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The Gathering

of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina

BEYOND...YOUR CULTURE, YOUR COMFORT ZONE, YOURSELF FROM NORTH CAROLINA TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH (ACTS 1:8)



Left to right: Kate Hall, a member of Hayes Barton BC, Raleigh, coordinates summer children's activities with former Student.Go interns Mollie Palmer and Catherine Bahn in Helena-West Helena, Ark., where CBF field personnel Ben and Leonora Newell serve. J.V. McKinney photo.



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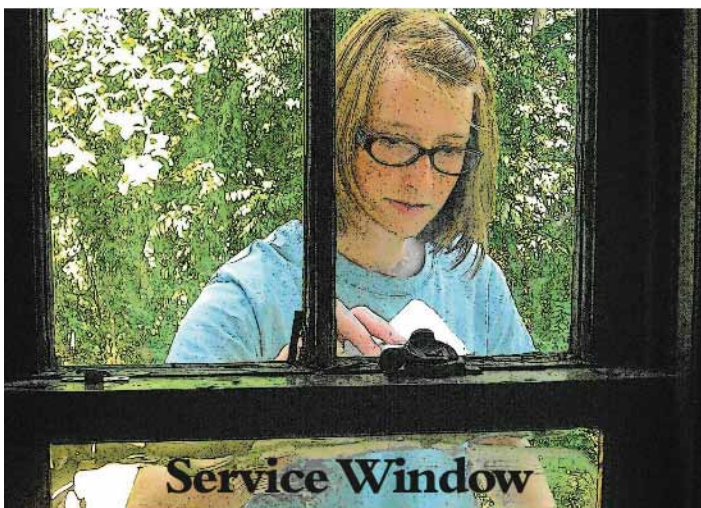
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MISSIONAL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Field Personnel serve “from here in North Carolina to the ends of the Earth.”

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... Stay involved with your time: fellowshipportal.ning.com.

... Support with your gifts to the Offering for Global Missions: www.thefellowship.info/OGM.

... Go with your presence: 2010 missions opportunities on pages 3-5 and at www.cbfnc.org.

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Matt & Melanie Storie, Perry County, Alabama.
Carla Wynn Davis photo.

CBF Field Personnel Connected to North Carolina

Cokie & Jay Westfall
in India

Matt & Melanie Storie
in Alabama

Chaouki & Maha Boulos
in Lebanon

Ben & Leonora Newell in Arkansas

Eric & Julie Maas in Belize

Paula Settle in Kentucky

Karen & Kenny Sherin in Missouri

Kim & Marc Wyatt in Canada

Butch & Nell Green
in South Carolina

Ralph & Tammy Stocks
in Hungary

Fran & Mike Graham
in Asheville, NC

Gennady & Mina Podgaisky
in Ukraine

LaCount Anderson
in Scotland Neck, NC

Nancy & Steve James in Haiti

Cecelia Beck in Shelby, NC

Lindsay Comstock in SE Asia

John & Michele Norman
in Four Oaks, NC

Jessy & Calandra Togba-Doya
in Liberia

Opportunities in North Carolina

Shelby, NC

Cecelia Beck ministers as an outreach worker in a struggling neighborhood through the “Northeast Shelby Weed and Seed.” By “weeding” out violence and other unhealthy problems, the hope is that the community can be “seeded” to allow for a healthier and more hopeful future.

Using her background in pastoral care and social work, Cecelia will minister through child and adult literacy, children’s enrichment programs and support for single parents.

Immediate opportunities for involvement include rehabilitating a house in the Shelby neighborhood for Cecelia to live in and contributions of materials, funds, time and talent for the house rehab.

Scotland Neck, NC

LaCount Anderson ministers in Northeastern NC in a new ministry to the poorest section of NC. He works with two homeless shelters. Faith House, Enfield, is a homeless shelter for women and children. They are in constant need of diapers, clothes, and food donations. They are also in need of providing facility repair to the 100-year-old structure the shelter occupies. The second shelter is Union Mission, Roanoke Rapids, a regional shelter that provides

