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<b>Financial Report:</b>	July	2010	Contributions	Undesignated - \$124,127	Designated - \$198,751
	August	2010	Contributions	Undesignated - \$83,610	Designated - \$160,795
	April 2010 - March 2011 Monthly			Undesignated Goal: \$110,538	

## Staff Minister's Retreat

**February 28 - March 3, 2011**  
**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:** (Deadline: January 24)  
 \$379 for private room; \$299 for semi-private room; spouse is an additional \$150.

**Regular prices** (Deadline: February 11)  
 \$399 for private room; \$325 for semi-private room; spouse is an additional \$160.

*These are lower prices than last year!*

Visit [www.cbfnc.org](http://www.cbfnc.org) for more information and to register.

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## "THE SPIRITUALITY OF JESUS"

**Adult Spiritual Formation Retreat**

**April 8-10, 2011**  
**Caraway Conference Center**

**Leaders: Rev. Rick Bennett and Kyle Matthews**

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## Investing in Young Fellowship Baptists — NC Style

by Larry Hovis, CBFNC Executive Coordinator

Two years ago, Fellowship Baptists participated in a year-long spiritual discernment process designed to prioritize our collective ministries. A centerpiece of the process was a survey administered at the 2008 General Assembly in Memphis. The results of the survey showed that the top 15 actions as ranked by the participants fell into three priorities: interacting with the world community; honoring generations, gender and race; and missional engagement. The highest single action, as ranked by participants, was investing in young Baptists.

This news was welcomed in North Carolina because ministry with, to and for young Baptists has been central to our fellowship from the earliest days. How are we investing in young Baptists? Here is a broad overview.

### Faith Formation

CBFNC's faith formation ministries, led by Rick Jordan and the Faith Development Ministry Council, are geared heavily toward children and youth. We hold annual retreats for youth and children that focus on discipleship and worship. We also offer regular training opportunities for adults who work with children and youth.

### College Ministry

While CBFNC has sought to equip churches to minister with college students for many years, this effort has expanded greatly under the leadership of Wanda Kidd and the College Ministry Task Force. Our college ministry efforts are done in partnership with CBF national and other state CBF groups, and include both established and emerging ministries:

- Consulting with local churches who engage in collegiate ministry
- Collaborating with Baptist colleges to provide campus ministries (some colleges are using *Mission Resource Plan* funds in this effort)
- Creating campus ministry groups on state university campuses
- Leading retreats and missional experiences for college students
- Congregational internship and summer mission opportunities for college students

### Theological Education

The nurturing, training and equipping of ministerial leaders through theological education has been a central component of CBFNC's ministry since our early days. Most of those who are engaged in theological



education in CBF partner schools would be considered "young Baptists." In our last fiscal year, CBFNC provided more than \$300,000 in support of theological education, primarily in North Carolina, but also to students attending theological institutions out of state. Our new Leadership Development Coordinator (search currently underway) will enable us to be even better stewards of these funds as we partner with seminaries and divinity schools to equip young Baptist ministers to be leaders in 21<sup>st</sup> century congregations and ministries.

### Support for Young Ministers

Our support for young Baptist ministers doesn't end when they receive a theological degree. We continue to invest in these young Baptists as they serve congregations in a variety of ways, including the following:

- Young Leaders' Program (through the Center for Congregational Health)
- Annual staff minister's retreat – Though this is not limited to young ministers, many of the participants would fall into that category.
- Fellows Program – This partnership with CBF National and the Center for Congregational Health focuses on young ministers in their first full-time congregational call
- Coaching for young ministers

I recently visited Sandy Plains Baptist Church in Shelby where I preached in the morning worship service and spoke about CBF in an informational session during lunch. As I drove back to Winston-Salem that afternoon and reflected on my experience at Sandy Plains, I was struck at how our fellowship's investment in young Baptists is evident in that congregation and is achieving a generous rate of return for God's kingdom. The church was full of enthusiastic preschool and elementary-school children that are a source of vitality and growth. The youth group was preparing to participate in the CBFNC fall beach retreat. The church is led by two young ministers, both of whom graduated from partner theological schools. One of those ministers, Dave Hawes, serves on the youth-retreat planning team. The other minister, Garin Hill, serves on the Faith Development Ministry Council.

God is at work in amazing ways in our fellowship. Investing in young Baptists is one expression of our missional community.

## MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM IN A NEW BAPTIST CENTURY

First Baptist Church  
Graham, NC  
Tuesday, February 1, 2011

Biblical, Theological and  
Historical Overview of Baptist  
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Stories of Congregational  
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Practical Ideas for  
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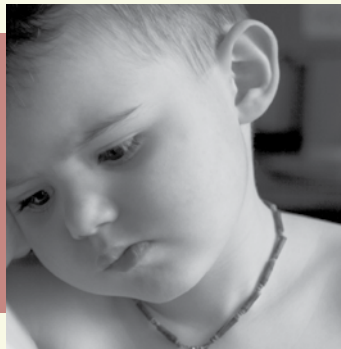
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# Hunger Fund



## The time to address hunger is now

*I was hungry and you fed me,  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,  
I was homeless and you gave me a room.*

Matthew 25: 35

## Make a difference with CBFNC

The Hunger Fund of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina is seeking to address the needs of those confronted with agonizing nutritional choices.

This fund will allow CBFNC to contribute to the work of congregations in their own hunger-relief efforts. CBFNC can also partner with ongoing community programs.

Make a difference by offering Christ's hand of support to those with only diminished nutritional options.

To find out more about this fund — how to donate, how to apply for funding, and how to become involved — go to [www.CBFNC.org](http://www.CBFNC.org).

### Past recipients of the Hunger Fund include:

Brunswick Islands Baptist, Supply    Hominy Baptist, Candler  
Open Arms Fellowship, Creedmoor    The Memorial Baptist, Greenville



Save the date for the 2011 CBFNC General Assembly!



"We know love by this, that [Jesus] laid down his life for us .... Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." (1 John 3:16-18 NRSV)

**March 25-26, 2011**  
**First Baptist, Asheville**

FRIDAY worship speaker:

**Rev. Dr. David P. Gushee**, *Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics at Mercer University*

SATURDAY worship speaker:

**Rev. Nancy Hastings Sehested**, *Co-Pastor of Circle of Mercy in Asheville, NC, and Chaplain for the NC Department of Corrections*

### Friday, March 25

- Welcome and Orientation
- Ministry Workshop Sessions
- Fellowship Dinner (requires pre-registration)
- Evening Worship
- Fellowship Reception

### Saturday, March 26

- Ministry Workshop Session
- Ministry Celebration  
(incl. adoption of '11-'12 budget & council election)
- Morning Worship

Learn more about General Assembly details and registration, ministry workshop titles, discounted hotel options, childcare reservations, and exhibitor applications at [www.cbfnc.org](http://www.cbfnc.org).

Bulletin inserts and other resources can be found on our website, <http://www.cbfnc.org/Missions/WealthandPoverty.aspx>

What would motivate a Wingate University student to attend First Baptist Church of Monroe? “Food and money,” laughs Seth Joyner, “two things I really need.”

Seth served for three years as one of FBC’s “Choral Scholars,” a role for which he interviewed and auditioned. As a Choral Scholar, Seth got \$1000 per school year. In return, he was required to attend Wednesday night choir rehearsal and to sing in the Sunday morning sanctuary choir. That is only part of the investment that the church members make in these students, however. They are also prayed for, encouraged to take leadership, invited into homes and, of course, fed. “This church puts so much into this ministry, you begin to realize how much the people really do care for you – and you want to do as much back,” Seth says.

Sarah Poindexter found out about the Choral Scholars Program at the welcoming meal FBC provides for the Wingate University Concert Choir. David Mosely discovered the program through Ramen noodles. “The church has a booth at the club fair where they give out Ramen noodles with a coupon for a free meal at the church attached.”

Paul Sims, the minister of music, began the program three years ago. It seems that the entire church is now involved in the support of this ministry. Sunday School classes provide post-service meals each week. Individuals pay for their Wednesday night meals. Others invite the Scholars to their homes for a meal. Tom Coffey, a co-leader with Sims, says, “What better way to get to know somebody than to sit together around the dinner table?” Tom has grown children, but these young adults act like his own sometimes. “The only reason I use texting and Facebook is because of them.” This week, he got a text from one of the young men for whom he has become a



father figure. The text read simply, “I love you.” As Tom wipes tears, he comments, “Like I said, it’s changed my life.”

