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Financial Report:	January 2011 Contributions	Undesignated - \$156,966	Designated - \$436,432
	February 2011 Contributions	Undesignated - \$93,515	Designated - \$188,265
	April 2010 - March 2011 Monthly	Undesignated Goal: \$110,538	

Responding to Disasters

■ Tornadoes in North Carolina

Many North Carolina communities were affected by the tornadoes that struck our nation Palm Sunday weekend. In the aftermath of the disaster, CBFNC leaders sought to communicate with pastors and church leaders in the affected counties, to discover needs and offer prayer.

CBFNC is not a first responder when disaster strikes. We are blessed to have a strong partnership with North Carolina Baptist Men, which is a first responder. We encourage our Fellowship to volunteer and give financially through NCBM. For the latest information, including volunteer opportunities, visit <http://www.baptistsonmission.org/Projects/North-Carolina/Tornado>.

As this tragedy unfolds and needs are uncovered, CBFNC will discern opportunities to mobilize congregations in long-term rebuilding efforts in partnership with Baptist Men or through special projects with the most neglected in our state.

■ Crisis in Japan

As the tragedy unfolds in Japan following a major earthquake and tsunami, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is channeling its response through its ministry partners around the world, including the Japan Baptist Convention and Asia Baptist Pacific Aid.

Right now, the best way for you to respond is by giving financially to the relief and recovery effort (<https://www.thefellowship.info/Give/Donate.aspx>). You can also keep up to date on the latest news from Japan on CBF's blog (<http://cbfportal.wordpress.com/>). Our thoughts and prayers are with our brothers and sisters of the Japan Baptist Convention as they respond to this devastating event.



Governance and Ministry

for the Missional Church

May 6, 2011 9 am – 3:30 pm
 Longview Baptist Church in Raleigh

Cost: \$35, which includes book, lunch and snacks.

Conference leader: Dan Hotchkiss, senior consultant with the Alban Institute, and author of **Governance and Ministry: Rethinking Board Leadership**,

Effective congregational ministries start with clearly defined roles and authority. It succeeds when pastors, staff and lay leaders conduct ministry together as collaborating partners.

How much time do deacons and committees spend managing programs? How much time do your congregational leaders — paid and volunteer — spend seeking approval for choices they could be trusted to make on their own? True partnership begins with clear role boundaries, effective delegation and a constructive system of accountability. Hotchkiss helps participants with their specific needs, whether they want to sharpen their leadership skills, reorganize to enhance growth, or consider an entirely new model for church organizational structures.

- This seminar helps you to:
- Keep your congregation’s mission at the center of its ministry.
 - Clearly define roles and authority.
 - Set clear policies.
 - Streamline decision-making.
 - Maintain clear limits.
 - Trust others to make their own decisions.
 - Create behavioral covenants.
 - Make space for spiritual discernment and holy conversations, and
 - Give up micromanaging!

Register at www.cbfnc.org.

CBFNC Offers Challenge Gift for Global Missions

At the General Assembly in Asheville, the CBFNC Coordinating Council announced that it would offer a challenge gift for the CBF Offering for Global Missions. During the time between the 2011 CBFNC General Assembly in Asheville and the 2012 CBF General Assembly in Tampa, Florida, all gifts from North Carolina (congregations or individuals) will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$100,000.

The matching gifts apply whether the contributions are sent directly to the CBF resource center in Atlanta or pass through the CBFNC office in Winston-Salem. Please promote the Offering in your church so that we can support our CBF Global Missions field personnel with an extra \$200,000 that is critically needed at this time.

Visit www.cbfnc.org for more information.

Chappell to join CBFNC as Leadership Dev. Coordinator

The Coordinating Council of CBFNC has called Ka’thy Gore Chappell as Leadership Development Coordinator. Chappell was introduced March 25, 2011, during the evening worship service of the CBFNC General Assembly at First Baptist Church of Asheville.



Since 2004, Chappell has served as the Associate Vice-President for Advancement and Community Life at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. Prior to that, she served as Associate Pastor for College Students at Forest Hills Baptist Church in Raleigh and as Minister of Youth at the First Baptist Churches of Cary and Asheville. She holds a Master of Religious Education degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Search Committee which recommended Chappell to the Coordinating Council consisted of Mark Ashworth, Kernersville; David Hailey, Raleigh; Greg Rogers, Greenville; and Guy Sayles, Asheville. Donna Bisette, 2011-2012 CBFNC moderator, chaired the committee. Larry Hovis, CBFNC Executive Coordinator, served as an ex officio member of the committee.

