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from staff and council of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia

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One of the questions I get asked most is, "What is the difference between the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Southern Baptist Convention?" I have my official talking points always at the ready and, depending on the questioner, I pivot to the ones that best answer the question. Most often, however, the first answer I give to the question of Baptist differences is, "Well, CBF churches support women who are called by God to lead churches and to lead in churches."

From our beginnings, the foremothers and forefathers of CBF valued and supported the Biblical notion that God does, indeed, call women to ministry and congregational leadership. Even more, CBF has long supported and advocated for the historic Baptist principle of "Local Church Autonomy," which holds that each and every Baptist congregation has the right and responsibility to decide for itself how it will govern and operate as well as how and with whom it will cooperate and participate in ministry.

Honesty compels me, however, to note that while as a movement we've vocally supported women in ministry, the actual results are far less encouraging. In 2016, Baptist Women in Ministry (BWIM) released its "State of Women in Baptist Life" report noting that within CBF congregations, only 6.5% of churches are pastored or co-pastored by women. In its 2021 report, BWIM noted an increase in the percentage of churches pastored or co-pastored by women, up to 7.4% but the actual number of churches led by women had decreased (along with the total number of churches connected to CBF) since the 2016 report.

In CBFGA, we have had an increase in the total number of churches pastored or co-pastored by women in recent years. This is no time, however, to rest on our laurels.

There is still much work to be done, friends! For our churches to be the best representation of the body of Christ as we are called to be, women must be given equal opportunity and support to lead. We are doing a disservice to the reign of God in our world when churches say, "We're just not ready for a woman to be pastor of our church." If we're not ready now, then when will be ready? Some of the best pastors I know are women and I am grateful to partner with them and their churches.

It's time for other congregations within our fellowship to truly follow God's spirit during seasons of church leadership transition and to call good women pastors to lead us. Even more than calling them, though, we must covenant to support them, to prepare our congregations for a new voice and new perspective in leadership, to offer compensation packages that are equal to what their male counterparts are extended, and to model for our communities and our world that we take seriously the truth of the Gospel that the first preachers of the resurrection of Jesus were indeed women!

In this issue of *Visions*, you will read the stories of the women pastors leading CBFGA churches. You will also find an excellent article by our friend, Dr. Meredith Stone, Executive Director of BWIM. If you or your congregation would like to know more about the work of BWIM, please reach out to Meredith or any member of her excellent staff at www.bwim.info. ■



JODY LONG
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A Special Note from Jody Long:

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Now, it's time for me to live what I've preached. At the close of business on December 31, 2024, I will step down as the Executive Coordinator of the CBFGA.

As my wife Julie has assumed the pastorate of CBFGA-partner congregation, First Baptist Church of Christ at Macon, it is time for

me to support her calling and my family by being more present and available.

Being the Executive Coordinator of CBFGA has been one of the greatest honors and privileges of my life. In nearly seven years, I have seen the grace of God made manifest in all the ways our congregational and individual partners seek to love and serve God and neighbor. I have been blessed by warm hospitality across our state and have developed

deep friendships with so many of you.

The grace, hospitality, compassion, resilience, and Love we Cooperative Baptists are showing our churches, communities, and the world give me great hope for our shared future. ■

Watch for an announcement about celebrating Jody and his good work at CBFGA.

Being a Female Pastor

We asked several women ministers to share:

- Your greatest joy as a minister?
- Your greatest challenge as a minister?
- How have you been received by your church, town, state?
- How did you hear God's call to be a minister?

Below, and in the next few pages, are their replies ...



Caitlin Childers Brown

CAITLIN CHILDERS BROWN • Co-Pastor, Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon

I love the work we get to do. We have the joy of celebrating with our church family in moments of happiness, and the honor of being present in moments of pain. I love getting to know our folks, to laugh with them, and do good with them.

My greatest challenge is knowing what I need to give energy to and what is the work of others. We're only a year into this role, and I feel like there is still so much to learn.

My church has been nothing but supportive and clear about my role as pastor. I have felt abundantly affirmed and encouraged by them. As new to both the role and the area, their immediate support has been such a

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gift. Having a co-pastorate is a unique situation, and so it certainly confuses people outside of our church, but our church members immediately set them straight.