Because of all the support these Scholars receive, they volunteer for leadership roles. As I walked around the church following a Wednesday evening meal, I saw Taylor Vancil leading the children’s choir, David Mosely leading the youth group Bible Study, Leslie Gordon leading the children’s mission study and Zack Morris filling in at a handbell rehearsal. They also go on mission trips, help with Operation InAsMuch and with the 1200 children that come to the fall Trunk or Treat.

“These college students are a wonderful asset to our choir – but also to the whole church,” a senior adult choir member told me just before choir rehearsal. “They become friends – and they bring friends. It’s so nice to have these young faces.”

The good feelings are mutual. “I love being part of a church that is focused on missions, focused outward,” Sarah Poindexter says. Sarah was a Scholar for two years. She now teaches at a local middle school and has joined the church. “I never felt like a stranger here. Every Wednesday night was my pick-me-up in the middle of the week. It feels like I’m coming home every Wednesday night.”

Each Sunday after lunch, Tom leads the college Sunday School class. What do they use for curriculum? “The last thing a college student wants is another book pushed into their face. So, we talk about the day’s sermon. I simply say, ‘What did you get out of today’s sermon?’, and the discussion takes off from there. Sometimes it goes in a totally different direction than I anticipated, but they are engaged.”

Could other churches replicate or expand on this ministry? “I think so, and it is worth it,” says Tom. “Like many other churches, we are struggling financially, but this church has decided that Choral Scholars is important, so it remains in the budget. It is more than a line-item. These are life-changing relationships. I could see us doing even more one day, with Recreation Scholars and Education Scholars to lead afterschool ministries in our gym for the children in the community just a few blocks away. I think most churches with a college nearby could do some sort of Scholars ministry.”

Seth confesses that he felt a little uncomfortable telling his friends about the Scholars Program at first. “‘You get paid to go to church?’, they’d say. But after I developed the friendships and all the support here, it wasn’t about the money at all. There is a mutual love and giving. This church brings me back to Jesus.”

**What I get from this church is a sense of community: We’re there for you.**

– Zack Morris

## Scholars from North Carolina who attend Out-of-State Schools



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Youth Pastor



**Jessica Chastain**  
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Social Justice Ministry



**Carlos Chavez**  
Baptist University of the Americas  
Sanford, NC  
Primera Iglesia Bautista, Sanford  
Pastor



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Baptist University of the Americas  
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**Peter Haley**  
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## Showing Young People How to Lead

by Wanda Kidd, College Ministry Consultant

Leadership is something that needs to be nurtured and encouraged in young people from the time they are young. There are techniques that can be taught and caught, but leadership is most effective when it is seen as a long-term process that is called out by people who help the young person see their worth as a child of God. Their appreciation of their intrinsic worth then helps them to connect their God-given gifts to the needs that surround us all.

We, as the church, need to take seriously our role in teaching young people how to lead with courage and conviction. There are many ways that we can do that and many churches do an excellent modeling of that.

### children

These churches incorporate their **children in leadership** from an early age by asking the children to participate in morning worship ... encouraging them to mentor other children ... expecting the children to follow through on their commitments ... teaching them stories that involve struggle, but show God's faithfulness ... and knowing them by name.

### youth

A leadership-growing church that has a plan for developing **youth leaders** will involve the youth on councils and committees, and then use their ideas and give credit in the larger church ... offer leadership training that helps them overcome some of their fear of failure and appreciate their gifts ... give opportunities to lead in safe ventures that give them experience while buffering the risk of failure ... connect them to the larger congregation so they are known by name by more than their youth group and their leaders ... and encourage them to talk about their fears and offer biblical truths that will sustain them when they are beyond the church walls

### college students

For leadership development to **college students**, the church will help them find a place to grow while they are in college ... will continue to be invested in their lives by writing, visiting and checking in with them when they see them at church ... will offer them opportunities to give input in church decisions ... will encourage them to explore call in their lives ... and will support them in mission opportunities, but will ask probing questions about the groups they are working with.

We must tell them the whole story of leadership. Tell them that it is not about the glory, but about the responsibility that we have as Christians to be honest, even if it is painful. That it is not about the prestige, but our calling to be champions for the people who are voiceless. We must speak the truth, but more importantly, we need to show them how to lead. They want us to live our lives as leaders in such a way that they can follow in our footsteps.

## Where Is God at Work and How Are We Joining In?

### Angier by Irma Duke, The Baptist Fellowship of Angier

It wasn't the Jordan River, but it could have been. It was that kind of high and holy experience.