In this new role, Chappell will have two basic responsibilities: working with the Leadership Development Ministry Council to coordinate CBFNC’s ministries with vocational church leaders, including divinity students and more seasoned ministers; and working with Hovis to provide overall coordination to CBFNC’s ministry staff.

“We are extremely excited to have Ka’thy Gore Chappell joining the CBFNC staff to coordinate our leadership development ministries,” said Hovis. “Ka’thy is the perfect person to help CBFNC become even more effective in developing Christian leaders that will help congregations join God’s mission in their communities and around the world. She has the right combination of personality traits, ministry experience and spiritual gifts to make a positive impact on CBFNC, partner congregations, and the entire Fellowship community.”

Chappell will begin her work with CBFNC on June 1. Chappell and her husband, Russell, have one daughter, Alethia, a student at Meredith College. They will relocate to the Winston-Salem area.

Living Out God's Justice and Mercy

by Steve DeVane

Fellowship Baptists in North Carolina recently met and talked about how to live out God's justice and mercy. On March 25-26, 2011, about 1,100 Baptists gathered for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina's annual General Assembly at First Baptist Church in Asheville. The theme of the meeting was "The Heart of Jesus: Living Justice and Mercy."

The assembly included two worship services, 96 ministry workshops, a ministry celebration and business session, and the signing of a "Covenant of Partnership and Missional Collaboration" with the Western North Carolina Baptist Fellowship.

David Gushee, professor of Christian ethics at Mercer University, preached during a worship service the evening of March 25. The sermon focused in Matt. 25:31-46.

Gushee said that those who were feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, clothing the naked and visiting the prisoners had no recollection of serving the king. "They didn't know that every time they did those things, they were serving God," he said.

Gushee said that for the Christian, the message is incarnational because God became human in Jesus. Jesus suffered even though he was God, he said. Jesus says, "If you want to encounter me, look to those in similar circumstances. If you want to know where to find me, that's my address," Gushee said.

Ka'thy Gore Chappell was introduced as CBFNC's leadership development coordinator during the worship service March 25 (see article on page 3).

Steve Bissette, a doctor and lay leader at Ardmore Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, talked about building hope in Haiti during a missions emphasis in the first worship service. He said that if Fellowship Baptists at the assembly gave enough money to build a house in Haiti, he'd personally guarantee that CBFNC Executive Coordinator Larry Hovis would help build it. When

Hovis came to the podium a few minutes later, he said, "I just found out I'm going to Haiti." Hovis then said he thought those attending the meeting could give enough for two houses.

Worshippers gave about \$5,200 during the two worship services for CBF's Haiti Housing Network ministry. The money will go to build houses in the earthquake-ravaged country.

The Haiti Housing Network hopes to build 1,000 permanent houses in the Grand Goave, Haiti, area over the next three years.

The houses cost about \$3,500 each. CBFNC officials said they plan to take donations for the next few weeks.

During the ministry celebration, CBFNC moderator Steve Little said the organization's work in Haiti, Belize, Ukraine and



Lebanon is exciting.

Little told of a conversation he had with a girl in a remote village in Belize on her 11th birthday. The girl said her family had food, clothes, a house and a church.

"Our life is very good," she told Little. "The Spirit of God was in that child," he said.

After CBFNC's business meeting at the assembly, Little became CBFNC's past moderator. Donna Bissette became modera-

tor and Ray Ammons became moderator-elect.

The covenant of partnership between CBFNC and the group of Fellowship churches in western North Carolina was signed by Little; Hovis; and Scott Hagaman, chairman of the WNCBF Coordinating Council.

Hovis said the two groups had already worked together informally. "We already knew we were all of the same family," he said.

Rick Jordan, CBFNC's church resources coordinator, talked about the organization's missional community focus. He said the word "missional" is hard to define, but generally stands for churches that focus more on reaching out than on themselves. CBFNC is partnering with other organizations to help churches learn how best to minister to their communities, Jordan said. "This is an ongoing process," he said.

