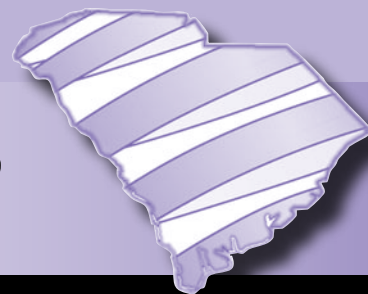


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JULY-AUGUST 2007

ALLENDALE AND OPPORTUNITIES? Throw a pebble in any direction

Chip Reeves has been the pastor of First Baptist Church in Allendale for less than six months but he has already discovered that it's "a great small town" with many opportunities.

"People know each other. People help each other. I'd count those as gospel ingredients," he said. "Yes, this town is trying to rebound from some difficulties, and we have our work cut out for us, but I get the sense that the people here have a strong resolve to see it get better."

"Opportunities? Throw a pebble in any direction and you'll hit at least one or two," he said. "USC-Salkehatchie is growing, and First Baptist Church is poised to be a campus ministry influence there. Our associate minister, Carol Holladay, has gotten this ministry started. We already feed 40-50 students on Wednesday nights and offer a Bible study after the meal."

"So, we are riding quite a bit of momentum with USC-Salkehatchie heading into the fall semester," he said. "Our hope is that we can develop more college ministry in the upcoming year."

"Beyond that, there are, of course, numerous ministry opportunities in conjunction with local agencies such as Christ Central Ministries and Allendale County Alive and perhaps with the public schools," he said.

SC/CBF, through its missions committee and "Just Sharing" state mission offering, is investing heavily in Allendale, identified as one of the poorest counties in South Carolina. There are a number of missional opportunities for churches in the community as well as for congregations visiting on mission trips, Chip said.

"I am glad CBF of SC has a missional connection with First Baptist and the Allendale community," Chris said. "There is plenty of work to do. There is a lot of potential for success here because there are good people involved. There are good leaders involved. My hope is that this will blossom into a long-term relationship and that we will see our commitments pay off in a renewed community."



Chip Reeves began duties March 1 as pastor of First Baptist Church Allendale. On Sundays, you'll find him dressed up but the rest of the time he's got his sleeves rolled up looking for opportunities to help his community.

Chip Reeves grew up in Reevesville, SC, at Reevesville Baptist Church.

"Where's Reevesville?" Chris said. "It's halfway between Polk Swamp and Cattle Creek. OK, it's also 45 miles west of North Charleston."

Chip graduated from Charleston Southern University in 1992, and earned his M. Div. from McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta, graduating in 1999 with the school's first class.

He has served as summer youth minister at Corinth Baptist Church, Vance, 1991; youth minister at Vine Street Baptist Church in Louisville, KY, 1992-1994; campus minister intern at the Baptist Center at Georgia Tech, 1994-1995; youth minister at Briarcliff Baptist Church in Atlanta, 1995-1999; Baptist campus minister at the University of Maryland-College Park, 1999-2001; assistant minister at First Baptist Church in Savannah, GA, 2001-2005; and director of admissions at McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta, GA, 2005-2007.

Chip and his wife Trisha have been married for 10 years.

"We have two cats," he said. "Isabel was rescued from a storm drain in Hampton and is named after the hurricane. Oscar was rescued from Betty's house and is named after the baby in Ghostbusters 2."

Chip likes to write, draw, birdwatch, and drink fair trade coffee. "I'm a baseball nut. I watch *My Name is Earl* religiously (and I don't mean only at Christmas and Easter)."

ALLENDALE WORK DAY

Opting for a working meeting over a talking meeting, the Membership Committee of SC/CBF will sponsor a SC/CBF work day in Allendale on Oct. 13. This work day will be in lieu of the traditional Fall Convocation. No matter what your skill set — whether it be rocking babies or hammering nails — there will be a place for you. More details on the brochure included with this newsletter, or on the web site, www.cbfofsc.org.