I first felt called to ministry as a child at Girls in Action camp. I felt that call again a few times in middle and high school, but I was a member of a church that did not affirm women in ministry. I found that really confusing and didn't know what to do with that sense of calling. It wasn't until my time at Mercer University that I first heard women could be pastors. When I did, something clicked. It's an incredible gift to now be ministering in the town and at the church that first told me I could be a pastor.

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JULIE WHIDDEN LONG • Pastor, First Baptist Church of Christ, Macon

As I write this article on the first of October, I've been Pastor of First Baptist Church of Christ at Macon for exactly two months. This role is still fresh and new, yet it seems like the natural next step in the journey I have walked all along.

My pastoral story is unique, as I've been a part of this congregation in many and varied ways since I was as a college student. Our newfound relationship as pastor and congregation has been nurtured for over 25 years.

I'd never dreamed of becoming a senior pastor, never felt a sense of clarity around a calling to that particular role. My ministry felt important and meaningful, and I didn't aspire to

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Julie Whidden Long

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anything other than to take the next right step when the time came. I do, however, feel a deep sense of calling to this particular place, to leading in this moment, with these people.

My greatest joy and the best gifts I have to offer come out of the depth of relationships I have here. I love sharing the significant and the ordinary moments of life with these people, and we have built trust with one another.

Our church's challenges are not unlike those of other congregations as we seek sustainability in our participation, staffing, giving, and maintenance of historic buildings. I, too, seek healthy sustainability in my own rhythms as I carry the vast and heavy responsibilities as proclaimer, caregiver, organizational leader, and vision-caster. But I rest in a deep hope that though we don't always know the way forward, we will make the way by walking it, together.

ASHLEY GUTHAS • Pastor, Maranatha Baptist Church, Plains

My greatest joy as a pastor comes from being with people in their moments of truth-telling. Whether the truth-telling is happening while they are amid the mess, rising from the ashes, or dancing in freedom, to sit beside a soul longing to be understood and accompanied is a treasure I hope I never take for granted.

My greatest challenge at this moment is learning when to stop chasing rabbit



Ashley Guthas

trails while in sermon prep. I LOVE the research portion, and I easily get carried away. My mind is filled with so many perspectives and I struggle in narrowing it down to what may be most beneficial to share with the congregation.

I have received the warmest welcome by the congregation and they continue to surround me with love and support. The town of Plains is not what many expect from the deep south. It is wonderfully rich in the diversity of views represented and I find many in the community are eager for perspectives that will invite deeper reflection.

The calling to be a pastor has not been a single defining moment but rather a journey of learning and unlearning for over two decades. I am thankful I took the risk of seminary because it was there that the gifts within me to shepherd others were acknowledged and encouraged. Before I could embrace this call, God had to be released from the confining box my previous theological understandings held God captive in.

RUTH CUELLAR • Pastor, Iglesia Bautista El Buen (Good Shepherd Baptist Church)

One of my greatest joys as a pastor is witnessing spiritual growth in the lives of people that I shepherd. Whether it's seeing someone come to faith, deepening their understanding of God's word or overcoming personal struggles through faith, those moments of transformation and growth are incredibly rewarding. Another joy is the relationship formed within the community, where mutual support, love, and encouragement become a tangible expression of the church's mission.

As a female pastor, my greatest challenge might involve navigating societal

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Ruth Cuellar

*... around the campfire, ↗
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and cultural expectations around gender and leadership, especially in contexts where there may be resistance to women in pastoral roles. Balancing those dynamics with my desire to serve and lead effectively is difficult.

Another potential challenge is balancing the emotional and relational aspects of pastoral care, as I carry the burdens of those I lead while also striving to maintain my own spiritual and personal well-being.

How have I been received? I am a Latina female pastor planting a church in an Anglo community. My experience brought a unique blend of cultural dynamics and challenges. Navigating the differences between Latino and Anglo traditions, values, and expressions of faith has been both enriching and difficult. Moreover, in my Latino Church's context I work with people from five different countries and many more cultural backgrounds.

Central Baptist Church of Newnan has been a powerful and wonderful example of a church embracing diversity and building strong bridges between communities. Their support, cooperation and willingness to accompany the

Latino community on our faith journey have made a significant impact on both our church and broader community.