CBFNC elected members of the group's ministry councils and passed a \$1.59 million operating budget that is 19.96 percent above the 2010-11 budget. In addition, CBFNC estimates collecting designated giving for partner ministries of at least \$2.28 million. Giving for the current year is 18 percent ahead of budget, CBFNC officials said.

During the closing worship service on March 26, Cecilia Beck talked about her work for CBF in Shelby. She said she works in a neighborhood where justice and mercy are in short supply.

Beck said many people are quick to respond to devastating events in other parts of the world.

"But what about the crises in our own backyards?" she said. "Many in our own backyards have lost hope, and they need help right now."

Beck talked about a 7-year-old boy who's afraid of sleeping in his own bed for fear of being shot. She said 14-year-old girls have babies so they can have income. "I believe God has called me to walk alongside my neighbors and help them now," she said.



Nancy Hastings Sehested preached from Micah 6:8 and Luke 4:16-18 during the worship service. She talked about the "gospel twins" of justice and mercy.

Sehested talked about missionary women who helped people. Instead of calling it social justice, they called it spreading the gospel, she said.

The women met in basements and gave sermons they called testimonies, Sehested said. They got in trouble when they moved upstairs to the sanctuary, she said.

Sehested said some began to realize that the Bible could be used to justify anything. They

were hurt in the controversy that followed.

"While we were sitting on the ash-heap of our lives, we discovered God in a whole new way," she said. "We lost our world and gained our life."

Those who felt oppressed started reading the Bible from that perspective. "Because we were the losers," Sehested said. "Lo and behold, we discovered that the Bible was written for the losers in history, not the winners."

The best gift the church can give the world is its brokenness, she said. "After all, we are the broken body of Christ," Sehested said.



Naming, healing and remembering

by Rick Jordan, Church Resources Coordinator

When you look in their eyes and you learn their names, you realize everyone has problems ... they're just facing some bigger ones than I've ever known.

Youth at the Big GAME retreat were challenged to look beyond themselves. In Bible studies, devotions, worship and an afternoon of hands-on ministry, they got to reflect on how a Baptist Christian lives a life of justice and mercy.

"Throughout Jesus' life and ministry, we find three themes that emerge from the way he treated people. Jesus named, healed, and remembered the people with whom he lived," began the Bible study (written by Jenny Lee of FBC Asheville). The themes of naming, healing and remembering were reviewed through the music, sermons, prayer stations and evening devotions.

Daniel Heath of First, Wilson preached on naming – the importance of claiming our identity and the necessity of recognizing others' personal identities. Rather than grouping persons into abstract categories like "the needy, the poor, the hungry," we nurture the heart of Jesus when we learn person's names and listen to their stories. Michael Lee of Calvary Baptist in Asheville likewise told in a dramatic way the story of the woman at the well (John 4) and Jesus' response to a woman who all others shunned. "The animosity between Jews and Samaritans was like that between Carolina and Duke fans – only much worse!" Michael urged the young people to reach out to those in school that others reject and taunt. Listening to them is an act of healing. Calling them by name is an act of remembering.

Five persons representing local ministries of justice and mercy spoke to the youth. Nancy Hastings Sehested told stories of her ministry as a chaplain with men in a maximum security prison. She showed gifts some of the men had made for her from coffee stirrers and gum wrappers. Terri Farless of Manna FoodBank told the youth that Ashe-



ville is the seventh leading area of food need in the United States. George Boyd told of his 23-year addiction to cocaine and his slow recovery at the Veterans Restoration Quarters. Carol Dalton, a chaplain at a woman's prison, told a story of walking her dog on the prison grounds. One woman asked if she could hold the dog. "Chaplain, this is first time I've been able to pet a dog in 14 years." Fran Graham introduced friends of hers who are recent immigrants to the mountains of North Carolina. One, Stepan Gergi, told the story of his moving to the state and adjusting to life here.

Through these stories, the youth learned of local needs and of local ministries that were called to be the presence of Jesus in these different settings.

On Saturday afternoon, the youth divided into a variety of ministry opportunities at the Veterans Restoration Quarters which houses veterans who would otherwise be homeless. Some youth worked in the vegetable garden, while others worked in the herb garden. One team sorted food, while another sorted clothing. One group scrubbed all of the stainless steel in the kitchen. Another group made greeting cards that the women prisoners could send to loved ones. All the youth then had an hour of game time with the residents, then a meal together.

