



# 2026 ANNUAL BUDGET PROPOSAL

The 2026 Annual Budget Proposal reflects CBF of Georgia's ongoing commitment to strengthen churches, support ministers, and extend Christ's love in Georgia and beyond. Each line of this budget tells the story of ministry—events that gather and renew, scholarships that equip future leaders, partnerships that multiply our impact, and resources that keep us connected. With transparency and faithful stewardship, we invite you to see how your generosity fuels this shared mission.

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# ABOUT CBFGA

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**Since 1992, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia has provided a home for Baptist Christians who cherish basic Baptist beliefs and desire to preserve Baptist freedoms.**



**CBF of Georgia (based in Macon) joins CBF Global (based in Atlanta) in our desire to network, empower, and mobilize Baptist Christians and churches for effective missions and ministry in the name of Christ.**



## **Our Identity**

We are a fellowship of Baptist Christians and churches who share a passion for the Great Commission of Jesus Christ and a commitment to Baptist principles of faith and practice.

## **Our Vision**

To serve Christians and churches as they discover and fulfill their God-given mission.

## **Our Mission**

Being the presence of Christ in the world.

# Events:

## The Heart of Our Fellowship

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**Events are central to the mission of CBF of Georgia because they bring churches, ministers, and members together for worship, learning, encouragement, and connection. In gathering, we strengthen our shared identity, deepen relationships, and equip one another for faithful ministry. These moments of renewal and collaboration help congregations live out their callings with greater impact in their communities and beyond.**



**The following events are included in the 2026 budget:**

Youth March Mission Madness

Adult Mission Madness

Children's Ministry Retreat

Youth Fall Retreat

Senior Adult Retreat

Together We Build

State meeting at CBF General Assembly

State General Assembly for CBF of Georgia





# Field Personnel: Extending Our Reach Globally

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**Tina Bailey**  
**Austria**

In the summer of 2024, CBF of Georgia was bequeathed \$139,014 from the Estate of Celestia “Lessie” Smithgall to establish support for “foreign missions.” The Missions Team, along with the Budget/Finance Team, decided to place these funds in our holdings with the CBF Foundation, where we will withdraw funds each year to support our ongoing partnerships with CBF Field Personnel serving globally.



**Carson and Laura Foushee**  
**Japan**



**Missy Ward Angalla**  
**Uganda**



# Peer Learning Groups: Encouraging Ministers

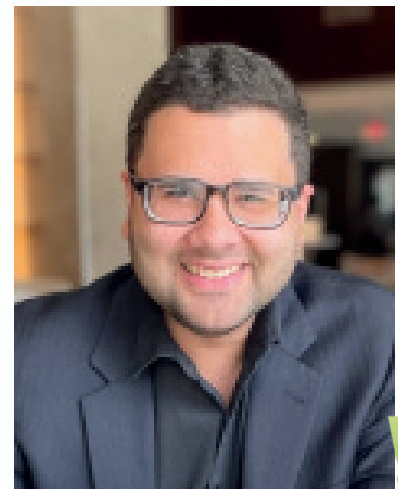
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**Peer Learning Groups provide ministers with the opportunity to cultivate rooted relationships and gain compelling clarity through worship, spiritual formation, discussion of ministry-related issues, and fellowship. Recognizing the immense value of peer connections, CBF of Georgia offers annual grants for PLGs across Georgia to support these opportunities.**

# Lancaster Scholarships: Investing in Future Leaders

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**The Lancaster Theological Education Scholarships continue to be a powerful testament to CBF of Georgia's commitment to cultivating future ministry leaders. Thanks to a generous gift supporting theological education, these scholarships provide vital financial support to CBF of Georgia-affiliated students pursuing a Master of Divinity degree—equipping them for leadership in church and community.**



# Partners: Multiplying Impact

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**CBF of Georgia supports the following partner organizations, as these collaborations extend our reach, multiply our impact, and embody the cooperative spirit at the heart of our mission.**



**Together for Hope:** Together for Hope is a rural development coalition that partners with communities in America's most persistently impoverished counties to fight poverty holistically through education, health and nutrition, housing and environment, and social enterprise.

**Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia:** BWIM of Georgia supports future generations of female clergy by providing funds for seminary education and ministry experience to women connected to Georgia.

**Passport Camps:** Passport, Inc. creates summer camps for 3rd-12th grades led by young adult staff as well as year-round resources like [d365.org](http://d365.org), modeling important lessons like service in the name of Christ, creation care, and respect for our neighbors.

