

### College Ministry Discussion

We have continued to have conversations about how we are doing college ministry in our local churches and how we can do it better. This is our third year for this event, and it continues to meet a need for people struggling with how to work with the students in their church and the mission field of students who attend local campuses. We also had a discussion with Dr. Emmanuel McCall on the topic of race relations.

### Memphis Sessions

We helped plan the first CBF national event in connection with the General Assembly in Memphis. It was called Memphis Sessions, and it introduced students to Together For Hope ministry in Helena, Arkansas, as well as national and international missions field personnel of

CBF and gave them a way to participate in the General Assembly. Students helped in worship with the NC state group and lead a break-out session.

### College Ministry Task Force

A College Ministry Task Force was created and met to begin to plot the future of CBF's role in collegiate ministry. It is a wonderful blending of professional and laity and over half of the group is under thirty years old.

### Mid-Winter Retreat

The Task Force's first planned event was a Mid-Winter Retreat at Camp Mundo Vista. This was the first statewide event for students, and it was designed to give them an opportunity to share conversations around call, justice issues and response. Thirty-one people attended from seven

different college and church groups. This was a good beginning for future gatherings.

### Co-Ops

This year we contracted with Amy Canosa, a recent Duke Divinity School graduate, to begin a student ministry group at UNC called "The Co-op." The group is a balance of students from local CBF churches and students who had not found a home for Christian growth at UNC.

CBFNC is committed to supporting, equipping and facilitating local congregations to minister to college students. We also believe that students on our campuses across the state are open and interested in spiritual issues, and we need to provide many opportunities and avenues to introduce them to Jesus in a meaningful and relational way.

# Ministry Highlights 2008-2009



## Growth and development of our fellowship

Larry Hovis, Executive Coordinator

### Diversity Initiative

In the 2007 strategic plan, diversity was identified as an initiative shaping future ministries. To address this need, the Coordinating Council enlisted a Diversity Task Force for the purpose of making recommendations for increasing the diversity of the Fellowship. As the task force began its work, ethnic diversity quickly rose to the top of our conversations and the task force discerned racial reconciliation, particularly between African American and Anglo Christians and churches, needed to be the focus of our work. Therefore, the task force was renamed Racial Reconciliation Task Force. During the 2008 General Assembly, the task force initiated three well-attended breakout sessions entitled White Privilege, Diversity, and the Challenge of Racial Reconciliation. Additional workshops are planned for the 2009 assembly, followed by day-long conferences in the summer of 2009.

### New Baptist Century Convocation

In February, over four hundred persons attended the Convocation for a New Baptist Century. The purpose was to celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of the Baptist movement and cast a vision for the fifth Baptist century in NC and beyond. The event featured an historical address, a

panel discussion with Baptist college presidents, brief presentations by national and international Baptist ministry partners and a worship service that included a choir of students from Baptist colleges.

### Fellowship on the Move

The various statewide "blitzes" and tours were standardized this year under the banner, "Fellowship on the Move." The plan is to target several locations throughout the state, which will rotate from year to year, for gatherings that feature a mini-general assembly format with a fellowship dinner, ministry workshops and worship featuring local church choirs, musicians and worship leaders. The 2008 edition featured stops in Mt. Airy, Weaverville, Rutherfordton, Bladenboro and Edenton. Jack Glasgow, pastor of Zebulon Baptist Church and moderator of CBF National, preached in each location.

### Congregational Advocates

Work has begun to enlist lay leaders in each CBFNC congregation who will assist their churches and CBFNC by communicating better about shared ministries. Advocates receive both general and special communications from the CBFNC staff to ensure that opportunities, programs and ministries are publicized with appropriate staff and lay leadership.

The goal is to have an advocate in every congregation.

### Financial Growth

In spite of the recession facing our state and nation, financial contributions to CBFNC remain strong. Financial highlights include the following:

~ **Undesignated Giving** – Through eleven months of the current fiscal year, undesignated giving for CBFNC ministries is 12% over the same time period the previous year.

~ **Designated Giving** – Through eleven months of the current fiscal year, designated giving is 36% over the same time period the previous year. Much of this increase includes contributions for NC Baptist ministries through the **Mission Resource Plan**, as well as increased giving to CBF National through CBFNC. Eighty-eight congregations are now participating in the Mission Resource Plan, with dozens more considering this plan for 2010.

### Video

A three-minute video providing an overview of the ministries of CBFNC premiered at the Fall Fellowship Dinner in November. The video was posted on our website and made available to churches for use in educating their members about CBFNC.



## CBFNC Events 'In Planning' for 2009-2010

Stay informed through our website, weekly e-newsletter and *The Gathering* to learn more as these events are publicized (subscribe at [www.cbfnc.org](http://www.cbfnc.org)).

