

fellowship

Forming Together:
Growing as a community
of grace on a shared
spiritual journey that
connects people to Christ
and one another.

The three youth pictured with Lane Riley are current or graduated youth from Delta Hands for Hope's youth leadership program.

OUR NEW ASSOCIATE COORDINATOR

Lane Riley comes home to work with CBFSC

Coming home after five years in the Mississippi Delta, Lane Riley is now the Associate Coordinator for CBFSC.

Lane has been the Executive Director for Delta Hands for Hope (DHH) in Shaw, MS, for five years.

DHH is a Together for Hope site in the Mississippi Delta. "I was the first employee," she said, "and helped grow it into a community organization that served youth and families."

With us, Lane's two main responsibilities will be working with and developing young Baptists and coordinating our missions work.

"My primary goal for the first few months are to familiarize myself with CBF churches, leaders, and mission partners so I can learn how to best serve," she said.

Eventually she will provide resources to pastors and lay leaders that minister to young Baptists, and to leaders that are responsible for missions.

"I also hope to expand mission partnerships by providing opportunities to become more involved with



our current mission partners, and to expand Together for Hope in South Carolina," she said.

She will be well-qualified to do just that because in Mississippi she worked in a small rural community, and partnered with churches that would assist in

> local projects. She also led the youth in Shaw on mission trips and helped organize community projects.

"This experience will help me in building relationships with churches and mission partners, because I have worked in both settings," she said. "I understand how to grow and maintain healthy partnerships that are reciprocal and meaningful."

From Greenwood, Lane grew up in Greenwood First Baptist Church. She graduated from Lander University where she majored in sociology and Spanish, and is now working on a Masters in Community Development

at Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi.

Her start date with CBFSC was April 23. Lane enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. She is living in Greenwood where she is a member of First Baptist Church.



Jay introduced Lane at the General Assembly April 26 in Aiken.

CBFSC welcomed Lane Riley as associate coordinator with a prayer of blessing and committed to following her leadership, receiving her expertise, and serving faithfully alongside her.

Fellowship robust at this year's General Assembly

BY JAY KIEVE

Thank you to all the folks who attended General Assembly last month at Aiken's First Baptist Church. The fellowship among us was robust and we heard so many ways that our Fellowship connects

with with mission of God in South Carolina.

Host church

Aiken's First Baptist did an amazing job preparing for us and guiding us around their lovely campus. CBFSC churches are known for our hospitality and A-FBC demonstrated their love and commitment throughout our planning and days with them. Thank you all!



FBC PENDLETON PASTOR NAMED BWIM-SC'S WOMAN MINISTER OF YEAR

Our day-long Assembly began with a South Carolina Baptist Women in Ministry worship service that featured Merianna Harrelson and Jennifer Rygg as co-preachers. Anna Burch, left, who along with Mary Frances Thompson leads BWIM-SC, recognized First Baptist Pendleton pastor Jennifer Rygg, right, as the 2019 Woman Minister of the Year.



Coordinator's report

My report featured my gratitude to Debbie Haag, our wonderful office manager; Blake Hart, our former missions coordinator; and all the folks who serve on the Coordinating Council, work at mission sites and with partners, and give of their financial resources to make CBFSC's work possible. I reported that I drove over 21,000 miles in SC last year visiting churches, clergy, and mission sites...and LOVED every mile of it!

My challenge

I concluded my report with a challenge...that our generation of church leaders and members be the ones who put an end to sexual abuse in the church context. I am committed to helping churches implement great policies, train their staff and workers, and learn to create a culture of care that protects children and vulnerable adults. Invite me to your church to help make this a reality.

Make plans now to attend CBFSC General Assembly 2020 on April 24 at First Baptist Pendleton. See you there! **OUR MISSION:** We are women and men participating in God's mission together. We nurture spiritual development, encourage congregations to thrive, and value collaborative and innovative ministry and missions.





