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Two Timberlake members write books

Two members of Timberlake Baptist Church in Myrtle Beach have written books recently.

Asbury H. Williams wrote a book of fiction, "My Visit With Jesus of Nazareth."

"I have been planning this book for four years," he said. "It is about a scientist with many degrees who has become fed up with Christianity because of the fake healings on TV and the TV evangelists always asking for more and more money. He sets out to prove that Christianity is a myth. His findings will prove to be an inspiration to all Christians."

Asbury, a semi-retired physician, is a graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina. He also earned a B.S. degree at Furman University, where he met Peggy, his wife of 47 years. Asbury and Peggy are very active in Timberlake Church where they teach Sunday School and sing in the choir. Both are ordained deacons. Asbury is the back up choir director and has served as choir director in three churches. They make their home

in Surfside Beach. Asbury can be contacted at drasburymd@aol.com. To learn more about Asbury's book go to www.amazon.com or order directly from the publisher at www.xulonpress.com/book_list.hp.

AUTHORS' BOOKSHELF

Bill Bagnal is a retired Baptist minister in Murrells Inlet, where he and his wife Beverly have lived for the past 12 years. Bill has written two books. The books, "Daddy, Read Me A Story" and "Things That Really Matter" were published in 2006 by Brentwood Christian Press. Married for 46 years, Bill is originally from Florence and Beverly from West Columbia. They have four children and five grandchildren. Bill is a graduate of Furman University (Magna cum laude) and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. For four years he was pastor of Sardis Baptist

Church near Timmonsville, and for 24 years he was a chaplain in the United States Army retiring at the rank of colonel. After military retirement, Bill served as a Baptist missionary in Florida, then served as Director of Missions for Yates Baptist Association in Durham, NC, for four years. For more information about his book, go to www.billbagnalbooks.com

Former SC/CBF moderator Winnie Williams has new book

Winnie Williams, a member of First Baptist Church in Clemson, has recently published a book titled **The Price and Privilege of Being a Woman: Encounters with Global Women who Search for Justice and Compassion**. The book shows how cultural traditions, religion, politics, social structures and a patriarchal philosophy have forced many women to accept inferior status. The book is published by Blue Dolphin Publishing, Inc. and is available from them at 1-800-643-0765. Winnie is a past moderator of CBF of SC.

COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP OF SOUTH CAROLINA

FELLOWSHIP



JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2007

2007 General Assembly

When: April 27-28

Where: First Baptist
Church, Clemson

Theme: Building
Relationships Around the
Table

Speakers: Friday Lunch:
*History of FBC's ministry
to students at Clemson.*

Friday Missions Banquet:
*CBF Global Missions
Coordinator Rob Nash.*
General Assembly
Keynote Speaker: *CBF
former moderator Joy Yee.*

Host Hotel: Ramada Inn
and Conference Center,
U.S. Highway 123 & 76.
864-654-7501. \$68 single or
double (plus tax). Includes
full breakfast. Deadline for
reservations is April 13.

Alternate hotel: Comfort
Inn Clemson, 1305 Tiger
Blvd. U.S. Highway 123.
864-653-3600. \$65 single or
double (plus tax). Includes
full breakfast. Deadline for
reservations is April 13.

A brochure with registration
form will be included in the
March newsletter, or register
online now.



Barbara and Alex Hash chairing this year's Assembly in Clemson

When the 2007 SC/CBF General Assembly convenes in Clemson in April, it will be Barbara and Alex Hash who have headed the effort to ensure yet another successful assembly.

This year's Assembly will be Friday and Saturday, April 27-28 at First Baptist Church in Clemson. It begins at 11:45 a.m. on Friday with the Spotlight on South Carolina luncheon, which will showcase campus ministry at Clemson. The Assembly will conclude before lunch on Saturday.

Joy Yee, immediate past moderator of national CBF

and a pastor from California, will be the keynote speaker on Friday night and lead the communion service on Saturday. Rob Nash, CBF Global Missions Coordinator, will be the missions banquet speaker on Friday night and lead a general session on Saturday morning. Other features include several breakout sessions and exhibits.

"We feel that the program at Clemson is shaping up to be both interesting and challenging for all attendees," the Hashes said.