### Confirmed Events ~ 2009-2010

Hispanic Retreat ~ June 5-6  
Racial Reconciliation Workshop ~ Western ~ June 8  
Houston Sessions ~ June 29 - July 4  
CBF General Assembly ~ July 2-3  
Racial Reconciliation Workshop ~ Eastern ~ July 13  
Youth Emerald Pointe Day ~ July 30  
Youth Rafting Retreat ~ September 5-7  
Southeast Youth Ministers' Retreat ~ September 14-16  
Coaching Conference ~ September 15  
Western Rural College Conversation ~ September 18  
Youth Fall Retreat ~ September 25-27  
Missions Initiative ~  
Western Jackson County ~ October 2-4  
Western Polk County ~ October 16-18  
Eastern Henderson County ~ April 23-25  
Fellowship on the Move ~  
Chowan ~ October 5  
Wingate ~ October 6  
Wake Forest ~ October 13  
Meredith ~ October 19  
Campbell ~ October 20

Mars Hill (with WBN) ~ October 26  
Gardner-Webb ~ October 29

Children's Mission Day ~ Western ~ November 7  
Children's Mission Day ~ Eastern ~ November 14  
Antiphony College Event ~ December 28 ~ January 2  
CBFNC General Assembly ~ March 19-20, 2010

### Possible 2009 Events

College Retreat ~ October  
New Church Start Retreat ~ November or December

### Possible 2010 Events

Youth Ski Retreats ~ January  
College Mid-Winter Retreat ~ February  
Children's Choir Festival ~ February  
Staff Ministers' Retreat ~ February  
Spiritual Retreat ~ March  
Youth Choir Festival ~ March  
Youth Spring Event ~ April  
Eastern Rural College Conversation ~ Spring

Find more information and register for these events at [www.cbfnc.org](http://www.cbfnc.org).



## Spiritual formation and discipleship development

Rick Jordan, Church Resources Coordinator

### Adults

#### Workshops and Retreats

- Over 100 workshops of interest to adults have been offered this year as part of the Fellowship on the Move Tours and the General Assembly.
- A Spirituality Retreat is being held in March 2009.
- Half a dozen marriage enrichment workshops were held.
- Two Sunday School literature workshops will be held in two locations in May 2009.
- Training events for local churches were held including deacon retreats, missional understanding, teacher training and outreach training.

#### New Task Forces

Two new task forces have been formed: Evangelism and Wealth and Poverty. The Evangelism Task Force has produced

a document, "Evangelism Is...", a bibliography of trusted resources and an inventory of local church preparedness for evangelism. They have also played a key role in the 2009 General Assembly.

The Wealth and Poverty Task Force now has regular articles published in the CBFNC newsletter and enews about local churches' response to needs and has developed criteria for selected recipient churches for the CBFNC Hunger Fund. Both are providing workshops at the General Assembly.

### Youth

- We had two fall retreats in Myrtle Beach with CBF field personnel as our speakers and 174 persons from 11 churches attending.
- A fun day at Emerald Point Water Park in June brought in 238 youth from 15 churches.

- Two youth Spring retreats were held with a total of 111 campers from 7 churches.

- We had our youth ski retreats in West Virginia. Over the two weekends, 500 persons from 23 churches came.

### Children

A Children's Ministry Planning Team developed two Children's Mission Days in November 2008. A total of 410 participants from 37 churches attended.

### Music

A team of music ministers has taken on the tasks of managing two music festivals. The fourth annual children's choir festival had 148 persons from 14 churches registered. The fifth annual Youth Choir Festival had 232 persons from 19 churches registered.



## Discovering, nurturing and sustaining current and future ministerial staff leaders

Rick Jordan, Church Resources Coordinator

### Leadership Development Initiatives

Leadership Development ministries include the annual training for CBF endorsed chaplains, partnering with the Center for Congregational Health for the Young Leader's Program, and the annual CBFNC staff ministers' retreat in February.

Work has begun on the promotion of internships in local churches for those considering entering ministry as well as support for forced terminated ministers.

### Theological Education

A significant portion of the 2008-09 Leadership Development budget is devoted to theological education scholarships for students at the four CBF-related divinity schools in North Carolina, plus scholarships for NC students attending schools outside of our state. We are continuously exploring better ways to partner with the divinity schools including the creation of CBFNC Days on campuses, scholarships to attend the CBFNC General Assembly, pre- and

post-General Assembly workshops for students, and the promotion of divinity school events through CBFNC publicity channels. This year, Andrew Heil, an intern from Wake Forest University School of Divinity, is helping us research the ministries of scholar graduates. We hope to learn from this research how we can help graduates connect with CBFNC churches and ministries.



