

Louisiana Fellowship People

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The 2nd Annual Lake Providence football clinic was held April 16 in a Together for Hope event that brought the community together.

The power of a story,
God's movement in a people
... to tell the story
... to live the story.

NEW Wineskins



Tom Smith

Spring Conference
Emmanuel-Alexandria

James Welch



Winds of the Spirit

by Reid Doster, Louisiana Fellowship Coordinator

Spring Assembly

Many thanks to all who made our 2010 Spring Assembly a most meaningful gathering. We received an abundance of positive feedback regarding both the format and spirit of this meeting, which felt less like a conference and more like a revival!

CBF Retreat

A few days ago, it was my privilege to participate in a 20th Anniversary CBF National Leadership Retreat, where we enjoyed rich discussion in response to certain questions we might also ask at the local church level:

- How are lives being transformed through your work?
How do you see God at work?
- What have we learned in the last twenty years?
- How can we use what we've learned to help each other and The Fellowship?
- What are our best lessons from the past? In which areas do we need help?
- How can we lay aside egos and trust each other?
- What are significant challenges the Fellowship Baptist Movement faces in the future?
- What do you feel are your significant personal challenges, and those of the entity you lead?
- How can we help each other to meet the challenges?
- What audacious dream do you have for the future? For The Fellowship?
- How would you like the Fellowship to function and look in the future?
- Can your dream be realized, with help?
- What steps could you or someone else take to make your dream a reality?
- How can we move from dreams to actions? Where do we go from here?
- How would you suggest that we arrive at a shared vision for The Fellowship?

General Assembly & State Meeting

I am happy to announce that Dr. Bill Leonard, Dean of the School of Divinity and Professor of Church History, Wake Forest University, has graciously accepted our invitation to be the speaker at our CBF Louisiana state meeting, at the General Assembly, in Charlotte, NC, June 23-25. Our state meeting will be at 4:30PM, on Thursday, June 24th. If you email me at reid.cbflouisiana@gmail.com, I will send you a summary of the fascinating ideas he is pre-

pared to discuss with us. To register online for the General Assembly, go to thefellowship.info. Incidentally, Dr. Leonard also will be the featured speaker at Thursday evening's worship service.

Peer Groups

To learn more about this great opportunity for fellowship and learning, contact Jarrett Banks (Southern sector) at (225) 573-2429 or Mike Anderson (Northern sector) at (318) 347-9555.

"Come to the Well" with Bo Prosser

On August 12 (Southern sector) and August 13 (Northern sector), Bo Prosser, Coordinator of Congregational Formation, CBF National, will meet with Coordinating Council members and all others who serve in leadership of local congregations to bring us up to speed on the most current resources available to churches through CBF. Let me tell you, THAT well is deep!

Stagg-Tolbert Forum

Dr. Terry York, Associate Professor of Christian Ministry and Church Music, Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, will be our guest lecturer at the 2010 Stagg-Tolbert Lectures, Saturday, October 16th, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Alexandria. Dr. York was our first choice, based upon input from Spring Assembly, and he is really looking forward to it!

Haiti Relief

I will be in Port au Prince, Haiti, May 13-17, supporting Mercer University in the development of a training program that will equip Haitian leaders to intervene with survivors exhibiting symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress. Our base camp in Grand Goave, Haiti, is now established, with a full-time Coordinator, Tim Brendle. We are focusing on rebuilding the Grand Goave Baptist Church and an adjoining school. To volunteer, contact Chris Boltin at (800) 352-8741, or thefellowship.info/Disaster-Response-Application and register your name, skills, availability and any special training you possess.

Gulf Oil Spill

As your Disaster Response Coordinator, I am recommending that anyone interested in volunteering for our oil spill response go online to volunteerlouisiana.gov or call (225) 342-3125. Janet Pace, a member of Broadmoor Baptist-Baton Rouge, is Executive Director of the Louisiana Serve Commission. CBF Louisiana will be partnering with them to address ecological, environmental, psychological, emotional and spiritual needs arising out of what could become a mega-disaster for South Louisiana. Please take time at least to register your name and email address, so you can remain informed as things develop. Indicate your group affiliation as CBF.

In His Love, *Reid*



Rutherford



Banks

Officers Elected at Spring Conference

Shannon Rutherford assumes Moderator post and Jarrett Banks was selected as Moderator Elect. Larry Davis serves as Past Moderator. Kenny Crump remains treasurer and Ted Holmes secretary. Thanks to all for their service!

Missionary Housing

In business session, authorization was given to negotiate purchase of missionary house/center in Lake Providence. Please be in prayer for this exciting development!

From the Field...