At a reflection time later that evening, one person commented, "When you look in their eyes and you learn their names, you realize everyone has problems ... they're just facing some bigger ones than I've ever known."



... And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' Then the Lord said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle.

1Samuel 3: 10-11

In the past few years, Americans have watched as public language became more poisonous and more personal. With an emerging 24-hour news cycle and the growing competitiveness of the media market, publishers tend to emphasize whatever issue generates the most spirited controversy. The truth is, our language in Baptist circles hasn't been much less polarizing. Glaring theological differences about how we treat our brothers and sisters of varying gender, racial, or economic backgrounds continue to cause splits among our congregations.

In my work as an interfaith organizer, folks often ask me how we get a group of individuals from a vast array of religious, racial, economic, and ideological backgrounds to talk in the same room. We don't just simply get them to talk, we get them to tell their story. We train leaders, and the most important tool for a leader is the ability to listen. Some of the prominent leaders in scripture were among our greatest listeners: Moses, Abraham, Samuel, Amos, and Jesus. In CHANGE, we define a leader as someone who has a following and can deliver that following into action. Leaders know the dreams, aspirations, and needs of those with whom they are in relationship and know when action around common interests is required.

In the shared story of life, we find common interests. When we cut through the vitriolic and polarizing rhetoric of our political and theological pundits, we find that we have much in common. Among the most enriching experiences one can have is to reach out to someone of a different background to hear their story and learn their perspective on the world as it is. Not only will the relationship enrich one's life, but it is only through these conversations that we can move forward towards the world as it should be. Through actively listening to our brothers and sisters, we can begin to understand what God is doing in the world. In

CHANGE we train, re-train, and continually evaluate our skills at holding what we call "one-on-one relational meetings."

As former organizer Ed Chambers wrote, "In the sacred texts of the Abrahamic religions, we find God holding relational meetings at critical moments. The stories of Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3), Paul on the road to Damascus (Acts 9), and Muhammad in the cave on Mount Hira

(Koran 96) are classic accounts of relational meetings called by the Creator that set three spirits on paths that changed the world.... A good relational meeting wakes somebody up.... The relational meeting [defined] is an encounter that is face-to-face ... for the purpose of exploring the development of a public relationship."¹

At their best, relational one-on-one meetings result in the sharing of stories that the listener can begin weaving into a living narrative. This narrative, when listening skills are honed, taps into the larger narrative of what God is up to in the life of the "other." As Chambers proclaimed, "The most important thing that happens in good relational meetings is the telling of stories that open a window into the passions that animate people to act."

Author Henri Nouwen insisted that the noise of our lives deafens us to hearing our name when it is called ². A recent Pew Research poll showed 70% of people reported that news and information available from multiple sources is overwhelming. We have so much news to digest that we are resolute to read only headlines (generally in publications meeting our ideological leaning) and skim our e-mail messages for those that might relate to something immediately pertinent.

Although we need to listen to the God who constantly speaks, we seldom hear God in our hurried deafness. Active listening requires that we temporarily but regularly unplug from the noise so we can hear the voice of God as Samuel did in scripture. It means "unplugging" so we can plug into a renewed sense of the *missio dei*, the mission of God. Often, we leaders ask God to listen to us. When we begin imitating the listening God with our brothers and sisters, our ears will indeed begin to tingle.

¹ Ed Chambers, *Roots for Radicals: Organizing for Power, Action, and Justice* (Continuum, 2003) 44.

² Henri Nouwen, *Clowning in Rome* (Image, 2000).

Article 3 of the CBF of North Carolina bylaws defines membership for CBFNC (which is otherwise described in the bylaws as a “religious corporation”) as follows:

The membership of CBFNC shall be composed of individual Baptists of North Carolina who either: (1) Contribute directly as individuals, or (2) Are members of a church that contributes to the ministries and operations of CBFNC...

Since the beginning, “membership” in our fellowship has been for individuals, not churches, and has been determined by no criteria other than financial support. Congregations are not “members” of CBFNC, though they are an extremely important part of our fellowship. We refer to congregations that make financial contributions to CBFNC as “partner congregations,” and our ministries revolve around serving those congregations.

Though congregations are partners, not members, the vast majority of CBFNC’s financial support comes from congregations. In 2010, 97% of undesignated gifts came from congregations. Over 98% of all gifts came from congregations (leaving gifts from individuals at 3% and 2%, respectively).

