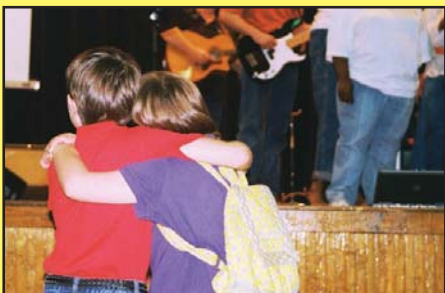




**Together for Hope:**  
*Turning Towards Life*  
A Community  
Comes Together





Bert Jones, former LSU and Baltimore Colts star coaches quarterbacks



Coach Richard Wilson from Arkansas Baptist College led an impressive staff



Sheriff Shumate and staff cook up the hamburgers

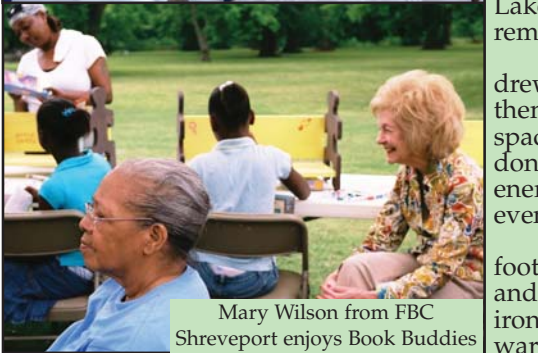
Running together, painting together, reading, playing, worshipping together—a community turned towards life the first weekend of May. Part conference, part mission event, the Lake Providence gathering will long be remembered for its unifying excitement.

Public and private school students drew dreams of community, then saw them painted in public community space. A small army of local volunteers donated their time, money, materials, energy and creativity to support the events.

Professional TLC was given on the football field by adults whose college and pro skill and experience on the grid iron were overshadowed by their warmth and generosity in the shaping of young lives.

Education, a pillar in the foundation of overcoming poverty was celebrated in reading, in the giving of books and Bibles and by supporting parents in creating a book shelf and memories together with their children. Local donations and those from Fellowship people raised enough money to provide the first year of scholarship for a local student to attend Arkansas Baptist College!

The gospel was shared in word and in action, in a rally, on the playground and in the connecting of lives through sharing of hearts. Lake Providence was a long way for some of our folks to travel and some regulars were not able to attend. Yet through our mission events, volunteers and participants swelled the ranks to over double our normal numbers, and attracted some younger faces. God's economy was shown again: by giving we receive.



Mary Wilson from FBC Shreveport enjoys Book Buddies



Kandee Flint and Book Buddies story time



Enthusiastic crowd hears Fitz Hill



Ronny Joe & Red Neck Magic draws crowd



Jeremy Lewis former UofGA Guard



Indefatigable Artist Kate Murphy Emmanuel-Alex.



Hal Bass on Investing in the Movement



Anita Snell on Being the Missional Church



Wade Arnold on Forgiveness



# Winds of the Spirit

by Reid Doster

This issue focuses on Spring Assembly, in Lake Providence, which was a turning point event for CBF Louisiana. Everything about it was different from previous "meetings." More hands-on, and ground-breaking. We are grateful for the skill and passion Kyle Kelley brings to our rural poverty ministry. Many others also made it a great success, especially Dr. Fitz Hill. The enclosed photos tell the story and it was a wonder to behold. ●●●●●●●●●●



In a recent retreat attended by CBF Coordinators from Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Missouri, my assigned role was to serve as the facilitator for a series of informal conversations around several strategic questions.

The purpose of such conversation was to nurture communication, coordination, and collaboration among these several contiguous sister-states, with a view to planning one or more specific events which would allow us to work together toward a common focus.

One idea arising out of this process was to combine our state meetings during the upcoming CBF Annual Assembly, held July 2-3, in Houston.

I wholeheartedly support this idea and ask you to do the same, although such a move defies the seven last words of the Church: "We've never done it that way before!"

The plan is to offer a few exciting snapshots of missional ministries in which some of our churches have invested time, passion and energy to produce rather soul-stirring outcomes.

Enough time will be allotted each attendee for closer

exploration of at least two such ministries. Small group interaction will allow each individual to discover community, information and opportunities in ministries toward which they feel curiously drawn.

Such an approach reminds me of the wonderful Missions Fair I attended at First Baptist, Shreveport. Never have I seen anything quite like that, before or since, and it opened my thinking to all kinds of new possibilities.

This one hour interlude of fellowship, sharing and relationship-building promises to infuse new energy into our experience as the Body of Christ.