Asheville, NC

Fran & Mike Graham lead WNC Slavic Ministries, Inc., a ministry to Slavic immigrants as they integrate into the Asheville area. Help them by linking dentists, dental assistants, and dental hygienists the week of April 26 – May 1, 2010, to treat Slavic adults on the NC Baptist Men’s Mobile Dental Unit. Also, groups are needed to plan/lead backyard Bible clubs during the summer. Throughout the year, groups are needed to plan/lead picnics/games in apartment complexes for children of various cultures. Groups can also collect suggested items for kits to be given to Slavic families when they move into their first apartment. Visit www.wncslavicministries.org. In addition, there is a Student.Go placement for a Children’s Activities Coordinator. See page 7.

daily food to the community, educational services, and serves as a homeless shelter for men. They are in need of food donations, facility repairs like painting, new mattresses in the dormitory, clothing, and volunteers to help provide educational services to the community. The men in the homeless shelter would benefit from sheets, towels, and pillows. Also, community gardens will begin in different towns in the area. Churches can get involved through the whole process from planting to harvesting to food distribution.

Opportunities in the United States

Perry County, AL - Sewing Seeds of Hope - Matt & Melanie Storie *CBF Together For Hope - Rural Poverty Initiative*

Sowing Seeds of Hope has grown to offer access to job training, housing assistance, health care, children's enrichment, and more. They embrace the importance of community development and the community's role in inciting change.

Ministry opportunities: housing rehab, day camps, sports camps, literacy, tutoring, healthcare projects, and more.



Ralph Stocks, Hungary. Carla Wynn Davis photo.



Ben Newell, Phillips County, Helena, Arkansas.
Carla Wynn Davis photo.

Helena, AR - Phillips County - Ben & Leonora Newell *CBF Together For Hope - Rural Poverty Initiative*

Together For Hope aims for economic development and community development in Phillips County, which involves local residents catching a vision for how to better their own community.

The Newells need help in two major areas of their ministry: the summer All Church Challenge (ACC) and their economic development project (or Business as Mission - BAM) Gardens of EDEN Marketplace.

Twenty churches are needed for the ACC July 11-24, 2010 (one of two weeks) to help with community gardening, construction, the mobile toy and book lending library, and a children's camp that includes arts and crafts, music, and sports.

Churches can help with their Gardens of EDEN Marketplace. Businessmen, bible study groups, youth groups, home parties, and

mission fairs can help market/promote Delta Jewells, a jewelry-making co-op made of about ten girls and several adult mentors.

During the Delta Jewells ten-day North Carolina tour (spring of 2010 or early summer), NC churches are needed to be hosts and sponsor the girls to display and sell their product.

They also need sponsorship of Delta Jewells girls to attend the CBF NC General Assembly.

They are looking for individuals (a couple or two singles) who will work for 6-12 months as Open Hand Enterprises (OHE) interns concentrating on the management of the Gardens of EDEN Marketplace. OHE helps with sales of Delta Jewells jewelry. Ideal candidates include retired couples and young people with some retail food experience or business management experience.

Nada, KY - Paula Settle

CBF Together For Hope - Rural Poverty Initiative

Paula serves in eastern Kentucky with Mountain Hope, the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship's rural poverty effort in three Kentucky communities: Owsley County, McCreary County, and Powell County's community of Nada.

"I am working with individual families, reading to children in the local elementary school, working in a food pantry, a clothes closet, women's groups, summer mission teams, housing repairs, senior adult assisted living center, and being an advocate for the poor with the school system and government agencies."

Paula would welcome mission teams, Kroger gift cards, Walmart cards, linens, and adopt-a-classroom sponsors. During 2010, eight families in Nada will receive new houses. Household items are needed for these families.

Chaouki Boulos, Lebanon. Carla Wynn Davis photo.



Opportunities Around the World

India

Cokie & Jay Westfall have been serving in Bangalore, India as medical liaisons to slum villages and children's homes. Through the provision of biannual medical camps held in the slum villages, general hygiene educational curriculums and day-to-day medical assistance, God's healing love is shining.

Individuals and teams are welcome to help with medical camps and/or Bible camps.

Medical supplies, kids camp supplies, school items, and hygiene kits are always needed.

Haiti

Steve & Nancy James seek to be the presence of Christ in Haiti by sharing their faith and helping to provide needed medical services. Skilled medical professionals in Haiti are often overworked and poorly paid and hospitals lack the proper infrastructure to function. The Jameses have three major goals: to network people by understanding the concrete needs in Haiti, to encourage staff at medical clinics as well as Haitian Christians and to empower by sharing medical and spiritual training.