Even though the overall percentages of their gifts are small, we are very grateful for the individuals who make financial contributions to CBFNC. Their names are listed in this edition of *The Gathering* and we want to extend our gratitude, publicly, for their support.

Why would an individual make a contribution to CBFNC? Some of these individuals are members of churches that make no contribution to CBFNC, or, in the estimation of these donors, contributions that are too small. They want to support the ministries of CBFNC at a level greater than that provided by their church.

Some of these individuals are making designated gifts to ministries that are important to them, such as a particular mission ministry or the Randall and Lou Lolley Fund for Theological Education. Some of these individuals are members of churches that give generously to CBFNC, but they, after making a “first fruit” gift to their congregation, feel strongly and passionately about the mission and ministries of CBFNC and wish to make an additional contribution to our fellowship. All of them understand, “Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:1).

Whatever their motivation for giving, we are exceedingly grateful.

Have you ever considered making an individual financial contribution to CBFNC or CBF? We always encourage the members of our fellowship first to support their congregations with faithfulness and generosity, but most Christians also support other causes outside their local church. If you would like to learn more about making an individual financial contribution to CBFNC or CBF, please contact our office. Opportunities for giving include undesignated gifts for the general ministries of either organization, designated gifts to particular ministries, the Offering for Global Missions, one of our endowment funds, or an estate gift.

CBFNC remains dedicated to “bringing Baptists of North Carolina together for Christ-centered ministry.” The financial support of individuals and congregations (and of course, congregational gifts originate with individuals) are vital to making that happen. Thanks be to God for our members (individuals) and partners (congregations). The participation of both are vital for the health of our fellowship and the success of our shared participation in the pursuit of God’s mission.

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Summary of Individual Contributors January-December 2010

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Belize: A Great Place to Go “On Mission”

by Hal Melton, Associate Pastor/Minister with Adults, Trinity, Raleigh



After two Trinity Baptist, Raleigh, construction missions to St. Margaret’s Village to help Lagoon Road Baptist Church build four Sunday School rooms and two restrooms, **we felt it was time to put all that space to good use.**

So on July 17, 2010, twenty-two adults and three youth headed to Belize for a different kind of mission experience. We planned with Henry Baizar and pastors Ed Mohabir and Modesto Chic to do a three-part mission: Vacation Bible School for the village and surrounding area, a Dental Clinic for the village, and evening Revival Services at the church.

We arrived at the Baptist Training Center at Camalote and made ourselves at home. Julie and Eric Maas were superb hosts ... and Jane fed us better than ever. A new friend was Buddy Hardy, coordinator of “Fishers of Men” medical dental ministries out of Alabama. He helped us set up their dental trailer for the clinic, which offers full dental service, not just extractions.

We worshiped with Lagoon Road members on Sunday, beginning the Revival with both morning and evening services. The sanctuary was packed with people standing outside for every service. Dr. Jeff Roberts, pastor at Trinity, preached all the services.



Eighteen people joined the family of Christ during the week.

Our Vacation Bible School started on Monday. The pastors had enthusiastically encouraged us to prepare for 150 children, their “hallelujah” goal. VBS director Rhonda Gubbins counted 140 the first day. The last day, we had 287! **Talk about loaves and fishes multiplying** – you should have seen the miracle God did with craft supplies.

The Dental Clinic operated from 9am–6pm each day in the church yard. During the week, 3 hygienists cleaned 356 sets of teeth, and Dr. Herb Land and his assistant saw more than 125 of the worst cases. It was interesting seeing children and adults walking around the VBS with cotton packing sticking out of their mouths. **You could sure tell who had been to the dentist!**

On the final day, we enjoyed a trip to Caye Caulker with snorkeling, boat riding, shopping and good food.

We plan to return in the Spring of 2011 for a full-fledged medical/dental/optometric mission. We’ll locate the dental trailer at the local school within sight of the church and use the church as exam rooms for the doctors. We are accepting donations of used prescription eyeglasses for this mission.



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MINISTRY TEAM

Racial Reconciliation and the Body of Christ

May 12, 2011
First Baptist Church
Asheville
10am-3:30pm

Pastoral and ministry staff, congregational leaders and leadership teams invited!

Registration fee is \$15 (lunch included).
Deadline for registration is Friday, May 6th.
Register online at www.cbfnc.org. Space is limited.