Even more important than exposure to new missional ministries will be the celebrating of collegiality among neighboring states. We will shape new bridges that lead to more efficient use of time, energy and resources as we pool efforts on certain projects and pull together in the same direction.

If able, please commit to this unique sister-states meeting in Houston, on Thursday, July 2nd, at 4:30pm. It will be worth your time. ●●●●●●●●●●

Last week, I spent three days on the road, visiting with CBF friends from Alexandria, Natchitoches, Coushatta, and Shreveport, before going to a regional emergency preparedness meeting in Lafayette and attending a VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Assisting in Disaster) board meeting. We have a lot of friends out there who are clearly appreciative of CBF's values.

Next week, Jarrett Banks is hosting a peer-group meeting of CBF-friendly pastors. We look forward to a great time of fellowship and community building.

Grace, mercy and peace, *Reid*



## Bags of Hope 2009 Our Goal: 1250 Bags & Supplies

**For students in need in East Carroll and Tensas parishes**

**NEEDED:** new school backpacks, mesh preferred, but clear will also work

**For middle 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

**Deadline for pickup at partner churches is July 26, celebration day August 1**

Monetary Gifts will be used to buy from local vendors as available

For more information contact Kyle at [cbflouisiana@gmail.com](mailto:cbflouisiana@gmail.com) or 318-780-4127

## Together for Hope Missionary Update

*Our search committee remains active. The initial candidate for our new missionary position had to withdraw due to family considerations. The committee is again evaluating applications from the other candidates who have applied, and accepting new resumes. Please pray for this work.*



**Come to Houston!**

*Fellowship  
General Assembly  
July 2-3*

Registration and info at:  
[www.thefellowship.info](http://www.thefellowship.info)  
or 800.352.8741

6th Annual  
Stagg-Tolbert Forum  
for Biblical Studies  
featuring  
**Dr. Molly Marshall**  
Saturday September 26  
Broadmoor Baptist  
Baton Rouge



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## Remember and Pray for our Romany Mission Partners:



Keith Holmes and Mary van Rheenen family in Holland

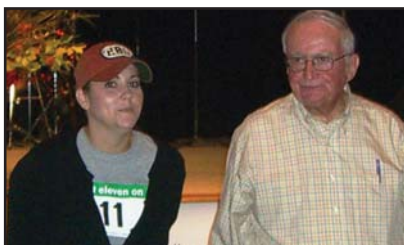


Glen and Clista Adkins in Hungary

Read their updates at [www.cbfla.org](http://www.cbfla.org).



Mike Anderson, left, pictured with his wife Marilyn, received a plaque for his service as 2008-09 Moderator. Pictured to the right is new Moderator Larry Davis and Moderator Elect Shannon Rutherford.



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We are a fellowship of Baptist Christians and churches who share a passion for the Great Commandment and the Great Commission of Jesus Christ and a commitment to Baptist principles of faith and practice.

### VISION:

Being the presence of Christ in the world.

### MISSION:

Serving Christians and churches as they discover and fulfill their God-given mission.



### Partners in Prayer Calendar

Omitted names due to sensitive nature of work.

#### JUNE

- 2 Emily Morrow, 1990, daughter, Frank & Karen, Texas
- 7 Kiersten Glenn, 2006, daug., Aaron & Stephanie, California
- 7 Diann Whisnand, urban work, Seattle, WA
- 8 Janice Newell, Albanian/Balkan peoples, Greece
- 8 Kyle Smith, 1989, son, Greg & Sue Smith, Virginia
- 9 Michelle Cayard, strategy coordinator and teacher, China
- 10 Kim Wyatt, work with internationals, Canada
- 14 \_\_\_\_, unevangelized people group, Middle East
- 16 Owen Storie, 2004, son, Matthew & Melanie, Alabama
- 19 Ana D'Amico, Emeritus, retired December 2006
- 20 Lonnie Turner, HIV/AIDS/policy, sub-Saharan Africa
- 22 Brenda Lisenby, partnership coordinator, China
- 22 Kirk, scripture translation, Asia
- 23 Sarah Ballew, partnership advocate, Macau, China
- 23 John, clean water & development coordinator, SE Asia
- 23 Helen McNeely, Emeritus, retired June 2002
- 23 Andrew, 1998, son, Kirk & Suzie, Asia
- 24 Hannah Myrick, 1989, daughter, Lori & Tim, Kenya
- 26 \_\_\_\_, unevangelized people group, North Africa
- 26 Tim Myrick, medical work, Kenya