PLEASE REGISTER BY SEPT. 1 SO THAT APPROPRIATE PROJECTS CAN BE ARRANGED.



by Stephen Z. Hearne, Chair
Baptist Principles Committee
Pastor, First Baptist Church,
Piedmont

Stephen is recommending the book *The Separation of Church and State: Writings on a Fundamental freedom by America's Founders* (Beacon Press: Boston, 2004) and edited by a Unitarian minister, Forrest Church. It can be ordered from Beacon Press, www.beacon.org.

BAPTIST PRINCIPLES | BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Celebrating our religious freedom can happen any time of year

We have just celebrated the Fourth of July and many churches probably had special services to remember the battles for freedom and the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Celebrating and remembering the religious freedoms we enjoy is something that can be done any time of year.

Many Fellowship Baptists are well aware of the books by Bill Tuck (*Our Baptist Tradition*) and Walter Shurden (*The Baptist Identity: Four Fragile Freedoms*). These are excellent resources for teaching about historic Baptist principles.

I want to recommend another book that serves as a tremendous resource and might help in teaching about religious freedom.

Last year as we were visiting Washington, DC, we went to one of my favorite places in this city filled with historic monuments – the Jefferson Memorial. While there, I purchased a small book that is a collection of writings from some of our founding leaders, both political and religious. It is *The Separation of Church and State: Writings on a Fundamental Freedom by America's Founders* (Beacon Press: Boston, 2004) and is edited by a Unitarian minister, Forrest Church.

Among the authors he includes are Patrick Henry (*In Defense of Religious Liberty*), George Mason (*Colonial Declarations of Rights: Virginia*), James Madison (*Memorial and Remonstrance Against Religious Assessments*), and various writings by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

Yet, Church doesn't stop with these writers but includes important treatises by Isaac Backus, a Baptist clergyman in Massachusetts (*An Appeal to the Public for Religious Liberty*), and Virginian, John Leland, who convinced Madison to include religious freedom in the Bill of Rights (*The Rights of Conscience*).

In an address to the University of Virginia Board of Visitors in 1819, Jefferson said, "The constitutional freedom of religion [is] the most inalienable and sacred of all human rights."

As a member of the Baptist Principles Committee of SC/CBF and as an historic Baptist, I highly commend this book to you as we not only remember our independence from England but as we must remember the precarious position of religious freedom for all.



Mission Possible: Think you have no useful skills to help out in Allendale at the SC/CBF Work Day on Oct. 13? Ten third-fifth graders and nine adults from Oakland Baptist Church in Rock Hill held their own Allendale Work Day July 1-3. They took with them donated magazines and books; worked on a landscaping project at Christ Central Ministries; and led a Kids' Club.

BUDGET 2006-07

- Giving declined by 5% last fiscal year. It was the first time in at least three years that receipts were down over the previous year. Expenses were up 7% last year. Expenses exceeded revenues by \$22,326.

- Receipts needed monthly to meet last year's budget were \$45,705. That amount was received only three out of 12 months.

- The 2007-08 budget (\$563,043) is an increase over last year. Monthly needs will be \$46,920.

- The balance in the unrestricted fund at July 1, 2006, was \$113,942. The balance at June 30, 2007, was \$90,616.