Encourage your clergy and congregational leaders to attend!

Ministers on the Move

Compiled by Jack Causey, Ministerial Resources Coordinator

Our encouragement and support go to the following ministers who have recently moved:

First Baptist Church of Elizabeth City has called **Christopher Ingram** as their pastor.

Shane Nixon has been called to be the pastor of First Baptist Church of Mocksville.

Kelly Brown has been called as Youth Minister of Murfreesboro Baptist Church in Murfreesboro.

Alex Martin has been called as the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Mt. Airy.

First Baptist Church of Hickory has called **Phillip Reynolds** as their pastor.

Matt Johnson has been called as pastor of First Baptist Church of Smithton at Belhaven.

When you make a move or know of someone who has changed places of ministry, let us know at jcausey@cbfnc.org. **For vocational placement or search committee requests, visit our vocations page on our website at www.cbfnc.org or call 336-759-3456 or 888-822-1944.**

Coordinator Visits

Jan. - Feb. 2011

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| Calvary, Asheville | Greystone, Raleigh |
| Chadbourn, Chadbourn | Mars Hill, Colerain |
| First, Asheville | Millbrook, Raleigh |
| First, Gastonia | Mount Adar, Mebane |
| First, Graham | Oakmont, Greenville |
| First, High Point | Parkwood, High Point |
| First, Kannapolis | St. John's, Charlotte |
| First, Mooresville | Viewmont, Hickory |
| First, Morehead City | Yates, Durham |
| First, Rutherfordton | |

New Contributing CBFNC Partner Churches
(As of March 21, 2011)

Mars Hill, Colerain (new MRP* contributor)
Cane Creek, Hillsborough
Evergreen, Rose Hill

*Mission Resource Plan - visit www.CBFNC.org



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Upcoming Events ~ May/June Edition

Christian Coaching Certificate Training
Building Blocks to Christian Coaching
April 28-29, 2011
Winston-Salem

**Governance and Ministry
for the Missional Church**
May 6, 2011
Longview Baptist Church, Raleigh

CBF 2012 Task Force Listening Sessions
May 9 at 10 am - First, Fayetteville
May 9 at 3 pm - Oakmont, Greenville
May 9 at 7 pm - Lakeside, Rocky Mount

CBF 2012 Task Force Listening Session
May 12 at 7 pm - First, Hickory

**Racial Reconciliation
& The Body of Christ**
May 12, 2011
First, Asheville

**Hispanic Men's Retreat:
Walking By Faith**
May 13-14, 2011
Camp Mundo Vista, Asheboro

CBF 2012 Task Force Listening Session
May 19 at 10am - First, Asheville

Christian Coaching Certificate Training
Second Class - 502
June 2-3, 2011

**Hispanic Family Retreat:
Walking By Faith**
June 3-4, 2011
Siler City, NC

Tampa Sessions
June 20-25, 2011 Tampa, FL

National CBF General Assembly
June 22-25, 2011 Tampa, FL

Oasis Music and Worship Conference
July 19-20, 2011
Campbell University, Buies Creek

Youth Water Park
July 28, 2011
Emerald Point, Greensboro

**Hispanic Children's Retreat:
Walking By Faith**
July 30-31, 2011
Camp Caraway, Asheboro

**Hispanic Youth Retreat:
Walking By Faith**
August 5-7, 2011
Camp Caraway, Asheboro

**Hispanic Women's Retreat:
Walking By Faith**
August 27-28, 2011
Camp Caraway, Asheboro

Youth White Water Rafting
September 3-5, 2011
Asheville

**Christian Coaching
Certificate Training**
508 Class: Coach Approach
to Evangelism and Discipleship
September 15-16, 2011

Youth Fall Retreat
September 16-18, 2011
Myrtle Beach, SC

Elevating Preaching Conference
September 26, 2011
Campbell Divinity School

**Deacon Training: Growing Churches
in Challenging Times**
October 1, 2011
University, Chapel Hill

**Deacon Training: Growing Churches
in Challenging Times**
October 15, 2011
First, Hickory

Children's Missions Day
November 5 in Asheville and Raleigh
November 19 in Rockingham

New Baptist Covenant
November 17-19, 2011

Christian Coaching Certificate Training
506 Class: Personal Coaching
November 18-19, 2011

Visit www.CBFNC.org to register and for more information.

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