#### JULY

- 1 Christopher Rose, transformational ministries, Lima, Peru
- 3 Nathanael Ballew, 1994, son, Larry & Sarah Ballew, China
- 3 Jesse Burnette, 1990, son, Ellen & Rick Burnette, Thailand
- 5 Julie Maas, ministry coordinator, Belize
- 5 Bob Potts, Emeritus, retired August 1998
- 6 Shelah Acker, transformational development work, Uganda
- 6 Sam Harrell, transformational development work, EAfrica
- 10 Tiffne Whitley, work with internationals, Spain
- 11 Allie McNary, 1995, daughter, Dianne & Shane, Slovakia
- 12 Elizabeth Houser, 1990, daugh, Ana Marie&Scott, S Africa
- 12 \_\_\_\_, unevangelized people group, M. East/N. Africa
- 12 Mark Podgaisky, 1999, son, Gennady & Mina, Ukraine
- 14 John Deal, Emeritus, retired February 2001
- 17 Caleb, 1996, son, Hunter & Mary, Asia
- 19 Jason Pittman, urban work, Miami, FL
- 19 Joshua Rose, 2007, son, Christopher & Jessica Rose, Peru

- 20 \_\_\_\_, son, unevangelized people group, North Africa
- 21 \_\_\_\_, daughter, unevangelized people group, Middle East
- 22 Dorothy Potts, Emeritus, retired August 1998
- 23 Butch Green, work with internationals, South Carolina
- 23 Matthew Storie, Rural Poverty Initiative, Marion, AL
- 26 Rick Sample, work w/ internationals, San Francisco, CA
- 27 Diana Bridges, work with internationals, Starkville, MS
- 27 Lindsay, advocate for women/children, Southeast Asia
- 27 Sarah Morrow, 1988, daughter, Frank & Karen, Texas
- 28 Emily, 2000, daughter, Kirk & Suzie, Asia
- 29 Christina Houser, 1997, daugh, Ana Marie&Scott, S Africa
- 29 Karen Morrow, unevangelized people group, Texas
- 30 James Francovich, Emeritus, retired December 2006

#### AUGUST

- 3 Mina Podgaiskaya, urban work, Ukraine
- 4 Hannah, 1999, daughter, Hunter & Mary, Asia
- 5 Mary, unevangelized people group, Asia
- 7 Merrie Harding, transformational development, Florida
- 8 Janée Angel, work with internationals, Belgium
- 8 Ellen Holmes, 1992, daugh., Keith & Mary, Europe
- 8 Jon Wyatt, 1995, son, Kim & Marc Wyatt, Canada
- 9 Beth Sample, 1998, daughter, Lita & Rick, California
- 10 Elliott Sample, 2004, son, Lita & Rick Sample, California
- 16 \_\_\_\_, son, unevangelized people group, Middle East
- 16 Don McNeely, Emeritus, retired June 2002
- 17 Anna Sample, 2001, daughter, Lita & Rick, California
- 18 Fran Stevenson, work with internationals, Fremont, CA
- 19 Kaela, 1998, daughter, Cindy & Eddy, Asia
- 20 Joyce Cleary, Emeritus, retired December 2002
- 22 Ana Podgaiskaya, 2001, daughter, Gennady&Mina, Ukraine
- 23 Allen Williams, Assoc. Coordinator, Mission Teams, Asia
- 23 Marc Wyatt, work with internationals, Canada
- 25 Arville Earl, Albanian/Balkan peoples, Macedonia
- 26 Corwin Harrell, 1991, son, Melody & Sam, East Africa
- 26 Cindy, unevangelized people group, Asia
- 27 Verr Dean Williams, Assoc. Coord., Mission Teams, Asia
- 29 Craig, unevangelized people group, Asia
- 30 Karen Sherin, Rural Poverty Initiative, Columbia, MO
- 31 \_\_\_\_, son, unevangelized people group, North Africa
- 31 Karr La Dickens, Assoc. Coord., Mission Teams, Texas

CBF-LA Receipts	March-May	Fiscal Year 7/01/08-6/30/09
Undesignated	\$20,855.25	\$71,500.25
Together for Hope	\$1250.67	\$10,889.94
Stagg-Tolbert Forum	\$519.54	-\$3,640.40
TFH Missionary Fund	\$190.97	\$41,240.97
New Church Starts	\$41.67	\$239.04
Ark.Bapt.College Sclrshp	\$1,298.03	\$2,023.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,125.76</b>	<b>\$134,047.23</b>

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