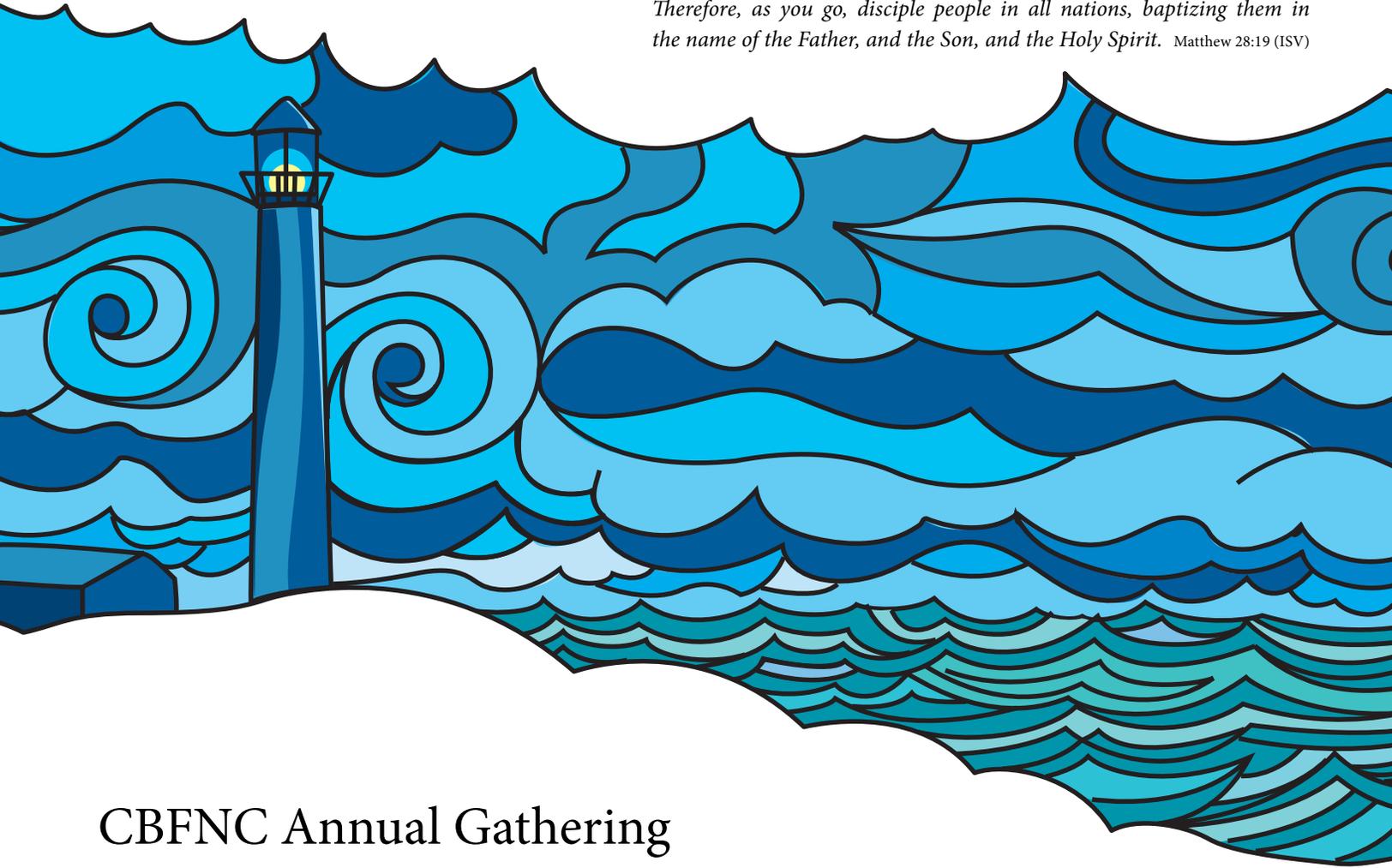


Therefore, as you go, disciple people in all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19 (ISV)



CBFNC Annual Gathering

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First Baptist Church
Hickory, NC
March 30 - April 1, 2017

Leadership Institute | March 30

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Registration and information: www.cbfnc.org/asyougo2017

Leadership Institute

THURSDAY, March 30, 2017 1-5pm
First Baptist Church, Hickory

Brad Griffin, Associate Director of the Fuller Youth Institute and author, will share research presented in his book, **Growing Young – Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church**. Churches are both shrinking and aging as more young people disengage. Is this true in your congregation? All churches grow old, but strategic churches are growing young. How can you help your church become strategic?



Join Brad as he leads discussions and engages church leaders (not just youth ministers) in thinking about how their church can engage younger generations spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically. Packed with ideas, this event will show ministry leaders how to position their churches to reach younger generations in a way that breathes life into the whole church. Connect with other leaders and hear strategies any church can use to involve and retain young people.

Cost: \$40 (early bird price), \$50 (regular registration)

Laugh In Peace comedy tour

THURSDAY, March 30, 2017 7:30-9:30pm
The Crossing at Hollar Mill, Hickory

A Jewish rabbi (Bob Alper), a Christian minister (Susan Sparks), and a Muslim comedian (Aman Ali) step onto a stage together.

It sounds like the set-up to a good joke. Instead, it's the set-up for a great night of entertainment.

The Laugh in Peace Comedy Tour, established by Bob Alper (recently named Honorary Comedic Advisor to the Pope) more than a decade ago, brings together comedians from different faiths to share jokes and break down barriers.

The show will conclude with a Q&A period. The comedians also will mingle with audience members after the show.

Cost: \$25 (early bird price), \$30 (regular registration)



Annual Gathering

FRIDAY, March 31, 2017 8:30am-8:15pm
First Baptist Church, Hickory

Join CBFNC for workshops, worship, and fellowship!

Our keynote speaker and worship leader will be **Susan Sparks**, an ordained Baptist minister and Senior Pastor at Madison Avenue Baptist Church in NYC. Reverend Sparks is originally from Charlotte and attended UNC Chapel Hill and also received a law degree from Wake Forest University.



We have a diverse group of workshop leaders to teach, discuss, and share ideas with you. Visit our exhibitors and learn more about CBFNC's partner organizations. Catch up with old friends and make new connections.

All are welcome!

Cost: free!

"All are Called" forum

SATURDAY, April 1, 2017 8:30am-12:15pm
First Baptist Church, Hickory

Though we value ordained ministers, we Baptists believe strongly in the Priesthood of ALL Believers. Every Christian is not only a minister, but a missionary in daily life. Through both large-group plenary sessions and small-group workshops, we will explore ways to reclaim the need for all of God's people to live out God's call in their families, neighborhoods, workplaces, and leisure time.



- 8:30am Registration
- 9:00am Plenary Session featuring Suzii Paynter, Executive Coordinator of CBF Global
- 10:00am "Called to Minister" workshop
- 11:15am Plenary Session featuring "Commissions of the Laity"

Cost: free!