Barbara and Alex got involved with CBF by attending meetings with other representatives from

FBC Clemson after becoming disillusioned with the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Three years ago, they were elected to serve as associate members of the SC/CBF Coordinating Council as members of the General Assembly Committee. Their job, they said, was to learn the ropes in order to host the Assembly in Clemson in 2006. But with major new construction going on at the church, the meeting in Clemson was postponed until this year.

In the meantime, former General Assembly chair Alan Redditt of Conway left the state, and Barbara and Alex stepped in to chair the General Assembly Committee this year, not just act as the local hosts.

The Hashes are especially pleased the meeting will give FBC Clemson a chance to showcase its recently completed Family Life Center and other additions.

Barbara and Alex have been members of First Baptist Church for more than 33 years. Barbara has served as deacon, coordinator of Women on Mission, director of Mission Friends, and on the preschool and visitation committees. She is currently chair of the church's nominating committee.

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Coordinator's Column

The future of CBF

By Marion Aldridge
Coordinator

The Church of Jesus Christ will be just fine in the 21st century, but a lot of churches are in trouble. Do you or the lay leadership of your church know what **YouTube** is? How about **Face-Book** or **MySpace**?

As you probably guessed, those are Internet terms which 100 out of 100 American teenagers, college kids and young adults know. If they are looking for a church or a Bible study in your town, they will **Google** before they ride around the neighborhood or read the newspaper or yellow page advertisements.

They are more likely to know of Bono's Christian witness than Billy Graham's. If you don't know what or who I am talking about, ask a couple of young adults and then listen to them.

The same issues face denominations and parachurch movements in the 21st century. Some that were strong and muscular for decades may become anemic and die, and others you have not yet heard of will become robust and durable. A few are like brilliant shooting stars, visible for their "fifteen minutes of fame," or their fifteen years.

If they do good for Christ during their brief span of celebrity, there is no need for guilt or grief. My friend Ed Arnold, who died when he was

a teenager, bore witness to Jesus during his brief life, and that was all God asked him to do. Americans are obsessed with longevity and size. Are short people less godly than tall people? Are small churches or Bible study groups less devout than megachurches? What foolishness!

People ask me about the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship: Are we a one-generation movement? Good question.

In 2007 no national organization is doing more good for less money than CBF.

I do know that CBF is expending lots of time, money and energy to make sure a historic Baptist witness will survive into the future. At least 13 seminaries are affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in various ways, teaching traditional Baptist principles.

Over the New Year's holiday, I joined a ballroom full of college students in Atlanta for a weekend of soul-searching, listening, praying and sharing.

Young adults today are as spiritual as other generations, but they may not be sitting in your church on Sunday

morning. This is a time for you and me to be soul-searching too. How do we avoid being irrelevant? Do the young folks have to do all the changing, and become like us, or do we need to change some of our ecclesiastical habits?

CBF and our partner churches invest considerably in ministry to and with our young adults. We even have a Leadership Development Committee in South Carolina with the sole purpose of paying attention to the under-40 folks. We support **Unidiversity** and **Passport**, camping and mission programs exclusively geared to the younger generation.

Most important is the work of our partner congregations. When your church pays attention to young adults, from age 12 to 39, you have done far more than CBF can do from a distance. We can support your efforts, but there is no substitute for relationships which are up close and personal.

Every youngster needs at least one adult friend who is not their parent. Have you made the effort to enter the world of any adolescent? I don't know if CBF will thrive ultimately, but the Church of Jesus Christ will be just fine if our elders listen to, mentor and love our youth.

Barbara and Alex Hash — (continued from page 1)

Alex has served multiple three-year terms on the properties, stewardship and finance, usher, kitchen, and money counter committees. He is currently chair of the denominational relations committee. He also taught a singles Sunday School class for several years.

Barbara is from Newberry. She taught public school in North Carolina for 10 years, was state supervisor

of Occupational Home Economics in Columbia for five years, and taught public school in South Carolina for 15 years. She earned a B.S. degree from Winthrop College and an M.S. degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Alex is from Independence, VA. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force, taught public school in Virginia for six years, and was a professor

of education at Clemson University for 28 years. Alex earned a B.S. degree from Virginia Tech and M.S. and Doctor of Education degrees from Cornell University.

Their family includes two sons and eight grandchildren in Memphis, TN, and Lititz, PA.

