

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP OF SOUTH CAROLINA



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It's been a while — maybe as much as a generation — since SBC-sponsored seminaries were THE place that all Baptist preachers-to-be went for their training. In the years since 1979, new divinity schools, seminaries and Baptist houses have grown up to take their places as the training grounds of choice for

A new generation of moderate leaders

David Brown, the 24-year-old new associate pastor for youth and young adults at Parisview Baptist Church in Greenville, thought he was going to McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta after he graduated from Clemson University. He ended up in the first graduating class at Wake Forest Divinity School this past May, and got the call to Parisview beginning July 14.

Jeff Hayes grew up in a traditional SBC church and came to Furman as a religion major with a suitcase packed full of conservative thought. But at Furman, he unpacked that baggage and learned to repack that bag with theological beliefs of his own. He then found his seminary home at Gardner-Webb School of Divinity where he is a second year student while also serving as associate pastor for youth and education at Cedar Springs Baptist Church in Spartanburg.

Alabama native David King, a summer intern at First Baptist Church Greenville,

went straight from his Southern Baptist roots and Samford University in Birmingham to the Baptist House of Studies at Duke University because of the diversity the school offered. What he has found is that by studying with students from other backgrounds with broad ranges of experience, he has solidified his own beliefs in historic Baptist principles.

These three future leaders are part of a generation educated in places larger and smaller, older and newer, more diverse and less traditional than the generation that preceded them. But one thing is not different — their commitment to ministry and to preaching the gospel.

"This is an exciting time for me," said Brown. "I went to Wake Forest Divinity School because I thought it would be challenging to study with people from different backgrounds. I found it to be good preparation for doing church work in the



David Brown



Jeff Hayes

context that denominational barriers are becoming fuzzier. As pastors, to do our jobs, we're going to have to work across denominational lines, and having gone to a school with students from many backgrounds has helped prepare me for that job."

Jeff Hayes grew up knowing nothing but what he was taught in his local Baptist church in Spartanburg. "I came to Furman with those ideas and theology in my mind because I didn't know anything else," he said. "With the help of religion professors and others at Furman, I learned to unpack those things I had been taught as a child. I learned that I had grown up among conservatives and fundamentalists and that that was not where I am or who I am."

David King's ties to South Carolina are only summer-long as he completes a 12-week Lilly Foundation-funded internship at First Baptist Church Greenville. "I chose Duke because I wanted to be challenged academically and because I liked the idea of the diversity of the students in combination with the Baptist House that was already established," he said. "By having to defend my beliefs, I have found that I am even more rooted in my Baptist principles. Both the professors and the students have helped me to sort out my issues."

Jeff Rogers, senior pastor at First Baptist Greenville, has worked closely with King this summer, and he also spent a significant amount of time at the CBF General Assembly in Fort Worth talking with Hayes (continued on page 5)

Numbers are fun. At least to me they are. I started college as a math major before I discovered I could earn a degree for reading books I wanted to read! Numbers can also be aggravating. They can be embarrassing. They can also be enlightening.

Numbers can never tell the whole story, but they do tell a story.

In this issue of the Fellowship News, contributions made to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina are listed. They represent gifts from July 1, 2001 until June 30, 2002, our fiscal year. Let me say "Thank you" to all of the churches and individuals who have contributed to this wonderful work in the past year. God has been multiplying your gifts as with the loaves and fishes! More is being done on your behalf than you can imagine. A few things, the mere tip of the iceberg, are reported in our newsletter. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness this past year.

Even as the state coordinator of this organization, I do not review this record daily, so it had some surprises for me as I am sure it does for you. Congregations which are not thought of as "CBF churches" have embraced the realities of our post-denominational age (by which I mean that loyalty is not limited to one denominational service or program provider). Many of them send CBF a good bit of money. There are some unexpected revelations in the other direction as well. Some churches give beyond their means and some below. There is no "assessment" as in some other denominations. Don't you love being Baptist?