Gifts given through CBF of South Carolina

Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007

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

Church	General Budget SC/CBF	State Missions SC/CBF	General Budget CBF National	Global Missions CBF National	Other	TOTAL
Augusta Heights Baptist Church, Greenville	\$692.39	\$1,035.00	\$292.50	\$334.89	\$0.00	\$2,354.78
Augusta Road Baptist Church, Greenville	\$3,346.15	\$316.00	\$6,214.24	\$713.00	\$0.00	\$10,589.39
Belmont Baptist Church, Columbia	\$1,618.39	\$105.00	\$1,655.55	\$262.12	\$0.00	\$3,641.06
Boulevard Baptist Church, Anderson	\$32,769.26	\$855.00	\$60,857.14	\$6,892.15	\$0.00	\$101,373.55
Brunson Baptist Church, Brunson	\$2,954.24	\$326.00	\$2,080.41	\$1,635.00	\$1,600.00	\$8,595.65
Cedar Spring Baptist Church, Spartanburg	\$32.15	\$0.00	\$59.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$91.84
Chesterfield Baptist Church, Chesterfield	\$0.00	\$820.00	\$0.00	\$2,725.00	\$0.00	\$3,545.00
Clearview Baptist Church, Anderson	\$1,202.38	\$610.00	\$2,233.01	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$5,645.39
Corinth Baptist Church, Vance	\$2,478.45	\$25.00	\$4,548.78	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$7,247.23
Cornerstone Baptist Church, Hartsville	\$2,194.09	\$0.00	\$732.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,926.71
Dean Swamp Baptist Church, Springfield	\$595.00	\$0.00	\$1,105.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,700.00
Earle Street Baptist Church, Greenville	\$1,454.50	\$0.00	\$2,701.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,155.76
East Park Baptist Church, Greenville	\$46.22	\$0.00	\$85.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$132.03
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Florence	\$588.00	\$0.00	\$1,092.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,680.00
Edisto Beach Baptist Church, Edisto Island	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$180.00
Emmanuel Baptist Fellowship, Lexington	\$1,842.83	\$946.44	\$3,422.34	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$6,511.61
Fernwood Baptist Church, Spartanburg	\$10,011.00	\$0.00	\$10,011.00	\$0.00	\$667.58	\$20,689.58
First Baptist Church, Aiken	\$54,290.55	\$2,633.00	\$3,492.83	\$56,887.09	\$13,352.10	\$130,655.57
First Baptist Church, Allendale	\$575.00	\$140.00	\$975.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$1,970.00
First Baptist Church, Anderson	\$15,914.46	\$1,695.75	\$29,555.35	\$5,503.00	\$0.00	\$52,668.56
First Baptist Church, Belton	\$3,760.42	\$1,341.00	\$6,983.63	\$8,048.27	\$16,116.28	\$36,249.60
First Baptist Church, Blackville	\$3,266.07	\$848.75	\$2,787.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,901.89
First Baptist Church, Clemson	\$2,812.50	\$0.00	\$8,437.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,250.00
First Baptist Church, Clinton	\$1,811.19	\$192.00	\$3,714.65	\$1,980.00	\$0.00	\$7,697.84
First Baptist Church, Conway	\$5,351.16	\$0.00	\$9,947.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,298.44
First Baptist Church, Denmark	\$369.71	\$4,451.51	\$686.55	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$5,857.77
First Baptist Church, Easley	\$3,324.13	\$0.00	\$6,173.34	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$9,672.47
First Baptist Church, Edgefield	\$1,631.00	\$0.00	\$3,028.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,659.96
First Baptist Church, Gaffney	\$1,896.43	\$0.00	\$3,521.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,418.35
First Baptist Church, Greenville	\$11,354.79	\$5,276.10	\$31,745.21	\$89,693.68	\$5,988.40	\$144,058.18
First Baptist Church, Greenwood	\$10,500.00	\$6,136.00	\$19,500.00	\$4,522.50	\$0.00	\$40,658.50
First Baptist Church, Holly Hill	\$2,596.77	\$1,134.37	\$4,822.47	\$605.00	\$0.00	\$9,158.61
First Baptist Church, Inman	\$7,940.96	\$0.00	\$4,950.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,891.25
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	\$1,438.68	\$0.00	\$2,671.78	\$2,410.00	\$0.00	\$6,520.46
First Baptist Church, Loris	\$246.05	\$0.00	\$456.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$703.00
First Baptist Church, Mauldin	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$130.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
First Baptist Church, Newberry	\$8,428.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,428.88
First Baptist Church, North Charleston	\$284.86	\$0.00	\$529.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$813.90
First Baptist Church, Orangeburg	\$14,666.78	\$0.00	\$80,666.78	\$0.00	\$2,291.66	\$97,625.22
First Baptist Church, Pamplico	\$2,566.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$844.15	\$0.00	\$3,410.37