Ukraine

The Village of Hope is a beautiful, peaceful site for foster families located near Kiev, Ukraine. Now it houses three foster families and a total of 18 children with more coming soon. *Gennady & Mina Podgaisky* ask us to continue to pray for the children, the foster families, and the constant struggle of bureaucracy and corruption of officials.

During the summer of 2010 volunteers are needed for: light construction, maintenance, assisting in Bible Camp, teaching English as a second language, assisting with camps at the VoH, and leading sports camp and medical teams. Summer 2010 will end the construction until all spaces for children are filled.

Lebanon and Egypt

Chaouki & Maha Boulos serve with Living Faith Ministry International in the Middle East. They have evangelistic celebrations that welcome your participation: Young Adult - April 9-11, Lebanon and Celebrate Jesus - July 7-11, Lebanon; August 2-4, Cairo, Egypt; and August 7-9, Asut, Egypt.

Also, help with basketball clinics, children's ministry, relief ministry, prayer rides, and street evangelism.

Further help is needed in building White Wings Retreat Center in the heart of the Christian community. White Wings is where pastors and Christians throughout the Middle East and North Africa come for training, refreshing, and countless other opportunities.

Canada

Do *Marc & Kim Wyatt* call Ottawa their home? Oui, it's true. They serve as mobilizers and encouragers among churches and mission organizations from Windsor (across the border from Detroit) to Quebec City including Toronto and Montreal.

Churches and individuals may join the Wyatt's on mission by participating with local churches and



Gennady Podgaisky, Ukraine. Carla Wynn Davis photo.

Belize

Help *Eric & Julie Maas* resource Belizean pastors and churches as they learn to help themselves in this English speaking country just below Mexico.

Churches can be involved by planning a mission trip to Belize, collecting NIV Bibles (English and Spanish), pledging books or donating funds to aid with anti-trafficking efforts in Belize. Construction projects include working on churches, camps, and schools. Medical mission teams, Vacation Bible Schools leaders and music training are also needed. Pastors and professors can serve at the Baptist Bible School of Belize, which provides Bible and theological education for Belizean pastors.

Hungary

Tammy & Ralph Stocks celebrate 15 years ministering among the Roma (Gypsies). Their ministry centers on building relationships with Roma and working alongside them. They help to meet their basic needs by providing clothing, fuel, food, medicines, and school supplies. Construction teams, skilled laborers, Vacation Bible School leaders, yard workers, and assistance in teaching English are needed. Pastors and theological professors can teach for a week at the Gypsy Smith Leadership Training School. In addition, women can provide outreach to ladies through a craft and fellowship time.

Liberia

In rural Liberia, *Jessy & Calandra Togba-Doya* are empowering a community and being the presence of Christ through education and economic development ministries. Jessy helped open an elementary school as one of the first ministry projects. They've also started a micro-loan project to help break the cycle of poverty.

They are looking for teams of 1-15 to help educate elementary school teachers (lesson planning, classroom management, evaluation, and presentation). Nurses and medical and dental workers can help with the outpatient clinic. They also need small business training, VBS workers, and orphanage ministry volunteers.

organizations who are seeking to be the missional church among the unreached and marginalized people groups gathering in Canada's cities.

CBFNC **Hispanic Network**

As a follow-up to the First Annual Hispanic Family Retreat last June in which 550 people attended, thirteen Hispanic pastors and their spouses gathered in Winston-Salem last September to organize, motivate and inspire each other.

The Hispanic leadership team, including Javier Benitez, leader coach for our Hispanic new church starts, has organized "Companerismo Cristiano Emanuel Retreats" for all interested Hispanic individuals and churches.

Excitement is growing for all that God is doing through our CBFNC Hispanic Network!

Companerismo Cristiano **Emanuel Retreats**

Men's - February 5, 6 - Camp Mundo Vista

Women's - March 5, 6 - Camp Mundo Vista

Family - June 4, 5 - Sanford
Children - July 30, 31 - Caswell
Youth - August 5, 6 - Caswell

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Fall 2009 Missions Initiative Reports from Jackson and Polk Counties

The Missions Initiative in **Jackson County** was meaningful in many different ways. As we gathered for breakfast at East Sylva in the morning, there was a palpable sense of excitement and anticipation of the kind of help and hope we could bring to our neighbors in the name of Christ.