Disaster response not for sissies but needed

Disaster response coordinator Wayne Patterson reported to the Assembly that CBFSC teams and resources have supported flood recovery in Conway and that work remains for teams interested in helping. "Disaster response is not for sissies," he said. "Volunteer assistance is needed badly."

New Moderator

Cheryl Patterson, a member of First Baptist Church in Pendleton, is the new moderator for CBFSC. She lives in Clemson and has served in various positions with CBFSC. She retired from Furman University where she taught Business Administration and served as chair of the Business Department. She also served on the Search Committee that recommended Jay for the position of CBFSC Coordinator.

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Keynote speaker addresses thriving ministries

Our General Assembly keynote speaker and primary breakout leader was Jake Mulder of Fuller Seminary's Youth Institute. Jake shared with the Assembly the characteristics and commitments of churches who have thriving ministries with children, youth, and young adults. Participants heard how shared leadership, empathy, being great neighbors, and faithfulness to the message of Jesus...rather than "skinny" jeans and flashy programs...attract and keep younger generations engaged. Our General Assembly concluded with Jake's sermon in our closing worship.

2019-2020 Officers of CBFSC

Moderator: Cheryl Patterson, FBC Pendleton Moderator-elect: Matt King, Augusta Road Baptist, Greenville

Past Moderator: John Bradley, Kathwood Baptist, Columbia

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Columbia

Administrative Council

The officers above plus the chairs of these committees: Chris Liles (Advancement), FBC York

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Tony Hopkins (Missions), FBC Greenwood Beth McConnell (Nominating), Kathwood Baptist, Columbia

Richard Dantzler (Personnel), Palmetto Missionary Baptist, Conway

Staff Liaison: Jay Kieve, Coordinator, Boulevard Baptist, Anderson

Staff Liaison: Lane Riley, Associate Coordinator, FBC Greenwood

Staff Liaison: Wayne Patterson , Disaster Response Coordinator, FBC Pendleton



PARTNERS REPORT

CBFSC missions and ministry partners reminded the Assembly how we advocate for justice, serve congregations, help immigrants escape violence, and build on the assets found in their communities. Pictured here giving their reports are Cheryl Moore Adamson speaking about Palmetto Works in Conway and Blake Hart speaking about the Carolina Immigrant Alliance in Rock Hill.



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Jay to be recognized by Baptist Women in Ministry

Baptist Women in Ministry has chosen CBFSC Coordinator Jay Kieve as the recipient of the 2019 Frankie Huff Granger Distinguished Mentor Award.

BWIM said Jay "has fiercely encouraged and advocated for women ministers." He will receive the award at the BWIM Annual Gathering on June 19 in Birmingham, Alabama.

"I am overwhelmed by this honor from Baptist Women in Ministry," Jay said. "If I have been an advocate for women serving in Baptist pulpits and congregations, it is only because I have been immensely blessed by the ministry of female colleagues and pastors. I am delighted to serve congregations that support the call of women to leadership in all facets of church life. Proclaiming the Good News of God's love and salvation is so large and precious a task that it requires all of us."

Frankie Granger, for whom the award is named, was a member of Berea First Baptist Church Greenville for 64 years, and a staff member for 23 years, having retired as Minister of Education. She died in 2013.

2019-2020 BUDGET ADOPTED

The 2019 business session of the General Assembly adopted the 2019-2020 budget of \$446,854.

Team	2018-19	2019-20
Advancement Team	\$1,900	\$1,900
Baptist World Alliance	\$1,500	\$1,500
CBF Governance Board Travel Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000
Church Resources	\$1,000	\$1,200
Communications	\$38,550	\$38,550
Congregational Life Team	\$15,500	\$15,500
Finance Committee	\$8,350	\$8,300
General Assembly Team	\$8,750	\$11,450
Leadership Development Committee	\$21,500	\$21,500
Missions Committee	\$65,000	\$65,000
Networking Expense	\$30,500	\$30,500
Office Expense	\$31,900	\$31,950
Personnel Committee	\$211,281	\$213,504
SC Christian Action Council	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$441,731	\$446,854