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First Baptist Church, Pendleton	\$4,770.15	\$1,502.00	\$8,858.85	\$6,520.34	\$0.00	\$21,651.34
First Baptist Church, Piedmont	\$1,806.45	\$1,430.00	\$2,835.89	\$1,210.00	\$0.00	\$7,282.34
First Baptist Church, Simpsonville	\$4,938.65	\$0.00	\$3,862.78	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$8,901.43
First Baptist Church, Walterboro	\$7,168.11	\$1,721.62	\$13,312.10	\$4,495.00	\$0.00	\$26,696.83
First Baptist Church, Woodruff	\$857.81	\$0.00	\$1,593.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,450.89
First Baptist Church, York	\$4,529.28	\$833.50	\$8,414.49	\$3,034.50	\$0.00	\$16,811.77
Florence Baptist Fellowship, Florence	\$1,330.00	\$0.00	\$1,330.00	\$565.00	\$0.00	\$3,225.00
Greenlawn Baptist Church, Columbia	\$2,102.71	\$1,424.00	\$3,905.03	\$1,741.00	\$0.00	\$9,172.74
Heath Springs Baptist Church, Heath Springs	\$243.99	\$0.00	\$453.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$697.12
Kathwood Baptist Church, Columbia	\$10,385.55	\$770.60	\$19,287.45	\$26,854.66	\$500.00	\$57,798.26
Lakeview Baptist Church, Camden	\$2,570.77	\$905.00	\$4,774.22	\$1,650.50	\$0.00	\$9,900.49
Lawtonville Baptist Church, Estill	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$5,910.00	\$0.00	\$6,460.00
Mountain Bridge Community Church, Greer	\$138.35	\$0.00	\$256.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$395.30
New Heights Baptist Church, Gaffney	\$2,833.52	\$0.00	\$5,262.22	\$2,157.00	\$0.00	\$10,252.74
New Hope Christian Fellowship, West Columbia	\$347.20	\$267.00	\$644.81	\$1,035.00	\$0.00	\$2,294.01
New Hopewell Baptist Church, Belton	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Newkirk Baptist Church, Rock Hill	\$157.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$157.50
Nixonville Chapel, Conway	\$420.00	\$600.00	\$780.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00
Oakland Baptist Church, Rock Hill	\$32,459.99	\$10,404.42	\$27,939.99	\$15,606.63	\$0.00	\$86,411.03
Overbrook Baptist Church, Greenville	\$271.33	\$0.00	\$503.90	\$2,198.70	\$0.00	\$2,973.93
Palmetto Missionary Baptist Church, Conway	\$52.50	\$200.00	\$97.50	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$400.00
Parisview Baptist Church, Greenville	\$39.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39.32
Pelham Road Baptist Church, Greenville	\$3,172.89	\$250.00	\$5,892.51	\$2,177.50	\$580.00	\$12,072.90
Pendleton Street Baptist Church, Greenville	\$252.21	\$131.14	\$0.00	\$112.00	\$0.00	\$495.35
Providence Baptist Church, Daniel Island	\$7,050.00	\$0.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Rivertown Community Church, Longs	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.38	\$0.00	\$3,400.38
Sans Souci Baptist Church, Greenville	\$2,631.60	\$420.00	\$4,887.20	\$962.00	\$1,638.50	\$10,539.30
Shaws Fork Baptist Church, Aiken	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
St. Andrews Baptist Church, Columbia	\$13,560.82	\$85.00	\$25,184.28	\$6,048.00	\$0.00	\$44,878.10
Swift Creek Baptist Church, Hartsville	\$1,224.25	\$0.00	\$2,273.55	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$3,657.80
The Baptist Church of Beaufort, Beaufort	\$22,807.54	\$4,784.61	\$7,602.46	\$19,325.17	\$1,317.87	\$55,837.65
Tidal Creek Fellowship, Beaufort	\$420.00	\$0.00	\$780.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Timberlake Baptist Church, Myrtle Beach	\$3,929.07	\$50.00	\$7,296.82	\$1,280.00	\$0.00	\$12,555.89
Trinity Baptist Church, Seneca	\$14,851.55	\$5,700.00	\$27,581.45	\$14,900.00	\$0.00	\$63,033.00
TOTAL CHURCH GIVING	\$396,514.77	\$60,915.81	\$509,948.61	\$308,789.23	\$64,102.39	\$1,340,270.81
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL GIVING	36,857.23	\$3,171.19	\$10,769.50	\$3,810.00	\$4,175.00	\$53,513.24
TOTAL FISCAL YEAR 2006-07	\$433,372.00	\$64,087.00	\$520,718.11	\$312,599.23	\$68,277.39	\$1,393,784.05

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina operates on a fiscal year that runs from July 1-June 30. These figures indicate gifts received in the SC/CBF office between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007.