As we drove off in seven different directions, each group went to minister to someone in need. At one house, a 62-year-old woman lived in a trailer that was overrun with debris, in which the power had been cut off, and a garden hose from the neighboring trailer was run in through her back window as her water source. A team was able to clear out the debris and wrap the trailer in underskirting to keep critters from chewing holes in the floors and to protect the water pipes from freezing (when they get fixed).

At another location, a youth group began its first mission trip by helping complete a home transformation. One youth shared that this work was meaningful for her because last year volunteers had come to work on her home. Now she was giving back to someone else.

Along another hilltop in Jackson County, a group of college students were giving a gift to an elderly resident - a handicap-accessible ramp into his home.

The mission team members were excited about how much they had done for those living in such sub-standard conditions but also humbled by how much more could/should be done. Some are planning to be involved with another community sponsored work day.

~ Jeffery Vickery, Pastor, Cullowhee BC

The goal of the Missions Initiative in **Polk County** to address the poverty in our own backyard brought our community together to cooperate in this worthy venture.

This sharing of love and labor inspired one widow who was caring for a son who had lost both legs to write, "I prayed for God to help me, and He sent you with so many helpers to my door." The team of volunteers repaired her ramp, replaced the skirt on her double-wide home and the many flowers she loves were trimmed and pruned.

Foothills Housing Partnership sponsored the first Blitz providing emergency home repair for 17 homes of local residents to make their homes a safe and healthy place to live. Repairs included construction work, cleaning brush and landscaping, weatherization, roof repairs or replacement, general cleaning, feeding the hungry, and the Kid's Play Day at Harmon Field, sponsored by the Baptist Men's Dental Van with volunteer dental staff.

One pastor wrote, "God brought our churches together in order to glorify His Holy Name. Thanks be to God! Our lives have been enriched because you allowed and encouraged this union...."

The Foothills Housing Partnership continues as a mission of Tryon FBC with one-day-a-week work teams to provide emergency home repairs and to foster our Second Blitz in 2010 with a Week of Caring.

We were inspired by the words of St. Frances of Assisi: "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words."

~ Joe Wray, member, FBC, Tryon

Spring NC Missions Initiative 2010

April 23 - 25

Warren, Halifax and Vance Counties

April 30 - May 2

Murfreesboro Area

**In partnership with the Operation InAsMuch efforts
occurring across our state these two weekends.**

Follow www.cbfnc.org for more information including registration.

Ruined Forever by Student.Go

by Amy Whipple Derrick, Student Missions Specialist, CBF Global Missions

Every year, students from across the country are ruined forever. They work long hours for little pay. They get hot, sweaty, frustrated and tired...and they wouldn't trade it for anything. Their lives are forever transformed by the experience of reaching beyond themselves, beyond their own culture, and beyond their comfort zones to love, serve, and learn in the name of Christ through CBF's **Student.Go** program.

Students who serve for a summer or a semester through Student.Go are always told during orientation that the hope of the Student.Go leadership is that their experience "ruins them forever." The goal is for students' worldview, faith and understanding of who God has created them to be will all be forever altered by their experience serving among and advocating for the most neglected people in our world. By this measure, Student.Go is wildly successful.

Levi Gill, a student from Colorado, has served for two summers in Helena, Arkansas. When asked what he has learned from his experience there, he shares, "I saw the benefit of giving one's self to a mission or a goal. I learned how powerful a team can be when it sets its mind to something and knows the reason...I also learned that you can never play too much Battleship. You can never push too many kids on the swing. You can never give too many shoulder rides or take kids by the arms and spin them in circles. I

learned that sometimes all kids want and need is your attention - your undivided attention on them.

"I (also) learned God is calling me into some form of community building. I want to keep doing what I saw modeled in Helena...I want to keep dreaming for the widowed and the orphans, for the ones who need a hand up.

"I'm learning over and over again this simple truth: it is not about me. I am also gaining a sense of what it takes to carry a vision and see it implemented. It is hard work."

Tori Justus of Mars Hill, NC served in Brooklyn, NY, in the summer of 2008 and then in Washington, DC, this past summer. She learned that "God really does use your prior experiences to help you in new ones" as she saw how all she had experienced during her first assignment had prepared her to be even more effective the second summer. And after both years of service she concludes, "I learned that I really do love working with kids, and that they can love you like nobody else can."