How did I hear God's call to be a pastor? At a Christian camp when I was 12 years old, after the sermon around the campfire, I felt that the fire that was in front of my eyes was also in my heart, and at the same time I felt serenity like the starry night above us. That moment had a lasting impact guiding me toward a life of service and dedication, as well as 25 years of ministry.

**WENDY PEACOCK • Pastor,
Fellowship Baptist Church, Americus**

I have had the great joy of being the Pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church in Americus for almost 30 years. The benefits of a long-term pastorate are many, but one of the greatest things is the way that I have been able to walk alongside families in our community for many significant milestones. I've been able to perform weddings, celebrate births, conduct funerals, and mark high school and college graduations and all sorts of smaller occasions in between. The depth of relationships formed over many years and the trust given to me are true blessings.

Perhaps my greatest challenge has been trying to keep my preaching and worship planning fresh over the course of my ministry. I seek to be open to new resources and intentionally try to listen to new voices as I weekly plan and lead worship.

I am fortunate to have been received very positively by both our congregation and our larger community. As a member of the Sumter Area Ministerial Association, an ecumenical group in our county, I have found some of my deepest friendships.

Finally, my call to be a pastor was an evolving one. I wasn't sure if I would be given that opportunity years ago when I graduated from seminary. I am so very thankful for a courageous and gracious congregation in SW Georgia that extended a call to me. They have been steadfast companions as we have journeyed together.

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Wendy Peacock

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Deep Questions & Weird Things

**EMILY HARBIN GLASS •
CBFGA Moderator and Minister
to Students and Young Adults,
First Baptist Church, Athens**



Recently a memory of a moment in my faith journey came back to me. In the second grade I began asking new questions about Jesus and what it would be like to follow him. I lay in bed one night praying for God to come into my heart and fell fast asleep.

The next day I woke up and didn't feel any different. I looked in the mirror and wasn't any taller (the height came in 8th grade) I still had to brush my teeth and get ready for school. Life felt exactly the same, so I wondered if I'd done the prayer wrong.

In PE that day we were running the dreaded timed mile. As I ran my laps around the gym, still doubting my salvation; I decided to try the prayer again. In the process of asking Jesus to come into my heart for the second time, I lost track of how many laps I'd run. I thought I was about finished though, so I ran a couple more laps and then met my teacher in the center of the court with his stopwatch—"Emily, you just set a school record!" To this day, I'm still not sure if I ran enough laps and I always felt terribly that I might have inadvertently cheated while trying to become a Christian.

My call to ministry and my call to follow Jesus as Lord is filled with stories of losing track of time with God and God's people, doubting my competence, and somehow stumbling into grace. That's how I know I'm in the right place.

By the way, if your children are pondering similarly deep questions in their hearts and saying weird things like they want to be a missionary when they grow up, get ready! And give me a call. I'll walk you through it.

Your friend in the journey, Emily Glass

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DEVITA PARNELL • Pastor, First Baptist Church, Morrow

My greatest joy is seeing people find church to be a place where they are fully seen and heard, with their questions, doubts, and experiences that may not have been affirmed elsewhere. I have the joy of watching the Holy Spirit work



Devita Parnell

in the lives of people helping them come alive. It is such a humbling experience.

As a new pastor, the greatest challenge has been weekly sermon writing. I have a newfound respect for pastors, especially those who have been at it for a while. Those first months, all I could think was that this job requires so many words (and I'm an extravert). Many weeks I have not trusted myself, my gifts, or the experiences that brought me to this place at this point in my life. It's been a spiritual battle of sorts to overcome the anxiety.

How have I been received? It has been amazing how smoothly my transition has gone. I am the first female pastor

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of First Baptist and have had little to no pushback. Although people outside the church are sometimes surprised that I am the pastor of a Baptist church, everyone has been receptive and eager to welcome me.

How did I hear God's call to be a pastor? Through much prayer and conversation with close friends over a period of a few years, I grew into this calling. The more I preached and dug into congregational leadership roles as a lay leader in my church, the more joy and affirmation I experienced. Ultimately, I grew in the confidence and courage to say "yes" to something I had never imagined for myself.

CAROLINE SMITH • Pastor, Parkway Baptist Church, Duluth

Almost 20 years ago I was ordained into the ministry as my church affirmed my calling. It was a calling I had received as a teenager working in inner city ministry at my church. I learned so much about ministry and was carefully guided

BWM Baptist Women in Ministry: Here to Help

The Spirit of God is moving among Baptist congregations as they step more firmly into their support for women in ministry and create opportunities for women to live out their God-given callings.