**Winter Youth Summit:** A biennial event held in partnership with Alabama CBF and CBF Tennessee for 6th-12th grades.

**Oasis:** A spiritual retreat for those who work with children, youth, college students, and young adults.

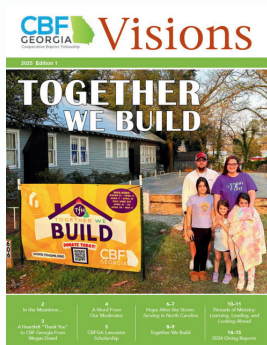
**Baptist History and Heritage Society:** An organization of Baptist historians and other individuals, congregations, and partner institutions committed to communicating the story of Baptists through the study, interpretation, publication, and advocacy of Baptist history.

# Communications: Connecting the Fellowship

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**CBF of Georgia provides communications that connect, inform, and inspire churches, ministers, and members as they live out their callings together through:**

- **Visions Newsletter:** Printed communication delivered to all subscribers
- **Revisions Email:** Electronic communication delivered to all subscribers
- **Website:** Resources and news
- **Social media:** Stories of ministry in action



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<https://cbfga.org/visions-revisions-visions/>



# 2026 Budget Proposal

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## Missions

2025: \$32,000 → 2026: **\$43,500**

Included in Missions: March Mission Madness, Adult Mission Madness, Together for Hope, and Together We Build.

*\*Increases in the Missions and Ministry categories of the budget reflect a change in how expenses are recorded for most of the events hosted by CBF of Georgia. Previously, registration fees were deposited into and expenses were withdrawn from the designated account. When expenses exceeded registration fees, expenses were then coded to the operations account. Changes in event budgets now reflect that all registration fees and expenses will be held in the operations account for more clarity and transparency.*

## Ministry

2025: \$30,500 → 2026: **\$96,000**

Included in Ministry: Peer Learning Groups, Senior Adult Retreat, Children's Ministry Retreat, Youth Fall Retreat, Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia, Passport, Winter Youth Summit, Oasis, and Baptist History and Heritage Society.

## Fellowship

2025: \$17,000 → 2026: **\$18,000**

Included in Fellowship: State General Assembly and the CBF of Georgia meeting at CBF General Assembly.

## **Administration**

2025: \$88,300 → 2026: **\$125,300**

Administrative needs include accounting services, office needs, office space, staff travel, and Coordinating Council expenses.

*\*Changes in the administration budget account for more robust systems and support from outside vendors. Additionally, funds for an audit, which was unable to happen in 2025, are included in this category as well as the expense of renting office space beginning in October 2025.*

## **Personnel**

2025: \$266,000 → 2026: **\$282,291**

This budget consists of salaries, allowances, benefits, employment taxes, retirement contributions, SECA offset amounts, and continuing education. Additionally, determined amounts are routinely deposited into designated accounts to cover internship and sabbatical expenses for the Executive Coordinator as outlined in the CBFGA By-Laws and as determined by the Personnel Committee of the Coordinating Council.

*\*In 2024, the Administrative/Personnel Team requested and the Coordinating Council granted that a portion of the annual disbursement of the Broome Endowment Fund be used to offset some of the benefit costs associated with our Personnel budget. From the establishment of the Broome Endowment, the hope and plan has been that one day, the annual Endowment Fund disbursement would be enough to fully fund the Personnel budget. We have made significant progress but there is still more to be made to increase the principal value of the Endowment Fund. If you'd like to give to the Endowment Fund, please talk to any member of the CBFGA staff.*

## **Communications**

2025: \$34,000 → 2026: **\$34,000**

Included in communications: Visions newsletter production and mailing, website costs, and database fees.

### **Total Projected Expenditures:**

2025: \$467,800 → 2026: **\$599,091**

## **Projected Income**

Individual Supporters	2025: \$15,000	2026: \$15,091
Congregational Supporters	2025: \$435,000	2026: \$435,000
Disbursement from Broome Endowment	2025: \$21,500	2026: \$58,000
Event Revenue		2026: \$60,000
Interest Revenue		2026: \$23,000
Additional Revenue		2026: \$8,000

### **Total Projected Income:**

2025: \$471,500 → 2026: **\$599,091.00**

**Every dollar given to CBF of Georgia strengthens churches, supports ministers, funds partnerships, and nurtures every generation of Baptist leaders.**

**Your partnership makes this possible.  
Thank you for giving generously in 2026.  
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