"Student.Go changed my life. The atmosphere I was surrounded in really stretched my mind and skyrocketed my journey of personal growth. The way I see life now has completely changed, and I am better



Marc Wyatt, Canada, prays with students. Carla Wynn Davis photo.

for my community for it," shares Colby Foster from UNC Charlotte.

Student.Go provides opportunities like these for undergrad and graduate students to serve in locations around the world for a summer or a semester. As students serve and open themselves up to the Holy Spirit's transformative work in their minds and hearts, they are stretched, they learn and they return to become advocates for the most marginalized. They then lead others to do the same - to give of themselves and experience how God can transform the world through our willingness to reach beyond ourselves and open our hearts to love with Christ's love and in the process to be shaped by the Holy Spirit.

Student.Go is open to undergraduate and graduate students 18 years of age and older. Applicants must have completed at least one semester of college before their term of service begins. [There is no upper age limit! All ages of undergrad and graduate students are welcome.] Students are provided with room and board, local transportation at the ministry site, orientation and a \$1,000 stipend (\$1,500 for a semester term). Some positions may require extra fund raising, as noted on our opportunities list. Applications for summer 2010 service are due by March 1, 2010. Fall 2010 applications are due by April 1. The 2010 list of opportunities and application materials can be found at www.studentdotgo.org.

Spend a summer or semester with us - and you can be ruined, too!

What is Student.Go?

- » summer or semester mission work (US and around the world)
- » for undergraduate and graduate students
- » \$1,000 summer stipend (room & board provided)
- » www.studentdotgo.org for opportunities - application due March 1

Not a student but want to support Student.Go?

- » share this information with your congregation's college students
- » give to the CBFNC 2010 General Assembly Offering for Student.Go

Powerful Questions for Churches on a Missional Journey

by Eddie Hammett, PCC, Church and Clergy Coach, CBFNC

Effective churches for a 21st century world are those who pay attention to the context, streamline their organization to maximize their energy, budget and resources, and mobilize their membership inside and outside the walls of their church building. While these are not unknown challenges for most, the unknown seems to be **how do we move from where/who we are (without losing our identity and integrity) and move into the challenges confronting us to reach a new generation?**

These are the issues that a coach loves to work with when the leaders and congregation are open to the Holy Spirit and exploration. The skills of a Christian coach are a keen synthesis of deep listening on multiple levels, posing powerful and well-timed coaching questions, keeping a focus and alignment with the mission unique to the leader or group being coached and moving them to find and take the next steps in forward movement. Coaching is not just about talking; in fact, we often say ‘you haven’t really coached until there is action.’

As the Church and Clergy Coach for CBFNC, I have the distinct privilege of watching the Spirit move in people’s lives in some very powerful ways. What fun! I also have the honor of walking with leaders and congregations who choose to face the unknown with faith, their fears with courage and their challenges with intentionality. Walking with persons into these and other steep learning curves, within a confidential coaching relationship, has proven to bear more fruit more quickly than any skill set I have ever been taught. Being coachable and determining coachability is key and essential for a meaningful coaching

relationship to bear fruit. In short, this is determined by assessing their openness to explore, openness to change and willingness to discern the movement of the Spirit in their midst rather than just following their personal comfort zones and agendas.

Coaching is about asking powerful questions more than offering advice or counsel (that is left to consultants). Coaching is more about moving forward than unraveling the past (that is for counselors). When that chemistry is present – coaching may just be the most effective toolkit to tap into with a leader, pastor, church or group.

Below are just 15 of the powerful coaching questions a missional leader or church might wrestle with. Which three of these questions resonate with you most? What is that about? How will you discover the answer? Maybe you need a coach. If so, I’m here to train persons in the coach approach (you’ll hear more about this very soon) and coach leaders and congregations forward. Let me hear from you if you think I can help (EHammett@cbfnc.org). [Making Shifts Without Making Waves: A Coach Approach to Soulful Leadership](#) is my new book that addresses these issues in greater detail. If interested, it can be ordered through my personal website, www.transformingsolutions.org, or www.amazon.com.