## Reference and Referral

Jack Causey, Ministerial Resources Coordinator

### Interim Ministry Network

An Interim Ministry Network, which is composed of twelve areas with a facilitator in each region, has been created this past year as a resource for churches who are seeking assistance in finding a pastor during the interim as well as guidance for this important time in the life of the

church.

### Reference and Referral

In the area of reference and referral, we have assisted over 35 churches in their search for a pastor or staff minister and have worked with approximately 75 ministers seeking a place of service.

### New Ministers' Luncheon

Earlier this year, a Welcome Event was held for those ministers who have come from other states to serve churches in North Carolina as a way of welcoming them and to orient them to CBF of North Carolina.



## Engaging in missions and ministries in local communities, North Carolina and the world

Linda Jones, Missions Coordinator

### North Carolina Missions Initiative

In October, four different sites in North Carolina were ready to go with a family-friendly missions weekend! 280 volunteers made up of men, women and children from 16 different churches tackled projects in Rutherford County and Madison County. A multitude of projects ranging from home repair to a children's carnival was accomplished. We partnered with the Rutherford Housing Partnership, Inc and Community Housing Coalition of Madison County. Unfortunately, the rain in Eastern North Carolina forced the cancellation of their weekend. March 27-29, 2009 is the makeup rain date, and we expect a wonderful weekend of mission, ministry and fellowship in Warren and Vance Counties.

### Church Planting

A Hispanic network is in process partnering together our six Hispanic new church starts and the other Hispanic churches who are now connected to CBFNC. A Hispanic retreat is being planned for June 5-6, 2009.

We also have a new African church start (Rwanda, Congo and Botswana) in Greensboro and a multi-ethnic new church start in Fayetteville.

We support The Well at Billings, a new church plant in Montana.

Three "Anglo" new church starts are in various stages of approval by the missions council.

### Asset-Based Community Development Conference

Doris Littrell, author (along with her husband Don) of *Practicing Community Development*, led a day-long conference teaching practical aspects of working with a community. The conference focused on mapping the assets of the community rather than looking at just their needs and together with everyone represented, deciding on the community's future.

### Belize

The first graduating class of the Baptist Bible School of Belize took place in October with five graduates! The BBSB held its ninth session in January 2009 with the next one scheduled in May. This past year, eleven churches sent teams to Belize with fifteen teams scheduled to go May through December.

Henry Baizar, the retired fire chief of Belize, has served on the Belize Baptist Association for many years and was elected as the new Executive of the Association. We are very excited to have Eric and Julie Maas, CBF field personnel in Belize as directors of the Baptist Training Center.

Also, pastor Norman Willacey was able to enroll in the D.Min program of Gardner-Webb School of Divinity this past fall on a full scholarship of tuition and books. Sponsors are being sought to help with his plane fare three times a year.

### Village of Hope, Ukraine

The first cottage at the Village of Hope was completed and named Little John Cottage. The second cottage, Laurel House, is being built, and this past year the lighthouse was repainted and freshened up! Another set of parents, Ludmila and Valodia Komaha, were accepted at the VoH, and they are fostering a new four-year-old girl. The Village of Hope task force continues to meet to strategize and create awareness of the needs of this ministry.

Six construction teams are scheduled to travel to Ukraine this summer. Mina Podgaisky, CBF field personnel, is encouraging other ministry opportunities for team members coming to the VoH. Teaching English as a second language, doing crafts and other ministries are possible with some Christian orphanages. This will help transition teams in the future when the construction needs have ended but further ministry endeavors are possible.

### CBF Global Missions

North Carolina CBF churches continue to be a major participant in the Together For Hope, Rural Poverty Initiative in Helena, AR, at the All Church Challenge with Ben and Leonora Newell.

North Carolina churches also partner with Paula Settle in Nada, KY, a Together For Hope Initiative.

In addition, many teams traveled across the USA and around the globe partnering with CBF field personnel.

### Disaster Relief

Although we had no disasters in North Carolina, we did have a team helping out with debris removal in Jackson, Tennessee. In addition, we have a new Disaster Coordinator: Kent Benfield from Lindley Park Baptist Church, Greensboro. Kent brings a wealth of expertise having worked under NC Baptist Men. We look forward to a continuing good relationship with NC Baptist Men. In addition, we are partnering with NC Baptist Men on mission trips to Lebanon with CBF field personnel Chaouki Boulos.

When disasters occur outside of North Carolina, we will be coordinating our efforts with Charles Ray, CBF US Disaster Response Coordinator.