Let me ask a few pertinent questions:

- Do people in your church know of the CBF option?
- Do they know how to give their mission gifts to CBF through your local church?
- Is there anything you can do to make them more aware?
- Do you have friends who are "moderate" in their Baptist theology who would like to support a mission sending and theological education agency they can feel good about?
- Is there anything you can do to make giving to CBF through your church budget a less cumbersome process?
- Are you willing to be a contact person for your church to make sure Global Missions and State Missions offering envelopes are distributed during the correct season?

Budget preparation time is coming up for congregations. Making CBF an option in your church does not have to be threatening to anyone, unless they are, by nature, fearful. Remember two things: 1) Jesus, the prophets and half the angels in the Bible said "Fear not," and 2) "choice" is a good word for Baptists!

If your church will not forward your CBF contribution to us, would you consider giving to the ministry of CBF directly? If you do not do this, you do not pay a nickel of the salaries of

our missionaries, and you do nothing to insure respectable theological education for the next generation of Baptist pastors and church staff. If neither you nor your church give to CBF, you do not support the ministry of CBF of SC to the "least of the least and the poorest of the poor" in North Charleston. (I am sure there will eventually be a way to give to the Charleston Poverty Initiative without sending a check to CBF of SC, but that possibility does not yet exist.) We love well-wishers, and we value prayers. Your financial contribution is also desired and needed. I have seen people at CBF meetings who do not attend CBF supporting churches and who do not give to CBF. I am always glad to see old friends and to make new friends, but if you value what we do, one of the best ways to demonstrate your support is financially. Of course, all personal donations are confidential. I confess that it is a bit puzzling to us in the CBF of SC office when we are asked to help a pastor or minister of education move to a "CBF church" when that person has never been to one of our meetings or supported CBF financially.



Coordinator's Column

By Marion Aldridge
Coordinator of SC/CBF

The main purpose of the publication of this list is fiduciary. We are responsible for an accurate reporting of the money you send to this office. This list reflects contributions to CBF of SC only. **Unless you tell us otherwise, we keep 25% of every undesignated dollar you send to our address for ministry and missions in SC. We send 75% to the national Resource Center.** Well over a million dollars came through CBF of SC with the majority of those contributions being passed on to national CBF. This list does **not** report those gifts. Nor does it include any reference to about twenty churches which give to national CBF but not to CBF of SC.

One of life's painful lessons is that sin, in the form of embezzlement, fraud and misappropriation, happens even in religious churches and organizations. This list creates an opportunity for church members to see if the money they give for the Lord's work is going where they think it is going. The last time CBF of SC published "Contributions by Churches," we were glad to have the opportunity to discover the accuracy of our own bookkeeping, and pastors and laity were able to review their church's gifts to CBF of SC. I am pleased to say that our bookkeeping was accurate.

Our experience has been that people are grateful for this public report. A review of the list reveals that at least ten churches, some old and some new, are now giving to CBF of SC that were not giving as recently as two years ago. Some other churches which have been a part of this movement are no longer listed. Sometimes that represents the change of a pastor. Sometimes it represents the change of a financial secretary! Please check to make sure your mission gifts are being distributed correctly.