CBFNC’s partnership with Eddie Hammett involves the following **funding agreement**:

- CBFNC engagements will represent about 25% of Eddie’s work calendar.
- CBFNC encourages that most of his planned events be regional events, hosted by a CBFNC church, and reach out to other CBFNC affiliated groups in the area. These events will primarily be funded by CBFNC budget and registration fees.
- Local CBFNC churches who want to contract with Eddie for individual consultation, seminars or coaching will be between the church and Eddie at a 50% discount from his normal rates.
- CBFNC will work to provide minimal scholarship help for CBFNC affiliated churches who might face hardship but need Eddie’s expertise. Contact for this should begin with Larry Hovis.
- Learn more at www.cbfnc.org.

What might be some powerful coaching questions a coach would use with churches on a missional journey?

1. What is working?
2. What is not working?
3. How does what you do and who you are line up with your divine mission?
4. What is missing?
5. What adjustments is the Spirit calling you to make now?
6. What is needed to make the needed shifts?
7. Who can help make this happen?
8. How does our heavenly Father evaluate our effectiveness in today’s mission field/culture?
9. What would please Him more?
10. Who is He calling us to be now?
11. How does this differ from who we have been?
12. What kind of leader do I need to be to make this happen in the next 6 months? One year?
13. How would we define success for our church?
14. How successful are we being in light of this definition?
15. What is needed now?



*Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Psalm 90:1*

Generations Connected

One Family, One Faith, Many Journeys

CBFNC  March 19-20, 2010

First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem

Keynote Speakers

Friday Night ~ **Dr. Cecil Sherman**, Visiting Professor of Pastoral Ministry, BTSR and Founding Coordinator, CBF
Saturday Morning ~ **Craig and Jennifer Janney**, Associate Ministers to the Chowan University Community

Friday, March 19

- 12:30 p.m. - Welcome and Orientation
- 1:00 - 5:00 - Ministry Workshop Sessions - I, II, & III (one hour each)
- 4:45 - 6:15 - Fellowship Dinner (pre-registration required*)
- 6:45 - 8:15 - Evening Worship: Dr. Cecil Sherman
- 8:15 p.m. - Fellowship Reception

Saturday, March 20

- 8:30 a.m. - Continental Breakfast Fellowship
(Provided by The Center for Congregational Health)
- 9:00 - 10:00 - Vocational & Affinity Network Groups and Ministry Workshop Session IV
- 10:00 - 11:00 - Ministry Celebration (including Business Session)
- 11:15 - 12:30 - Morning Worship: Craig and Jennifer Janney

Vocational & Affinity Network Groups

A new venture for the 2010 General Assembly will be meetings of "Vocational and Affinity Network Groups." These informal gatherings will be for persons sharing a common ground of ministry experiences including but not limited to Children's Ministry, Ethnic Ministry leadership, Youth Ministry, Divinity School students, retired ministers and more. More details at www.cbfnc.org soon.

Ministry Workshop Session Tracks

One Faith

- Spirituality Track
- CBFNC Track
- Local Church/Special Interest Track

One Family

- Hispanic Track
- Generations Track:
Featuring Eddie Hammett and Bo Prosser
- Social Justice Track

Many Journeys

- Chaplaincy Track
- Missional Ministries Track
- Mission Journeys Track

General Assembly Missions Event for Youth March 19-21 (or a one-day option March 20)

This year, our CBFNC youth mission event for the spring will focus on the needs in the General Assembly host city of Winston-Salem.

Tentative Schedule:

- Fri. Evening - "Baptists Have Talent" celebration
- Sat. Morning - fellowship and worship at the General Assembly
- Sat. Afternoon - hands-on ministry in Winston-Salem
- Sat. Evening - youth-oriented worship service

Different options for mission sites will be available.

More details including cost coming soon to www.cbfnc.org.

The General Assembly is free and open to the public; however, please pre-register.
*Friday night dinner: early bird price is \$10 (by March 1); regular cost is \$12 (due March 12). Free childcare is available with advanced reservation by March 1. More ministry workshop titles, details, discounted hotel options and registration are available at www.cbfnc.org.

CBFNC on the Move Among Colleges

by Tony W. Cartledge, Contributing Editor, Baptists Today



Linda McKinnish Bridges, Meredith College alumna and Wake Forest Divinity professor, preaches at Hayes Barton BC, Raleigh.

There was a time when the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC) boasted close ties with seven Baptist-affiliated colleges and universities in the state. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina (CBFNC) still does.