We, the Baptist Fellowship of Angier, had our first baptismal service at Jordan Lake in August. We started in a low-income area of Angier, NC, three years ago, feeling the call to reach out across cultural lines to the poor and neglected with ministry as our focus. One of the first visitors to our church was a nine-year-old Hispanic boy who brought a knife to church!

Fast forward to three years later, that nine-year-old is a 12-year-old and he is being baptized by his mentor, a Campbell University student who has tutored him, has been a mentor to him, and has walked beside him through a number of crises in his family. Alongside him are his older sister and her mentor, a Campbell Divinity student, and one of the 12-year-old's best friends and his mentor.

The service was planned for the three youth, but immediately following the worship service, an adult who had attended the service because of his connection to one of the youth, accepted Christ and asked to be baptized. He was baptized by the Divinity School's new dean, Dr. Andy Wakefield.

This experience describes this new church's ministry, a core group of adults from the community who are encouraging and mentoring a group of university and divinity school students who are in turn encouraging and mentoring a group of at-risk youth and children, giving them hope for life on earth and beyond. Through after-school tutoring throughout the week; Summer and Youth Clubs this past summer using five university interns (including two who were supported by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship); English-as-a-Second-Language classes; soccer clinics; clothes giveaways; and a variety of other activities, God is bringing people to us who have never attended church and have no relationship to Jesus Christ.

In addition, the church has been privileged to send a missionary couple to Turkey. Having missions and ministry as our focus and believing strongly in the priesthood of the believer, we do not have any paid staff and do not own a building. Instead, we use supply preaching and share space with a Hispanic church, helping them to pay their mortgage.

It has not been easy, but God has blessed us beyond measure.



### Lebanon by Linda Jones, CBFNC Missions Coordinator

**CBFNC is sponsoring a mission opportunity in Lebanon during the week of July 2, 2011. Is God calling you to be part of a team?**

Chaouki and Maha Boulos are CBF field personnel serving in Beirut, Lebanon, with Living Faith Ministries. They are planning a five-day evangelistic celebration that will be held in downtown Beirut. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience God's power at work.

Daniel Vestel and Rob Nash have both preached at this event in the past few years, with more than 2,000 people making a profession of faith in Jesus through the celebrations every year. The team will be staying in a hotel near the beach, will have the opportunity to work with various ministries during the day (relief ministry, women/children's ministry, prayer rides, VBS, and basketball clinics), and will attend the open-air celebration in the evening. Approximate cost for flight, hotel and food is \$2,400.

Teams and financial support are also needed to help with the continued construction of the training/retreat center north of Beirut. This center will give all Christians in the Middle East a place for fellowship, prayer and training. Since Lebanon is a natural meeting place of people from east and west, Chaouki envisions this retreat center serving every aspect of Christian evangelism, especially to the Arab population, and becoming a house of refuge for converted Arabs.

If you are interested in bringing a team or being part of a team for the evangelistic celebration or construction of the retreat center, contact Linda Jones at [ljones@cbfnc.org](mailto:ljones@cbfnc.org). Financial gifts are also welcome and needed!



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## Ministers on the Move

Compiled by Jack Causey, Ministerial Resources Coordinator

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

**Tim Cannon** has been called as the pastor of the Brandt Oaks Baptist Church in Greensboro.

**Jason Blanton** has been called as the pastor of the Grace Crossing Baptist Church in Charlotte.

**Esther Parker** is now serving as the minister of children at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Raleigh.

**Debbie Holloway**, who has been serving in an interim staff position at the First Baptist Church of Rockingham, has been called to the ministry position of Associate Pastor for Children and Youth.

**Tyler Roach** has been called as the Minister of Youth and Family Life for the First Baptist Church of Morganton.

**Jessica Asbell** is now on the staff of the Winter Park Baptist Church in Wilmington as their Associate Pastor for Children and Families.

**Brenda Thompson** has been called as the Minister of Youth and Missions for the Wake Forest Baptist Church in Wake Forest.

**Jarrett Banks** has accepted the position of Assistant Vice President for Development and Director of Church Relations at Chowan University.

**Dane Hadley** has been called as the Minister of Youth for the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Raleigh.