2001-02 Church Contributions to SC/CBF

Church Name	Gifts to CBF of SC	CBF of SC State Missions	Theological Education	Designated CBF of SC Projects	Total Church Gift
ACTS Fellowship Greenville	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Ariel Baptist Coward	\$290.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$290.82
Augusta Heights Baptist Greenville	\$582.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$582.75
Blaney Baptist Elgin	\$775.75	\$235.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,010.75
Boulevard Baptist Anderson	\$17,851.77	\$639.00	\$0.00	\$12,750.00	\$31,240.77
Brunson Baptist Brunson	\$957.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$957.68
Chesterfield Baptist Chesterfield	\$3,445.38	\$398.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,843.38
Clearview Baptist Anderson	\$2,045.87	\$436.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,481.87
Corinth Baptist Church Vance	\$1,229.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,229.20
Cornerstone Baptist Hartsville	\$31.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31.25
Earle Street Baptist Greenville	\$424.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$424.83
East Park Baptist Greenville	\$83.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$83.50
Ebenezer Baptist Florence	\$443.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$443.75
Fernwood Baptist Spartanburg	\$7,176.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,176.74
First Baptist Aiken	\$45,700.34	\$1,434.46	\$11,179.22	\$257.00	\$58,571.02
First Baptist Allendale	\$654.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$654.99
First Baptist Anderson	\$12,720.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,720.25
First Baptist Belton	\$3,253.27	\$906.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,160.12
First Baptist Bishopville	\$2.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.25
First Baptist Blackville	\$1,598.92	\$706.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,304.92
First Baptist Charleston	\$38.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38.38
First Baptist Clemson	\$10,830.59	\$466.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,296.59
First Baptist Clinton	\$1,153.43	\$2,006.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,159.43
First Baptist Conway	\$5,580.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$6,080.71
First Baptist Denmark	\$2,812.43	\$4,611.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,424.34
First Baptist Edgefield	\$227.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$227.16
First Baptist Gaffney	\$2,274.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,274.40
First Baptist Greenville	\$8,283.83	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	\$25,300.00	\$35,833.83
First Baptist Greenwood	\$7,656.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,656.25
First Baptist Hampton	\$586.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$586.05
First Baptist Hartsville	\$39.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39.00
First Baptist Holly Hill	\$1,988.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$2,088.87
First Baptist Inman	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
First Baptist Kershaw	\$730.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$730.00
First Baptist Lake City	\$20,416.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,416.65
First Baptist Lancaster	\$1,437.50	\$41.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,478.50
First Baptist Laurens	\$253.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$253.65
First Baptist Loris	\$1,179.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,179.75
First Baptist Mauldin	\$439.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$439.50
First Baptist North Charleston	\$12.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.38
First Baptist Orangeburg	\$15,150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,150.00
First Baptist Pendleton	\$2,588.75	\$1,416.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,004.75
First Baptist Piedmont	\$1,289.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,289.82
First Baptist Simpsonville	\$2,834.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$2,934.81
First Baptist Walterboro	\$2,268.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,268.73
First Baptist Woodruff	\$1,002.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,002.37

2001-02 Church Contributions to SC/CBF (continued)

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First Baptist York	\$1,314.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,314.77
Florence Baptist Fellowship Florence	\$334.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$334.00
Grace Baptist Seneca	\$60.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.50
Greenlawn Baptist Columbia	\$1,693.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,693.74
Heath Springs Baptist Church	\$305.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$305.71
Individuals and Households	\$20,330.00	\$13,109.00	\$0.00	\$2,600.00	\$36,039.00
Kathwood Baptist Columbia	\$10,368.12	\$5,680.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,048.12
Lakeview Baptist Camden	\$1,723.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,723.77
New Heights Baptist Gaffney	\$1,627.46	\$76.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,703.46
New Hope Christian West Columbia	\$866.69	\$950.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,817.36
Nine Forks Baptist Easley	\$85.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85.57
Nixonville Chapel, Conway	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Oakland Baptist Rock Hill	\$34,043.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,043.64
Ocean View Baptist Myrtle Beach	\$915.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$915.00
Overbrook Baptist Greenville	\$858.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$858.65
Pelham Road Baptist Greenville	\$1,748.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,748.92
Plum Branch Baptist Plum Branch	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Providence Baptist Charleston	\$2,305.85	\$1,070.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,375.85
Rivelon Baptist Orangeburg	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Riverview Baptist Easley	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Sans Souci Baptist Greenville	\$2,454.57	\$519.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,973.57
Shaws Fork Baptist Aiken	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
St. Andrews Baptist Columbia	\$13,746.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,746.78
Swift Creek Baptist Hartsville	\$625.18	\$575.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.18
The Baptist Church of Beaufort	\$38,666.27	\$1,556.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,222.64
The Community Church of the Midlands	\$175.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
Timberlake Baptist Myrtle Beach	\$4,084.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,084.97
Trinity Baptist Seneca	\$10,213.94	\$356.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,569.94
Washington Street Baptist Winnsboro	\$150.00	\$519.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$669.00
Totals	\$340,263.42	\$37,957.26	\$13,429.22	\$41,607.00	\$433,256.90