The number of higher education institutions related to the BSCNC fell to six when Wake Forest University left the fold in 1986, and dwindled to five when Meredith College followed suit in 1997. During the past few years, the five remaining schools have dissolved most of their ties, as well.

Moderate Baptists have historically championed the cause of higher education, however, and CBFNC is working to strengthen partnerships with all seven schools in a supportive rather than controlling way. CBFNC leaders highlighted those ties with a fall “Fellowship on the Move” tour that celebrated relationships between CBFNC, the schools, and local churches.

Nearly a thousand people from 114 churches participated in the meetings, which had a similar structure and a common theme: “Loving God with All Our Minds: Connecting Sanctuary and Classroom.” Each meeting involved a dinner, optional breakout sessions led by school or local church representatives, and a time of worship involving students and alumni. CBFNC executive coordinator Larry Hovis said the meetings were intended to “combine the best elements of our annual meetings: fellowship that encourages, workshops on important topics, and worship that inspires.”

Hovis spoke briefly at each of the services, emphasizing CBFNC’s growth and commitment to both local churches and higher education. At Campbell, Hovis said the purpose of the tour was “to bring like-minded and like-hearted people together,” reminding participants that CBFNC’s “headquarters are not in an office suite in Winston-Salem, but in congregations from the Atlantic in the East to the Appalachians in the west.”

Through contributions to CBFNC’s Mission Resource Plan, participating churches have increased funding for higher education and theological education during the past several years, Hovis said. In 2007, the amount was about \$350,000. Funding grew to about \$450,000 in 2008, and if trends continue, funding for 2009 could reach \$650,000, he said.

Hovis emphasized, however, that CBFNC’s partnership with the colleges and universities involves much more than money, but is still in process.

Through joint meetings with CBFNC and school leaders, “We are trying to flesh out how we can cooperate on missional collaboration with the schools,” he said.

In retrospect, Hovis said CBFNC leaders had “wonderful experiences” in each location. “I’m grateful that CBFNC can serve as the new hub around which colleges and congregations can establish a network that is based not on funding and governance, but missional collaboration,” he said.

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Highlights of the 2009 Fellowship on the Move

Murfreesboro BC - music by students from Chowan University, greetings from President Chris White, sermon by Craig and Jennifer Janney, associate ministers to the university

Wingate BC - musical groups from Wingate University, greetings from President Jerry McGee, sermon by C.F. McDowell, pastor, First, Laurinburg

Knollwood BC - sermon by Veronice Miles, professor of homiletics and Christian education, Wake Forest Divinity School, music from Wake students

Hayes Barton BC - Meredith choir sang during worship, President Maureen Hartford brought greetings, sermon by Linda McKinnish Bridges, a Meredith alumna

Butler Chapel at Campbell University - greetings from President Jerry Wallace, singing from the university choir, sermon from Christopher Turner, a student at Campbell Divinity School

Mars Hill BC - Mars Hill College choir sang, President Dan Lunsford brought greetings, and sermon from retired professor Tom Sawyer

First BC, Shelby - sermon from Tito Madrazo, a student at Gardner-Webb Divinity School and pastor, Drexel BC, music from the university choir, and greetings from President Frank Bonner

Tito Madrazo, pastor, Drexel BC and student at Gardner-Webb Divinity, preaches at FBC, Shelby.



Photo by Bob Carey.

Staff Ministers' Retreat

March 1-4, 2010

Beach Cove Resort, North Myrtle Beach, SC

This is an opportunity to relax, spend time with fellow ministers, attend workshops geared toward your needs and renew your spirit.

Early Bird Prices (deadline February 1):
\$399 private room, \$325 semi-private room
Spouse - an additional \$150 to the \$325

Regular Prices (deadline February 22):
\$425 private room, \$350 semi-private room
Spouse - additional \$165 to the \$350

\$75 is non-refundable. After February 22, the entire cost is non-refundable.

View schedule, more details and register at www.cbfnc.org.



Spiritual Formation Retreat

April 9-11, 2010

Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro, NC

Retreat Leaders: Dr. Tim Moore, Pastor, Sardis BC, Charlotte and Rev. Tony Spencer, Minister of Music, FBC, Forest City

For any and all adults - laity, ministers, male and female.

Early Bird Cost (deadline March 19): \$199 single room, \$175 double room
Regular Cost (deadline April 2): \$225 single room, \$200 double room
\$50 is non-refundable. After April 2, the entire cost is non-refundable.