As more Baptist congregations are hiring and considering women for pastoral roles, here are a few suggestions for search committees, congregations, and allies of women in ministry to consider.

Search committees who choose to include female candidates should consider adapting more of their process than simply whose resumes they will receive.

For many churches, the structure of their search process was set when only male candidates were considered. In that way, assumptions about candidates having the same access to experience, education, understandings of ministry and pastoral identity, Baptist leadership networks, and more are embedded into the process itself. But the resumes of female candidates often look differently because of the disadvantages they

have faced in obtaining the traditional markers of a qualified minister.

Therefore, an adapted process might redefine candidate criteria to include capacity of candidates in certain areas more than experience in those areas. Just because other churches have not been recognizing God's call on a woman's life so that she couldn't gain experience doesn't mean God hasn't gifted and called her to be the kind of pastor who can thrive in your congregation.

Congregations who have decided to affirm women in ministry should be aware that putting that affirmation into practice throughout the congregation's life is critical so that women can thrive in leadership.

As the common phrase indicates, "words without actions are meaningless." Simply because we change our minds about a particular belief, if we don't follow the change with transforming our congregation's practices to be more inclusive, then our affirmation is not actually effective.



Caroline Smith

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by one of the pastors at my church. I am a pastor today only because one person took the time and made the effort to teach and mentor a young girl.

It never occurred to me that as a girl I couldn't be a pastor. My relationship with God and the encouragement of my pastor were all I needed to know what it was that God was calling me to do. While I have certainly faced criticism and discrimination in the most unkind ways, I am thankful that God has called

me to churches that have been encouraging for the most part. I am thankful for my CBF family, our GA team and Baptist Women in Ministry who have always stood by me, ensuring my voice is not only heard but appreciated.

I have truly been blessed to serve as pastor in different capacities over the years. My greatest joy, no matter where I serve, comes from witnessing transformative moments in people's lives. Whether it's seeing someone find faith after a long struggle, watching a community come together in love and support, collaborating in mission activities or celebrating milestones like baptisms and weddings, each experience brings me great joy and reminds me why I serve. The relationships I

build with people, as they experience life, remind me of the beauty of faith and the power of community.

It isn't always easy, however. There are of course challenges that I face as a pastor. One of the greatest challenges is managing discord within the church community. While a church can foster relationship and engagement, it also opens the door to misunderstandings and conflict. Navigating differing opinions, especially on issues that people are passionate about, requires patience and careful communication.

Through all the joys and challenges, I give thanks to God for the responsibility and joy of serving God's people. ■

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Areas to consider include personnel policies, by-laws, worship leadership, using gender inclusive language (people instead of mankind, etc.), lay leadership structures, regularly integrating theology that uplifts women, and creating a safe environment for women through sexual assault and harassment prevention.

Congregational culture has been shaped to uphold the leadership of men and the submissiveness of women for many years, so it will take intentional and consistent attention to the details to reshape that culture over time. Churches which take those transformative steps will become places where women, and all people, can thrive and live into the divine image in which they were created.

Men and all allies of women in ministry should look for ways to uplift the gifts and leadership of women.

The Baptist world will not change if we focus on reclaiming the successes of the church in the past or if we desperately hold on to what currently exists with fear that any change will cause decline. As the church seeks to grow into the next generation of representing God's work in the world, we must acknowledge that growth by nature is change. Moreover, that change must be nurtured by the individual actions we take each day to uplift women.

Actions of allies could include being an encourager of women who are called to ministry, advocating for individual women to receive the recognition and opportunities they deserve, advocating for all women by changing your personal language to be inclusive when speaking of pastors, ministers, and leaders, being willing to decline invitations and recommend women to fill those roles, and more.

Baptist Women in Ministry is here to help committees, congregations, and allies as they live out their belief that all people are fully valued by God and can serve the church without any limitations. We hope that you will connect with our staff for assistance and that you will share your success stories with us so we can share your witness with the broader Baptist world. ■



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Encouraging Hope along My Journey

MEGAN TURNER DOUD, CBFGA Coordinator for Young Baptist Ministries, mdoud@cbfga.org

Throughout my life, the presence of women ministers and pastors has profoundly shaped my understanding of faith and my calling to go into ministry. Reflecting on my journey, I recognize that figures like Jane, Carol, Kara, and Lisa played pivotal roles in my spiritual development in challenging societal norms regarding leadership within the church.

