

# FELLOWSHIP News

COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP OF SOUTH CAROLINA JULY-AUGUST 2004



## Augusta Heights leads effort to open new Greenville food pantry

Seeing a need and having the space, Augusta Heights Baptist Church in Greenville set out to find partners to help it establish a food distribution center in its part of town.

The result is that several churches and other groups have joined in partnership with Augusta Heights to establish the Samaritan House, a food distribution and referral center at 105 Old Augusta Road.

Augusta Heights has owned this property since 1966. It was previously used as rental property but has been vacant for more than a year. The idea of a service ministry grew out of discussion relative to the disposition of the property, said Pat Kirkbride, minister of education and outreach for the church.

Research revealed that there are more than 9,000 people — more than 4,000 households — living within a one-mile radius of the church. Of these 4000 households:

- 345 have a mom only and children under the age of 18.

- 370 households have no car for transportation.

- 983 residents over the age of 25 have less than a high school education.

- More than 800 adult males and 1,400 adult females are not in the work force.

"The need for food and other help is very evident," Kirkbride said. "There is no

cooperative food distribution center or crisis center in this area of the city. So we realized that the need as well as the opportunity to serve in this community was indeed great."

Plans were made and work begun to

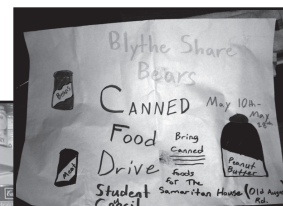
make the food bank and referral center a reality. Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian and other Baptist churches (including Parisview) have joined the effort. In addition, several other groups and individuals have been supportive of the Samaritan House, Kirkbride said. Blythe Academy, a local elementary school, has adopted the Samaritan House on two occasions as a special outreach project through food drives, and the result of that work means the pantry is already well-stocked, even before it opens. The Greenville Baptist Association has also helped.

The Samaritan House's foremost goal will be to provide food. Beyond that, the house will serve as a screening center to help in referring people to agencies and groups that can help with education, employment, health and family issues, etc. "In this way the Samaritan House ministry can help with the immediate needs

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Pat Kirkbride, minister of education and outreach at Augusta Heights Baptist Church in Greenville, has already organized canned goods donated primarily by students at Blythe Academy. Samaritan House will open as soon as the city grants appropriate permits.



**Celebrating the Past: Faith**

**Sharing the Present: Love**

**Anticipating the Future: Hope**

## Fall Convocation:

**Nov. 8 • First Baptist Church Greenville**

Registration begins at 2 p.m. The program starts at 2:30, continues through dinner and will be over at 8 p.m.

*Details to come.*

**Foy Valentine • Duke McCall • Jimmy Allen  
Carolyn Weatherford Crumpler**

## HOW YOUR DOLLARS ARE SPENT

### Seminary Scholarships

SC/CBF, through its Inheritors Committee, has given 15 scholarships to students who will be studying at CBF-related seminaries this fall. The scholarships are valued at \$600 each. Students will be eligible for the same scholarship assistance in the spring.

# Our record of giving

My daughter Julie, who is majoring in math at Clemson, and who loves statistics, jokes that 76.3% of statistics are made up. She may be right. There are variations on that theme, such as "Statistics lie, and liars use statistics." God knows that legalistic minds can bend real information to suit their purposes. But, statistics can also give us a lot of useful information.

We have several goals in annually publishing data about church contributions to and through CBF of SC. Primarily, we want accuracy. We want to make sure every penny we receive is properly credited and accounted for.

I also hope that publishing these figures will motivate some of you. Churches that are 50% moderate should be sending more than a pittance to CBF. Some churches have 75%-90% of their congregation who appreciate women deacons and the other core values of CBF, yet they send us 5% to 20% of their mission budget. They continue to support those who demean women, who build walls instead of bridges between people, and who are proud of it. These churches use CBF to help them find a moderate pastor, then go back to business as usual with regard to their mission contributions, tossing a few crumbs in the direction of CBF.

Some "flagship" CBF churches participate minimally or not at all in our State and Global Missions offerings. To say that I am

perplexed by this is an understatement. This is a weird time in Baptist life. I understand that churches move slowly. I have no desire to disrupt the sweet peace of a local congregation, unless that peace needs to be disrupted. Cecil Sherman says it takes

seven moderates to counter one fundamentalist in a church. I don't think it honors the church of Jesus Christ to let intimidating bullies always get their way. Should your church be sending more to CBF? Only you can answer that.

One last word: Notice that almost 10% of our income has come from individuals. You are encouraged to contribute directly to CBF as you would to Habitat for Humanity or any other para-church organization.

I love this organization. We are doing a great work. If you are reading this, you know that already. We need your help. Please pray and give.