View schedule, more details and register at www.cbfnc.org.



New Contributing CBFNC Partner Churches (As of November 30, 2009)

First, Clayton

Open Arms Fellowship, Creedmoor

First, Eden (New MRP* contributor)

Florence, Forest City (New MRP* contributor)

First, Smithfield (New MRP* contributor)

*Mission Resource Plan - visit www.cbfnc.org

CBFNC "Road Trip" to Festival of Homiletics in Nashville, TN May 17-21, 2010

One of the premiere preaching conferences in the US is the Festival of Homiletics. Many CBF pastors find this conference to be the well from which they draw sermonic living water throughout the year. This year's conference speakers include William Willimon, Thomas Long, Brad Braxton, Amy Jill Levine, Jim Wallis, Craig Barnes, and many more. Learn more about traveling with CBFNC, discounted rates and registration at www.cbfnc.org. Registration deadline with CBFNC is January 29.

Ministers on the Move

Compiled by Jack Causey, Ministerial Resources Coordinator

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

Rick Bailey has been called as the Pastor of First Baptist Church, Farmville.

Patrick Andrew DeVane has been called as the Pastor of First Baptist Church, Jamestown.

Roy Dobyns, Jr. has been called as the Pastor of First Baptist Church, Boone.

Shannon Hall has been called as the Minister of Music of First Baptist Church, Graham.

Chris Harbin has been called as the Associate Pastor for Latino Ministries at First Baptist Church, Huntersville.

Jeff Harris has been called as the Pastor of First Baptist Church, Tryon.

Robert Helton has been called as the Pastor of Zoar Baptist Church, Shelby.

Matt King has been called as the Minister of Students & Young Adults of Pritchard Memorial Baptist, Charlotte.

Jordan Reich has been called as the Children's and Activities Director of First Baptist Church, Lincolnton.

Maria Stinnett has been called as the Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation of First Baptist, West Jefferson.

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.



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Upcoming Events ~ January/February Edition

New Ministers to NC Luncheon

January 19, 2010 (snow date Jan. 26)

CBFNC Offices, Winston-Salem, NC
Registration and details at cbfnc.org.

All Councils Meeting

January 21, 2010 (snow date Jan. 28)

CBFNC Offices, Winston-Salem, NC

Youth Ski Retreats

January 22-24 or 29-31, 2010

Winterplace, WV
Details at www.cbfnc.org.

New Church Start Academy

February 4-6, 2010

Village Inn, Clemmons, NC
Registration and details at cbfnc.org.

Hispanic Retreats

Men - February 5-6, 2010

Women - March 5-6, 2010

Family - June 4-5, 2010

See page 6. Contact Linda Jones at
LJones@cbfnc.org for more details.

Mid-Winter College Retreat

February 6-7, 2010

Mundo Vista, NC
Registration and details at cbfnc.org.

Collegiate Congregational Internships Summer 2010 - CBF Churches

Application due February 15, 2010.

Visit www.thefellowship.info/collegeinternship for more.

Children's Choir Festival

February 20, 2010

First Baptist Church, High Point
Registration and details at cbfnc.org.

Staff Ministers Retreat

March 1-4, 2010

Myrtle Beach, SC

See page 11. Registration and details at
www.cbfnc.org.

Youth Choir Festival

March 5-6, 2010

First Baptist Church, Greensboro
Registration and details at cbfnc.org.

CBFNC General Assembly

March 19-20, 2010

First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem
See page 9. Registration and details at
www.cbfnc.org.

General Assembly Missions Event

March 19-21, 2010

Winston-Salem

See page 9. Registration and details at
www.cbfnc.org.

Adult Spiritual Formation Retreat

April 9-11, 2010

Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro
See page 11. Registration and details at
www.cbfnc.org.

All Councils Retreat

April 15-16, 2010

Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro

Missions Initiative

April 23-25, 2010

Halifax, Warren and Vance Counties

April 30-May 2, 2010

Murfreesboro Area

See page 6. Visit www.cbfnc.org.

Festival of Homiletics

May 17-21, 2010

Nashville, TN

See page 11. Registration and details at
www.cbfnc.org.

CBF General Assembly

June 24-25, 2010

Charlotte, NC

Registration and details at
www.thefellowship.info/assembly.