Other giving includes gifts for scholarships, Cooperative Student Fellowship, mission projects, and any other restricted giving.

Coordinator's Column



By Marion Aldridge
Coordinator

I was wondering how our world would be changed if we practiced truth in advertising: "17th Best Barbeque in Columbia." It might be the truth, but it might be hard to get people through the front door, especially if there are only 17 Barbeque restaurants in Columbia. What about churches? Do any of these seem like the truth in your church?

What we say...	What we mean...
Everyone is Welcome!	Not Everybody Is Welcome.
Our Hope is Built on Nothing Less than Jesus' Blood and Righteousness	Our Hope Is Built on Nothing Less than Habit and Tradition.
Our Church Talks the Talk and Walks the Walk!	Our Church Talks the Talk!
Come to our Bible study hour and study the Bible.	Come to our Bible Study hour and you won't be asked to open your Bible or to study.
First Baptist Church: Your Church for Today's World	First Baptist: Your Church for the 20th Century
"The Fellowship of Excitement"	"The Fellowship of Entertainment"
"Join us: You will enjoy our small family church atmosphere."	"Join us: We're a family church, but not everyone is family. It may take you about ten years to be fully accepted."
"We want young adults in our church."	We want young adults in our church. We want them to think and act like older adults.
"Metro Megachurch: Join Us to be part of something BIG"	Metro Megachurch: We care mostly about you before you become a member. Being Bigger is our Goal, not Being Christian.
"Unity Baptist Church"	Unity is our name. Blame is our game.
"We avoid controversial subjects from the pulpit."	"At our church, we don't talk politics or theology. We are your source for Irrelevance."
"We are a Baptist Church."	We say we are Baptist. That's our story and we are sticking with it. No one here actually has a clue what being Baptist means any longer.

SCHOLARSHIPS

FOR THE FALL SEMESTER, THE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF SC/CBF HAS AWARDED 17 SCHOLARSHIPS TO SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENTS STUDYING AT CBF-RELATED SEMINARIES. TWELVE FULL-TIME STUDENTS RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$600 EACH; FIVE PART-TIME STUDENTS RECEIVED \$300 EACH.

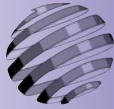
Paul Moore at work in Inman

Paul Moore began work March 1 as pastor of First Baptist Church in Inman. He previously served Sans Souci Baptist Church in Greenville for almost 15 years. He earned an M.Div. from Midwestern Baptist Seminary and a Ph.D. from Southern Seminary. His undergraduate work was done at Samford University.



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Commissioned to serve

Four with South Carolina ties in field of appointees

Four people with strong South Carolina ties were among the CBF field personnel commissioned at the 2007 General Assembly.

Glen and Clista Atkins are going to Hungary to work with Gypsies at the Gandhi School under the Global Service Corps (GSC) program. Glen has been minister of music at First Baptist Church in Greenville for 15 years. Clista is a former singles minister at the church. In Hungary, Glen will be setting up a music ministry and Clista will be teaching English as a Second Language. GSC appointees serve for one to two years.

Wanda Ashworth, a former staff member at First Baptist Church in York, will be working

as executive director of Open House Ministries in Homestead, Fla. She was appointed under the affiliate program. Affiliates must either raise their own support or work at a job that provides income. They are not paid by CBF.

Janee Angell of Texas will return to Belgium Aug. 29 after being appointed as a CBF affiliate. She had previously worked in Brussels under the Global Service Corps program. To return as an affiliate, she must raise her own funds. SC/CBF has contributed \$6,000 to support her work among Muslims. Some individual churches in South Carolina have also committed to her support.

Glen and Clista Atkins, presented by
FBC Greenville member Jim Childress.



Janee Angell, center, with
Nell Green of Rock Hill
and Marion Aldridge.