**Gil Gulick** is now serving as pastor at the First Baptist Church of High Point.

**Jason Mills** has been called as the Minister to Students for the First Baptist Church of Canton.

**Rich Goodier** has been called as the pastor of the Mount Hermon Baptist Church in Durham.

The First Baptist Church of Mt. Gilead has called **Zach Dawes** as their pastor and **Peyton Dawes** as their associate pastor.

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



## New Ministers to NC Luncheon

February 3, 2011 (snow date: February 10)

11:30am-2:00pm

For ministers (pastors and staff) and spouses who moved to church/ministry position in NC during 2010.

Join us for a complimentary luncheon at the CBFNC offices in Winston-Salem. There will be fellowship as well as an opportunity to meet CBFNC staff and learn about our organization.

Register at [www.cbfnc.org](http://www.cbfnc.org) or call 888-822-1944.

### New Contributing CBFNC Partner Churches

(As of September 21, 2010)

La Mision Bautista de Greenville (New MRP\* contributor)

\*Mission Resource Plan - visit [www.CBFNC.org](http://www.CBFNC.org)



January 21-23, 2011, or  
January 28-30, 2011  
Winterplace Ski Resort  
in Beckley, WV

Cost is \$162 per person.  
Visit [www.CBFNC.org](http://www.CBFNC.org)  
for more information.

### Coordinator Visits July-August 2010

Ardmore, Winston-Salem

FBC, Albemarle

FBC, Clayton

FBC, Eden

FBC, Henderson

FBC, Hickory

FBC, Kannapolis

FBC, Marion

FBC, Mocksville

FBC, Monroe

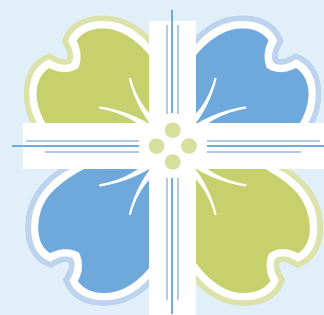
Iglesia Bautista La Roca, Raleigh

Piney Grove, Mount Airy

Poplar Springs, Shelby

St. John's, Charlotte

Wake Forest, Winston-Salem





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## Upcoming Events ~ November/December Edition

**CBFNC Foundational Statement Discussion**  
November 1, 2010

**Children's Mission Day**  
November 6, 2010

**Christian Coaching Certificate Training**  
Part I: November 8-9 - Raleigh, NC  
Part II: February 7-9, 2011

**CBFNC Youth Ski Retreats**  
January 21-23 and January 28-30, 2011

**Missions and Evangelism  
in a New Baptist Century**  
February 1, 2011

**New Minister's Luncheon**  
February 3, 2011

**Children's Choir Festival**  
February 5, 2011

**College Mid-Winter Retreat**  
February 5-6, 2011

**Staff Minister's Retreat**  
February 28-March 3, 2011

**Youth Choir Festival**  
March 18-19, 2011

**CBFNC General Assembly**  
**The Heart of Jesus: Living Justice and Mercy**  
March 25-26, 2011, at First Baptist, Asheville

**"The Spirituality of Jesus" adult retreat**  
April 8-10, 2011

Visit [www.CBFNC.org](http://www.CBFNC.org) to register and for more information.

**The Gathering** is published six times a year. All questions may be directed to Sarah Mitchell, 888-822-1944 or [smitchell@cbfnc.org](mailto:smitchell@cbfnc.org). For story submissions, contact Sarah Mitchell for requirements and newsletter deadlines.

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## 2011 Music Festivals



### Children's Choir Festival

February 5, 2011  
First Baptist Church  
High Point, NC

For Children in GRADES 4-6

Heather Potter, Director  
Associate Conductor of the Charlotte Children's Choir  
and Director of Youth and Children's Music at  
First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Gastonia

Cost: Registration - \$10 per singer  
\$125 max. per choir  
Lunch - \$5 per singer and chaperone

Registration deadline January 21, 2011, at [www.cbfnc.org](http://www.cbfnc.org).

### Youth Choir Festival

March 18-19, 2011  
First Baptist Church  
Greensboro, NC

Tom T. Shelton, Jr., Director  
Assoc. Director of Music Ministry  
First Presbyterian, Greensboro

Cost: Registration - \$10 per singer  
\$125 max. per choir  
Lunch - \$8 per singer and chaperone

Registration deadline March 1, 2011, at [www.cbfnc.org](http://www.cbfnc.org).

