in and through CBFGA, we hope you will join hands, hearts, and resources with us so that God's kingdom can come more truly on earth as it is in heaven.

Missions

Even though we are preparing to turn our calendars to 2022, the lingering effects of COVID-19 still shape many of our missions and ministry efforts. In 2022, we are planning to resume, in person, our signature youth missions event, March Mission Madness. This year, however, out of an abundance of caution, we are only have one weekend of MMM, to be held at Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist in Atlanta, March 18-20.



college students from around our state, along with students from CBF Alabama, for a week of service.

2022 also brims with promise and hope as our revitalized collegiate ministry efforts, led by Megan Doud, Coordinator of Young Baptist Ministries, are taking off. A Spring Break Mission Trip to New York City to work and learn alongside CBFGA Field Personnel partner, Lesley-Ann Hix Tommey, will bring together



A mobile food pantry for food deserts run by Together for Hope Black Belt Region partner, Better Way Grocers.

In spite of the pandemic, our partnership with Together For Hope continues to grow. Together for Hope is a rural development coalition servicing the 301 counties of persistent rural poverty in America. There are over 40 counties of persistent rural poverty in Georgia alone. Our work with TFH has been centered in the Sumter County and Ben Hill County areas but we are continuing to expand our coalition into other areas. TFH is also working with Mercer University's Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center to address rural health outcomes, and with Georgia College and State University's Rural Studies Institute to partner with rural communities across our state as they face the unique challenges of the 21st century. Currently, we are helping a TFH partner - A Better Way Grocers - raise funds for an expansion of their mobile grocery store ministry, which brings fresh, healthy grocery options

to isolated food deserts around Southwest Georgia.

Missions Core Priority Budget:

2021: \$55,600.00

2022: \$48,100.00

The reduction in our Missions budget reflects a decision that we're grateful to make. Because of continued growth in our Frank & Susan Broome Endowment Fund, we are able to access more funds to do mission and ministry around our state. Currently, we use proceeds from the Broome Fund to pay for our Student.Church and Student.Go summer internships. Beginning in 2022, we will also be

able to fund our Theological Education Scholarships with proceeds from the Broome Fund.



Annabelle Whitehead, a 2021 Student.Church summer intern at Vineville Baptist, Macon.

Fellowship

What is a fellowship without fellowship? Simply a meeting.

The Fellowship core priority is the means by which we gather as God's peculiar and particular people called the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia. We represent a diverse collection of churches and individuals that stretches from places like Summerville in the northwest to St. Simons in the southeast, from Lavonia in the northeast to Moultrie in the southwest, from West Point in the west to Augusta in the east and all points in between. Large churches, smaller churches; rural communities, suburban enclaves; theologically progressive, theologically moderate, and theologically conservative congregations: all of these describe our fellowship.



Fellowship Core Priority Budget:

2021: \$18,000.00

2022: \$18,000.00

In a time when division and discord are the norm in our neighborhoods and communities, many are wanting sides to be chosen and pronouncements to be made indicating which group is correct or right. The beauty of our Fellowship is that we are attempting to find and inhabit common ground as we seek to embody the kingdom of heaven even as we're here on earth. We are committed to holding up a "big tent" under which God's children can belong. And so, in our gatherings and in our fellowship, we are showing each other and the world around us our deepest conviction that "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of us are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).



Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic caused another cancellation of an in-person national gathering for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly, but we were able to gather on ZOOM for a time of connection, learning, and worship. For our state, we are planning for an in-person State Gathering, November 7-8, at FBC Gainesville.

As we have adjusted to live with the lingering effects of COVID, our staff is working with supporters around the state to schedule events and gatherings that are as safe as possible. We hope 2022 will bring a renewed sense of purpose and commitment for all of us to reengage fellowship with sisters and brothers around our state.

Communications

How we tell the story of CBF/GA and her partner churches is vital to tying us together in the bonds of love and fellowship.

Visions is our quarterly news magazine that highlights the work of CBFGA as well as partner congregations and ministry partnerships that comprise our fellowship. It is a wonderful publication that shows some of the breadth and depth of our work around Georgia and beyond. It is also fairly expensive to design, produce, and mail.

As we continue to listen to supporters around our state, we're realizing that many folks are moving towards receiving their news and information almost solely through digital platforms. To that end, during the first half of 2022, we will launch a campaign to identify which delivery method - print or digital - is preferred by our supporters. When you receive the opportunity to let us know which you'd prefer, we hope you'll make your choice and voice heard.