Financial Summary	\$\$\$ 2001-2002		Income	Expenses	Net	<p>Summation: The 2001-02 budget was \$358,900. Our income was \$6,603 short of that budget, but our expenses were \$35,719 less than budgeted, ending the year with an approximate surplus of \$29,116. (The books are still open.)</p> <p>Once the books are closed, the unspent funds will go to the Charleston Mission Initiative, as approved by the Coordinating Council on July 11.</p> <p>The designated money received for missions, scholarships and new church starts during 2001-02 will be spent in 2002-03. This is money available to these projects beyond what is budgeted for this year.</p>
		Budget	\$352,297	323,181	29,116	
		Designated Receipts				
		Missions	40,921		40,921	
		Scholarships	13,429		13,249	
		New Churches	17,549		17,549	
		Total for SC/CBF	424,196	323,181	101,015	
		Pass-Through Receipts				
		CBF National	644,681	644,681		
		SCBC ²	52,557	52,557		
Total Receipts	1,121,434	1,020,419	101,015			

¹These income figures include gifts from individuals and other sources, so do not correspond to the total given from churches, shown in the list above.

²SCBC: South Carolina Baptist Convention

Young leaders

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and other young leaders.

"One of the reasons I feel compelled to spend time with and support and encourage young people headed for the ministry is that I look at myself as being one of the last of the generation of ministers trained at the old SBC seminaries," he said. "I think a case can be made that we have lost nearly an entire generation of young ministers between the fall of those seminaries to the fundamentalists and the intervening time before we got our new options for theological education up and running."

"As one of the last ones to get a really great education at the old seminaries," Rogers said, "I feel a responsibility to help fill the enormous gap that we have in leaders for the future in moderate Baptist church life."

May 2002 Graduates

CBF Related Seminaries	
Brite Baptist House (Texas)	2
BTSR	44
Campbell (Buies Creek, NC)	32
Candler Baptist House (GA)	19
Central (Kansas City)	24
Duke	24
Gardner Webb	12
Logsdon (Hardin-Simmons)	22
McAfee (Atlanta)	23
Truett (Dallas)	23
Wake Forest	20

SC/CBF Coordinator Marion Aldridge recognized E.C. Watson at the South Carolina regional meeting in Fort Worth for the history that E.C. has compiled of the first 10 years of CBF of South Carolina. Pictured between the two is E. C.'s wife Mary Ann. Copies of the history are available from the CBF of SC Resource Center for \$10 each.



At FBC Greenville

Duke intern gets on-the-job experience

David King is one of the top students at Duke Divinity School, and he is getting more than just classroom experience this summer while working as an intern at First Baptist Church Greenville.

David is one of 12 students studying at Duke under a Lilly Foundation Scholarship.



David King



Those 12 students, and three others, are also getting on-the-job experience this summer working with 15 specially-selected teaching congregations of various denominations.

"This is an extraordinary opportunity for David to be on the

inside of a major church's life while he is trying to make decisions about his vocation," said Jeff Rogers, senior pastor at FBC Greenville. "To get 12 weeks of time with a pastoral staff, lay leaders, and major church committees, to see and hear what the life of the church is like from the inside is a golden opportunity for him to clarify his own sense of calling."