They enjoy reading, sports, sewing/gardening and travel.

My Favorite Baptist Contest: Not what it used to be

It used to be just an essay contest. This year, it's been expanded to include all creative media. It used to be students could write about any Baptist. This year, they must choose from three — Mary McLeod Bethune, Jimmy Carter, and Adoniram Judson.

What hasn't changed is that the winner in the high school age group still gets a \$1,000 college scholarship and the runner-up gets a \$500 scholarship; and the winners in the lower grades get tickets to Carowinds. And all winners get to present their winning entry at the General Assembly. Go to www.cbfofsc.org for all the details, including an entry form. But hurry:

Deadline for entries is Feb. 15.

Women of the Church, take notice (and a weekend trip to the beach)

Women in South and North Carolina are invited to the 2007 *Women of the Church Conference* in Myrtle Beach the first weekend of March.

Colleen Burroughs, who directs Passport youth camps, will be the keynote speaker. Beth Mears, director of music at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church in Columbia, will be the conference musician.

"The *Women of the Church Conference* is a chance for women to spend a few days focusing on their relationship with God in a beautiful setting," said Christy McMillin-Goodwin, associate minister at Oakland Baptist Church in Rock Hill. "They will meet other women from CBF churches

around South Carolina, will hear an inspirational and educational speaker, and will have the opportunity to rest."

The conference is for all women. A pre-conference session for female clergy will be held March 1-2. Conference registration fee is \$25 for the laity conference and \$50 for the clergy conference. You can download a registration form from our web site, or contact Christy, 803.328.3864 or cgoodwin@oaklandchurch.com. The deadline to register is Jan. 30.

Call the hotel at 866.454.8309 for room reservations. Double occupancy rooms are \$50 and single rooms are \$99.

**March 2-4
Hilton Myrtle
Beach at Kingston
Plantation**



COLLEEN BURROUGHS



BETH MEARS

Terry Brooks plans to retire

Terry Brooks, the reference and referral associate for SC/CBF, has announced his plans to retire fully as of March 31. Terry has been working part-time for SC/CBF since the summer of 2001. He retired as a chaplain with the South Carolina Department of Corrections.



JUST Sharing

Offering for State Missions

The offering supports the work of SC/CBF missions within the state. Our primary areas of emphasis include working among the poor in Charleston through **Metanoia** and in Allendale through **Christ Central Ministries**, and among **internationals** primarily in the Upstate. Missions coordinator Beverly Greer is available to speak to churches, Sunday School classes or other groups on any aspect of State Missions, or about CBF Global Missions.

2006 unofficial total:

\$64,216

2007 Goal:

\$80,000

Gifts given through CBF of South Carolina

Calendar Year January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006

These are gifts given through SC/CBF. Some churches may make direct gifts to CBF National, and to other designated causes.