Missionary Stephanie Vance congratulates Lake Providence football players at clinic.



Lake Providence is a small town located along the Mississippi River in northeast Louisiana. The town has been around since the 1700's in the locations that the river would allow.

Just north of the town is Bunch's Bend, a narrow and treacherous passage on the river known for its river pirate and namesake. When boats would safely make it past Bunch and his pirates, they would say "made it to Providence," as the town was known at the time.

Now, Lake Providence is located in one of the poorest places in the United States, East Carroll parish. I have come to Lake Providence as a full-time missionary with Together for Hope, a program of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship committed to working with the 20 poorest counties in the U.S. for 20 years in an effort to break the cycle of poverty in these areas and empower these communities to affect change. These posts will chronicle my journey from my perspective and, as such, are designed to be a faithful narrative of life in this small town and in this community of faith.

-- From Stephanie's Blog
See link to complete posts at cbfla.org



Lynn Clayton, Lee Weems, John Henson

Like old friends on the back porch sharing what God is doing in their lives, the main feature of our conference was the telling of stories. Twelve different folks shared their story.

Frank Stagg used to tell us the purpose of Acts was to tell the story of an "unhindered Gospel," of the Holy Spirit moving over, around and beyond obstacles in the going forth of the Kingdom.

Back porch faith stories

That became the theme of these testimonies: following God in New Wineskin obedience to overcome racial and economic barriers even when it means old wineskins must break.

We heard the stories of women determined to answer God's call to ministry, of those ministering through and despite natural disaster, the challenge of those called to start new churches or revitalize old. And we heard of God's faithfulness even through the dark shadow of grief.



More than football... Former Division 1 Head Coach, now Arkansas Baptist College President, Fitz Hill mentors players on lessons for living a life that honors God. He also shared his faith story at a public rally.



Ike Mayfield, Shannon Rutherford, Red Kennedy



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I want to be part of something new God is doing through CBF-LA:

CBF-LA Ministry Budget \$ _____ New Church Start \$ _____
 Together for Hope Rural Poverty \$ _____ Disaster Relief \$ _____
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Make checks payable to CBF of Louisiana, 2220 South Vienna Street, Ruston, LA 71270

You may also give on-line at www.cbfla.org.

8th Annual Bags of Hope Ministry Summer 2010



Any monetary gifts will be used to purchase the items locally.
Please collect for delivery or pickup by mid-July.

Contact person: Stephanie Vance at sthepny@gmail.com
or 318-418-4075 Mailing address: PO BOX 267
Lake Providence, LA 71254

ITEMS NEEDED:

All grade levels: new school backpacks: mesh preferred, but clear will also work

Middle school and High school: 5 spiral notebooks, 5 pocket folders with brads, 10 #2 pencils, 5 blue or black pens, 200 pages loose leaf paper

For upper elementary: 200 pages wide ruled paper, 10 #2 pencils, box of 16 crayons (Crayola preferred), safety scissors, 2 folders with pockets

For kindergarten/1st grade: glue stick, K/1st writing tablet, 10 #2 pencils, box of 16 crayons (Crayola preferred), safety scissors, 2 folders with pockets



Register at:
thefellowship.info



Bill Leonard

Wake Forest Divinity
School Dean will
speak during
Louisiana meeting at
General Assembly on
June 24.

Discover at your website cbfla.org

- * More pictures and stories about Spring conference and football clinic
- * Coming soon: Chris Thacker & Jarrett Bank's Spring conference comments
- * Christian comedian Jinny Henson returns to stage
 - * Update on Haiti and Reid's trip there
- * Latest Romany news from Adkins and Holmes
 - * Stephanie Vance's blog
- * Vestal's tribute and farewell to Cecil Sherman
 - * Missionary/Chaplain Prayer Calendar
- * Bill Leonard's preparatory remarks for LA meeting and MORE

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Mark your calendar.

Stagg-Tolbert Biblical Forum

Terry York will be the featured speaker at the 2010 Stagg-Tolbert Forum to be held
October 15
at Emmanuel-Alexandria.



Dr. York is Professor at Truett Seminary where he has distinguished himself in theology and music. He has authored a number of books and hymns including the well loved *Worthy of Worship*.

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CBF-LA Receipts	Feb-April	Fiscal Year 7-1-09 to 6-30-10
Undesignated	\$16,430.40	\$65,857.08
Together for Hope	\$2,150.01	\$14,672.86
TFH Missionary Fund	\$132.61	\$63,702.57
Disaster Response	--	\$48,080.35
Other	\$959.00	\$6,467.42
TOTAL	\$19,672.02	\$198,780.28