King agrees. "It has been a great experience in helping me to discern my call to ministry and put in practice what I've learned in the classroom," said King, who has completed one

year of his study at Duke. "Jeff is a great mentor. Spending time shadowing him along with responsibilities of my own have allowed me to see all sides of a pastor's life, including preparation of sermons and pastoral care in the home and hospital. One of the main things that's really helped me is time to reflect on vocation, what my calling entails."

"It's too early to say where I'll end up but this experience has taught me to remain patient in discerning my call," he said.

"Our church has made a commitment to doing everything we can as a church to contribute to the next generation of leaders," Rogers said, "including offering scholarships to student and direct support from our budget to the seminaries, and providing an opportunity like this for David and other students to be interns with our congregation."

Duke's BAPTIST HOUSE

Curtis Freeman is director of the Baptist House of Studies at Duke Divinity School where about 100 Baptist students are part of a 470 student body. Eight of the Divinity School faculty are also Baptists. Freeman succeeded Furman Hewitt, now a member at FBC Greenville, who retired last year.



SC/CBF to give scholarships to 14 seminary students

South Carolina CBF through its Inheritor's Committee provides some funding for scholarships for students attending seminaries. In 2002-03, 14 students at eight seminaries will receive \$800-900 each. The Inheritor's Committee has just completed its selection process and is notifying recipients. One of the recipients will be attending Yale. The others will be students at CBF-related seminaries, said Kelly Belcher, chair of the Inheritor's Committee.

Pam Blankenship called to Blackville

Pamela Muise Blankenship has been called as Minister of Music and Youth at First Baptist Church in Blackville. She has served as interim co-pastor of Rivertown Community Church in Conway since 1999 where she was ordained in April 2000.

Also, since 1993, Pam has worked with the Myrtle Beach Campground Ministry, four summers as full-time chaplain in charge of worship, day camp, evening programs, visitation, and six years as off-season chaplain, in charge of worship and visitation. She is also a former interim youth minister at North Conway Baptist Church.

Pam earned a BA in interdisciplinary studies with emphasis in music, religion, and theater from USC-Coastal Carolina University in Conway. She also earned an M.A. in Christian Education with emphasis in youth ministry from Southern Seminary.

"We are super excited to have her and her husband Bill coming," said pastor Lindsey Inman.



Pam Blankenship



SC/CBF sponsored a dinner meeting that featured Charles Kimball, former Furman faculty member who is an expert on the Middle East, and an ice cream fellowship on July 2 in conjunction with the Furman Pastors School. David Odom, right, from the Center for Congregational Health in North Carolina, was one of the speakers at the school. With him are Howard and Judy Wimmer from Augusta Heights Baptist Church in Greenville where Howard is pastor.

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Elizabeth Thomas is an exercise science major at the University of South Carolina who found her summer job this year as a SC/CBF intern. From Lexington, Elizabeth is a member of Northside Baptist Church in West Columbia.

"A part of what I'm doing is getting information about CBF out to the younger generation," she said. "I want them to know that CBF is here for them if they need us."

"CBF also has a lot of missions opportunities that younger people could take advantage of if they knew — opportunities in Charleston, Belgium, Allendale, and other places," she said. "There are many students who would have the time and energy to give."

This is the second year that the Inheritor's Committee has made funds available for a summer intern. Elizabeth heard about the internship from her campus BSU director.

SC/CBF's summer intern

Elizabeth Thomas

"I'm getting educated myself on what CBF does," she said.

Elizabeth enjoys sports of all kinds. She played basketball in high school and

is a big Carolina fan. She has been involved in missions since she was a member of Mission Friends. She just returned from a missions trip to the Bahamas with a group of students from USC-Aiken.

"Working for CBF is very different from working in the secular world," she said. "I don't know of any other job that would have allowed me to be away a week on a missions trip."

Elizabeth began work

on May 14 and will conclude her internship on Aug. 2.



Elizabeth Thomas

Koinonia: The Belgium singing group, Koinonia, is in the state and performing at various churches. CBF missionary Nell Green is traveling with the young people. The group's schedule is posted on the website, www.cbfofsc.org.