	General Budget CBF of SC	State Missions CBF of SC	General Budget CBF National	Global Missions CBF National	Other	TOTAL
Augusta Heights Baptist Church, Greenville	\$628.60	\$965.00	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$1,713.60
Augusta Road Baptist Church, Greenville	\$2,947.64	\$52.00	\$5,474.25	\$972.00	\$0.00	\$9,445.89
Belmont Baptist Church, Columbia	\$1,973.14	\$105.00	\$1,476.99	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$3,605.13
Blaney Baptist Church, Elgin	\$664.46	\$0.00	\$88.14	\$565.00	\$0.00	\$1,317.60
Boulevard Baptist Church, Anderson	\$30,066.49	\$1,055.00	\$55,837.81	\$6,006.67	\$2,428.43	\$95,394.40
Brunson Baptist Church, Brunson	\$2,465.21	\$326.00	\$1,623.54	\$840.00	\$1,600.00	\$6,854.75
Cedar Spring Baptist Church, Spartanburg	\$235.59	\$0.00	\$437.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$673.12
Chesterfield Baptist Church, Chesterfield	\$1,821.43	\$425.00	\$2,605.34	\$410.78	\$0.00	\$5,262.55
Clearview Baptist Church, Anderson	\$1,439.53	\$610.00	\$2,673.44	\$1,241.88	\$0.00	\$5,964.85
Corinth Baptist Church, Vance	\$2,123.82	\$25.00	\$3,944.29	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$6,168.11
Cornerstone Baptist Church, Hartsville	\$2,570.16	\$0.00	\$857.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,428.06
Earle Street Baptist Church, Greenville	\$1,254.15	\$0.00	\$2,329.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,583.31
East Park Baptist Church, Greenville	\$37.66	\$0.00	\$69.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$107.60
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Florence	\$619.50	\$0.00	\$1,150.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,770.00
Edisto Beach Baptist Church, Edisto Island	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$280.00
Emmanuel Baptist Fellowship, Lexington	\$2,015.66	\$50.00	\$3,743.37	\$1,057.08	\$50.00	\$6,916.11
Fernwood Baptist Church, Spartanburg	\$11,274.50	\$0.00	\$11,273.50	\$4,743.03	\$772.28	\$28,063.31
First Baptist Church, Aiken	\$52,351.57	\$3,296.00	\$3,492.83	\$50,384.55	\$12,811.86	\$122,336.81
First Baptist Church, Allendale	\$575.00	\$0.00	\$975.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
First Baptist Church, Anderson	\$17,497.02	\$1,695.75	\$32,494.52	\$5,331.00	\$0.00	\$57,018.29
First Baptist Church, Belton	\$3,580.21	\$2,429.00	\$6,648.99	\$5,608.63	\$15,348.41	\$33,615.24
First Baptist Church, Blackville	\$3,504.76	\$1,505.65	\$4,283.92	\$972.50	\$0.00	\$10,266.83
First Baptist Church, Clemson	\$12,250.00	\$2,489.75	\$22,750.00	\$6,793.46	\$0.00	\$44,283.21
First Baptist Church, Clinton	\$1,764.60	\$192.00	\$3,277.15	\$4,160.00	\$0.00	\$9,393.75
First Baptist Church, Conway	\$4,724.82	\$0.00	\$8,784.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,509.45
First Baptist Church, Denmark	\$0.00	\$2,365.98	\$0.00	\$1,115.35	\$0.00	\$3,481.33
First Baptist Church, Easley	\$2,601.37	\$0.00	\$4,831.17	\$0.00	\$1,590.00	\$9,022.54
First Baptist Church, Edgefield	\$1,758.71	\$0.00	\$3,266.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,024.96
First Baptist Church, Gaffney	\$1,961.33	\$0.00	\$3,642.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,603.86
First Baptist Church, Greenville	\$7,959.12	\$4,901.92	\$23,817.38	\$83,332.73	\$4,045.25	\$124,056.40
First Baptist Church, Greenwood	\$10,500.00	\$4,941.00	\$19,500.00	\$1,954.00	\$650.34	\$37,545.34
First Baptist Church, Holly Hill	\$2,384.76	\$382.50	\$4,428.87	\$1,382.00	\$0.00	\$8,578.13
First Baptist Church, Inman	\$1,300.61	\$0.00	\$370.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,670.87
First Baptist Church, Lake City	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$50,000.00
First Baptist Church, Lancaster	\$245.00	\$0.00	\$455.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
First Baptist Church, Laurens	\$858.08	\$700.00	\$1,593.61	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$3,651.69
First Baptist Church, Loris	\$274.75	\$0.00	\$510.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$785.00
First Baptist Church, Mauldin	\$157.50	\$0.00	\$292.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
First Baptist Church, Newberry	\$7,530.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,530.48
First Baptist Church, North Charleston	\$272.15	\$0.00	\$505.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$777.60
First Baptist Church, Orangeburg	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.04	\$0.00	\$1,250.04	\$61,250.08
First Baptist Church, Pamplico	\$2,423.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,034.15	\$0.00	\$3,457.79
First Baptist Church, Pendleton	\$6,340.60	\$1,502.00	\$11,775.40	\$11,306.01	\$0.00	\$30,924.01
First Baptist Church, Piedmont	\$1,697.06	\$605.00	\$3,151.74	\$1,727.32	\$0.00	\$7,181.12