Growing up in a church with inspiring female ministers made seeing women in leadership roles feel natural to me. I will never forget our first student-led service, which was beautifully delivered by a dear friend I grew up with in church. As female students, we cherished the wonderful gift of knowing that

we could truly be who God created us to be within our church community.

During my college years, Kara, Lisa, and Carol played pivotal roles in shaping my sense of calling and faith. Each of them offered distinct perspectives and a vibrant energy that enriched my understanding of ministry.

Kara's enthusiasm and support made me eager to explore my faith and calling, while Lisa's unwavering support ignited my passion for serving others. Carol, with her compassionate heart and nurturing spirit, provided a safe space for me to express my doubts and aspirations, encouraging me to wholeheartedly pursue my passion. Together, they enriched my

college experience and left a lasting impression on my calling.

Jane poured into my life and the lives of countless other children and young people, demonstrating how a caring presence can transform a community. Her dedication inspired me to consider how I, too, could guide others on their spiritual journeys. The example of women like Jane showed me that ministry is not confined to the pulpit; it is a holistic call to service, encompassing teaching, guiding, and nurturing. She

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How to Support the Spring 2025 Fitzgerald Home Build



BE A VOLUNTEER

You are invited to participate in Together We Build in Fitzgerald, GA. Whether you are an individual or part of a group, we have a place for you! The weekly build schedule for all four weeks of the build begins with a communal dinner on Sunday night at 6 p.m. Work on the build site begins on Monday morning and concludes on the following Saturday. If your group wants to get creative and (for example) bring 3 people for the first 3

days and another set of 3 for the remaining 3 days, we invite this type of creativity!

Up to 25 volunteers can sign up to work each week. Work site hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily on Monday through Saturday (except the last week). Each week two communal dinners will be provided. Lunch, snacks and beverages will be provided daily on the work site.

BE A MEAL SPONSOR

Work teams will be fed lunch, snacks and beverages six days/week and communal dinners two nights/week. If you would like to sponsor a meal, go to link below for more info.

BE A "SQUARE FOOTER"

The cost of a new build home in Fitzgerald, Georgia, is \$125,000 for a 1200 sq. ft. home, so the cost per square foot is roughly \$100. If you, your Bible Study group, your Sunday school class, your church's Mission's Committee, your extended family, your business, etc. would be willing to commit to one or more square feet, together we will raise enough money to build a new affordable home in Fitzgerald. ■

www.cbfga.org/missions-opportunities



Build Weeks:
March 31-April 5 • April 7-12 • April 21-26 • April 28-May 2
Build Dedication: May 2

FALL YOUTH RETREAT 2024:

What Does It Look Like for God's Love to Show Up?

One hundred and twenty youth from Georgia and South Carolina gathered at Camp Glisson for Fall Youth Retreat on November 1-3, 2024.

The retreat preacher, **Colin Kroll**, CBF Young Adult Ministries Manager, asked "What does it look like for God's love to show up in my place, things and the culture I create for myself and others." Using a prism Colin showed us how God's love travels through us and into the world.

Worship Leaders, **Sally Ann and Matthew Nichols**, members of FBC Athens, led with singing, acoustic guitar and the cajon. Sally Ann is a music therapist and professor at UGA and Matthew works for UGA in the accounting office. ■



**Fall Youth Retreat 2024
PARTICIPATING CHURCHES**
First Baptist Church, Anderson, SC
Heritage Baptist Church, Cartersville
First Baptist Church, Columbus
First Baptist Church, Dalton
First Baptist Church of Christ, Macon
Central Baptist Church, Newnan
First Baptist Church, Roswell