**Communications
Core Priority
Budget:**

In 2020, we added an electronic, interactive version of *Visions* we call *i-Visions*. *i-Visions* contains the same articles and photographs as *Visions*, but is also produced on an interactive platform that allows our designer to include more photographs, video footage, live web links, and more. We've had some success with individuals switching to *i-Visions*, but it is our hope that those who still receive printed copies of *Visions* and are comfortable with receiving and reading news and information in an electronic format will consider switching to *i-Visions* in 2022.

2021: \$45,050.00

2022: \$44,100.00



CBFGA's new website - www.cbfga.org

Each month, our email subscribers receive *Re-Visions*, which details more time-sensitive and urgent opportunities for engagement in and around CBFGA. This monthly email often includes links for registration for events as well as updated news items and requests from partners and partner congregations.

In 2021, we completed a redesign of our website. The new site is clean, clear, and very helpful for our work. In 2022, we will be pushing more of our communications work to the site, using it as the

primary hub for information about the mission and ministry of CBFGA. Check it out - www.cbfga.org - to find more information concerning our work!

Administration

Administration Core Priority Budget:

2021: \$57,500.00

2022: \$56,250.00

Administration undergirds our work, both in our CBFGA office and around our state. Our administrative costs cover everything from office equipment rentals to accounting services to hospitality and travel budgets for our staff as they travel around the state working with congregations and partners.

Not long after we moved the CBFGA offices to the Carriage House on the campus of the Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law, the COVID-19 pandemic hit. As our staff moved to remote work/working from home, we were grateful that our office overhead costs had substantially been reduced because of a smaller, more efficient workspace.



Some of the Administration budget covers the costs associated with our accounting firm's good work. We have a dedicated accountant at a large, reputable accounting firm in Macon who works closely with Rachel Greco to ensure that financial gifts to CBFGA are reported and accounted for properly, as well ensuring that we stay within our budget in regards to expenses. Our accounting firm provides an extra layer of fiduciary responsibility for our financial supporters, ensuring that your gifts are used to support the ministry of CBFGA.

Finally, a portion of the Administration budget covers our travel and hospitality costs. A large portion of the work of the Executive Coordinator and the Coordinator of Young Baptist Ministries involves travel around our state, connecting with pastors, associate pastors, and lay church leaders and members. Even as COVID-19 has slowed some of our travel efforts, we have been steadily increasing our travel as we continue this vital ministry of connection and service.

Some of the
CBFGA partner
churches from
recent staff visits



Personnel

The staff of the CBFGA is our greatest asset. They are knowledgeable, passionate, and engaged in the life of CBFGA. Each staff member brings his or her considerable skill and gifts to ministry of CBFGA. The costs associated with the Personnel core priority help cover salary and benefits for employees, including retirement, insurance, and employment taxes.

2021 brought a wonderful addition to the CBFGA staff: Megan Doud became Coordinator of Young Baptist Ministries. Megan came to us from Aiken's (SC) First Baptist Church where she served as Minister to Students, but she has long-time Georgia connections. Megan graduated from Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology and served an internship at Johns Creek Baptist Church. She's married to Brian, whose father served as Minister to Children at CBFGA partner congregations, Wieuca Road Baptist Church (now The Church at Wieuca), FBC Decatur, and FBC Gainesville. Megan's primary responsibilities are connecting and resourcing Children's, Youth, and Collegiate Ministers around Georgia while also heading up a revitalized CBFGA-branded campus ministry in the Middle Georgia area, based at Mercer University. She's talented, smart, intuitive, engaging, and a welcome addition to our staff.

Personnel Core Priority Budget:

2021: \$248,350.00

2020: \$248,550.00



Executive Coordinator
Jody Long



**Coordinator of Young
Baptist Ministries**
Megan Doud



**Assistant for
Communications and
Resources**
Melissa Kremer



**Assistant for
Administration and
Programs**
Rachel Greco

2021 Budget By the Numbers:

Core Priority:

Missions: \$48,100.00

Fellowship: \$18,000.00

Communications: \$44,100.00

Administration: \$56,250.00

Personnel: \$248,550.00

Total Operating Budget: \$415,000.00

● Missions ● Administration ● Personnel ● Fellowship ● Communications