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First Baptist Church, Simpsonville	\$4,871.23	\$689.10	\$3,062.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,622.46
First Baptist Church, Walterboro	\$7,751.39	\$1,721.62	\$14,395.47	\$1,831.00	\$0.00	\$25,699.48
First Baptist Church, Woodruff	\$858.46	\$0.00	\$1,594.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,452.80
First Baptist Church, York	\$3,632.12	\$833.50	\$6,745.40	\$2,377.08	\$0.00	\$13,588.10
Florence Baptist Fellowship, Florence	\$1,701.00	\$555.00	\$1,701.00	\$565.00	\$0.00	\$4,522.00
Great Commision Baptist Church, Lancaster	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Greenlawn Baptist Church, Columbia	\$2,358.75	\$769.00	\$4,371.25	\$3,094.50	\$842.00	\$11,435.50
Heath Springs Baptist Church, Heath Springs	\$144.30	\$0.00	\$268.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$412.32
Kathwood Baptist Church, Columbia	\$13,846.00	\$520.00	\$25,714.00	\$12,244.59	\$0.00	\$52,324.59
Lakeview Baptist Church, Camden	\$2,531.11	\$905.00	\$4,700.70	\$1,765.00	\$0.00	\$9,901.81
Lawtonville Baptist Church, Estill	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$660.00	\$4,538.31	\$5,698.31
Mountain Bridge Community Church, Greer	\$388.49	\$0.00	\$721.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,109.96
New Heights Baptist Church, Gaffney	\$2,191.13	\$0.00	\$4,069.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,260.44
New Hope Christian Fellowship, West Columbia	\$694.40	\$446.16	\$1,289.62	\$778.00	\$558.00	\$3,766.18
New Hopewell Baptist Church, Belton	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Newkirk Baptist Church, Rock Hill	\$37.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37.50
Nixonville Chapel, Conway	\$420.00	\$0.00	\$780.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Oakland Baptist Church, Rock Hill	\$45,169.49	\$13,016.32	\$30,112.99	\$19,524.45	\$0.00	\$107,823.25
Overbrook Baptist Church, Greenville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,198.70	\$0.00	\$2,198.70
Palmetto Missionary Baptist Church, Conway	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Parisview Baptist Church, Greenville	\$116.32	\$0.00	\$17.55	\$77.00	\$0.00	\$210.87
Pelham Road Baptist Church, Greenville	\$2,823.30	\$250.00	\$5,243.34	\$1,150.00	\$500.00	\$9,966.64
Pendleton Street Baptist Church, Greenville	\$497.21	\$131.14	\$0.00	\$112.00	\$0.00	\$740.35
Providence Baptist Church, Daniel Island	\$6,000.00	\$628.50	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,628.50
Rivertown Community Church, Longs	\$900.00	\$1,085.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$2,135.00
Sans Souci Baptist Church, Greenville	\$4,884.11	\$420.00	\$9,070.44	\$2,219.25	\$2,263.96	\$18,857.76
St. Andrews Baptist Church, Columbia	\$12,969.43	\$85.00	\$24,086.19	\$4,375.25	\$0.00	\$41,515.87
Swift Creek Baptist Church, Hartsville	\$1,418.65	\$0.00	\$2,737.00	\$880.00	\$0.00	\$5,035.65
The Baptist Church of Beaufort, Beaufort	\$19,993.16	\$4,243.70	\$6,798.62	\$16,705.91	\$1,137.57	\$48,878.96
The Bible Fellowship Baptist Church, North Myrtle Beach	\$1,174.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,174.88
The Community Church of the Midlands, Columbia	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Tidal Creek Fellowship, Beaufort	\$420.00	\$0.00	\$780.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Timberlake Baptist Church, Myrtle Beach	\$3,784.23	\$0.00	\$7,027.97	\$1,155.00	\$1,189.00	\$13,156.20
Trinity Baptist Church, Seneca	\$14,476.00	\$3,500.00	\$26,884.00	\$6,900.00	\$0.00	\$51,760.00
TOTAL CHURCH GIVING	\$408,978.34	\$61,018.59	\$486,719.00	\$270,635.87	\$71,625.45	\$1,298,977.25
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL GIVING	\$32,931.26	\$3,048.00	\$9,913.05	\$3,732.50	\$6,035.00	\$55,659.81
TOTAL GIVING 2006	\$441,909.60	\$64,066.59	\$496,632.05	\$274,368.37	\$77,660.45	\$1,354,637.06

The category of “Other” includes all other designated gifts such as to theological education, new church starts, world hunger, and Japanese ministries.

Thank you for your support of the
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in 2006.

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina operates on a fiscal year that runs from July 1-June 30.