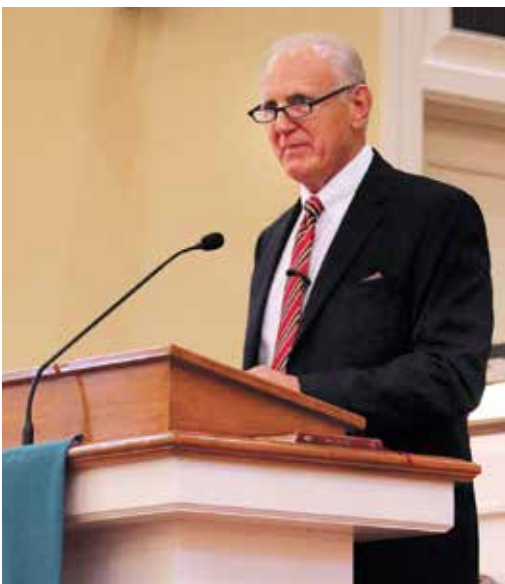
2024 CBF GA State Gathering Recap

Friends, staff, partners, pastors, and choir members of CBF of GA churches gathered Sunday and Monday, November 10-11, in the "Heart of Georgia" at Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon, to hear from Johnny Pierce who is the Director of the Jesus Worldview Initiative.

The gathering featured a joint choir made up of choirs in the middle Georgia area led by Angela Blizzard (Vineville Baptist Church), Erin Clarke (First Baptist Church, Griffin), Richard Kosowski (Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon) and Stanley L. Roberts (First Baptist Church of Christ, Macon).

We were joined by Rachel Gunter Shapard, the Regional Vice President for Together for Hope, Black Belt. A room full of attendees stayed extra late to screen the award-winning documentary "Rising Hope" which introduces audiences to a Mississippi Delta Community — where hope survives despite generational poverty.

The Sunday Evening worship service may be viewed at: www.youtube.com/live/DQSVKhcaXr8 ■



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helped guide me to McAfee School of Theology, where she, at the time, was pursuing her calling to pastor.

Attending seminary further solidified my appreciation for these influential women. I was introduced to a rich history of female leaders in the church, many of whom had laid the groundwork for future generations like mine. It was enlightening to learn about the barriers they faced and the resilience they exhibited, often forging their paths in a male-dominated environment. Their stories of perseverance became encouragement in my journey, reminding me that I, too, could break through barriers.

The impact of women ministers in my life is invaluable. They have shaped my understanding of serving and inspired me to pursue my calling with courage and humility. Their presence has taught me the importance of inclusivity in ministry and women's vital role in the church's life.

As I continue on my path, I carry their lessons with me and hope to honor their legacies by ensuring that future generations witness a church that embraces diverse leadership, reflecting the heart of God for all people. ■

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Financial Report

3RD QUARTER • JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024

Budget Receipts: \$82,021
Budget Expenses: \$99,364
Gain/(Loss): (\$17,343)

FRANK & SUSAN BROOME ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance as of September 30, 2024):
\$1,384,388

ON THE ROAD WITH CBFGA

August - November 2024

Associate Coordinators Retreat, Decatur	FBC Griffin
CBF State Coordinators Retreat, Sandy Springs	Garden Lakes Baptist Church, Rome
Central Baptist Church, Newnan	Harlem Baptist Church, Harlem
Church at Wieuca, Atlanta	Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon
Community Baptist Church, Milledgeville	Iglesia Bautista el Buen Pastor, Newnan
Fall Youth Retreat, Dahlonge	Lake Institute Conference, Jacksonville, FL
FBC Athens	McAfee School of Theology
FBC Augusta	Northside Drive Baptist Church, Atlanta
FBC Church of Christ, Macon	Parkway Baptist Church, Duluth
FBC Dalton	Selah Vie Young Adult Retreat, Van, TX
FBC Eatonton	Together for Hope Annual Meeting, Decatur
FBC Gainesville	

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On the Calendar...



January 10-12, 2025
Children's Retreat
 Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Eatonton
www.cbfga.org/children/



February 4-7, 2025
CBF Christian Educators' Conference
 Decatur www.cbf.net/cec



March 14-16, 2025
Mission Madness
 First Baptist Church, Carrollton
www.cbfga.org/youth/



March 31-May 2, 2025
Fitzgerald Build Weeks & Dedication Day
 Fitzgerald *See page 8.*



May 4-7, 2025
CBFGA Senior Adult Retreat
 First Baptist Church, St. Simons Island
www.cbfga.org/adults-senior-adults/



October 3-4, 2025
CBF Joint State Meeting with Alabama and Tennessee
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