PS: If our numbers do not seem correct to you, please check with your church office, or call Eloise Harris at the CBF of SC office (803) 779-1888. Remember that our budget year is from July 1-June 30, and that we have not reported money for national CBF or Global Missions that was sent directly to the Atlanta office. The figures attached represent only what came to or through CBF of SC.



**By Marion Aldridge**  
Coordinator of SC/CBF

## Sept. 11 mission projects designed to instill hope

The Inheritors Committee of SC/CBF will join with *current* to do simultaneous missions projects in local communities on Sept. 11 in response to the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001. The goal of the projects is to instill hope in the face of tragedy, and to show through service — no matter how small — a commitment to bringing the love of Christ to the world. South Carolina projects will be in Rock Hill, Greenville and Charleston. *current* is a national network designed to involve 20-40 year olds in the work of CBF. Contact Christy McMillin-Goodwin at Oakland Church in Rock Hill if you want to participate or need information, cmgoodwin@comporium.net or call 803.328.3864.

## Baptist Studies Program at Lutheran Seminary

The Coordinating Council of SC/CBF held its July meeting at the Lutheran Seminary in Columbia where a new Baptist Studies Program will begin in the fall. Eight Baptist students are enrolled. They will follow the seminary's normal curriculum but will also take courses in Baptist polity and history. Ginger Barfield is directing the program. She is currently trying to raise funds to help Baptist students offset their tuition. Contact her if you can

help financially or know of a prospective student, gbarfield@ltss.edu, 803.461.3249.

## Nominating Committee needs suggestions

The Nominating Committee needs help finding good people willing to fill slots on the Coordinating Council. Contact immediate past moderator Laurie Berry, chair of the committee, if you have suggestions, BerryL@mindspring.com or call 803.790.1510.

## Financial Report

For year ending June 30, 2004

Unrestricted Receipts for SC/CBF:	\$329,869
Deficit in the Unrestricted Fund:	(\$65,317)
Unrestricted Fund Balance:	(\$41,461)
Restricted Receipts for CBF	
Resource Center Atlanta:	\$654,587

For most of 2003-04, 25% of unrestricted funds coming to SC/CBF were kept in the state and the balance sent to CBF-Atlanta. The percentage was changed to 35% at the April General Assembly.

### Metanoia

From SC/CBF Operating Budget:	\$35,000
From Designated Gifts:	\$26,877
From State Mission Offering:	\$56,758

The Coordinating Council, on July 11, approved a recommendation from the Finance Committee that a Task Force be appointed to look at ways to increase giving by individuals.

# Gifts to Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina

July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004

	<b>Gifts to SC/CBF</b>	<b>CBF of SC State Missions</b>	<b>CBF National</b>	<b>Global Missions</b>	<b>Theological Education</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
ACTS Fellowship	\$295.00		\$805.00			\$1,100.00
Augusta Heights Baptist	\$1,323.60					\$1,323.60
Augusta Road Baptist	\$1,106.51		\$2,638.63	\$371.00		\$4,116.14
Blaney Baptist	\$732.72		\$1,290.19	\$100.00		\$2,122.91
Boulevard Baptist	\$19,097.80	\$1,732.00	\$51,337.67	\$9,793.39		\$81,960.86
Brunson Baptist	\$915.70	\$225.00	\$1,050.23	\$585.00		\$2,775.93
Calvary Baptist	\$100.00		\$300.00			\$400.00
Chesterfield Baptist	\$1,388.80		\$4,125.00	\$3,263.83		\$8,777.63
Clearview Baptist	\$2,687.84	\$1,427.50	\$7,742.65			\$11,857.99
Corinth Baptist	\$1,461.44	\$210.00	\$4,184.32	\$150.00		\$6,005.76
Dean Swamp Baptist	\$375.00		\$1,125.00			\$1,500.00
Earle Street Baptist	\$896.74		\$2,433.77			\$3,330.51
East Park Baptist	\$49.45		\$131.46			\$180.91
Ebenezer Baptist	\$542.25		\$1,492.75			\$2,035.00
Emmanuel Baptist	\$366.99		\$889.58	\$50.00		\$1,306.57
Fernwood Baptist	\$14,643.00	\$4,073.26	\$14,643.00	\$7,261.41		\$40,620.67
First Baptist Aiken	\$43,553.61	\$168.00		\$45,893.42	\$10,572.53	\$100,187.56
First Baptist Allendale	\$525.00	\$375.00	\$1,100.00	\$245.00		\$2,245.00
First Baptist Anderson	\$12,578.29	\$738.14	\$34,630.30	\$3,015.00		\$50,961.73
First Baptist Belton	\$2,495.20	\$609.00	\$6,852.49	\$4,225.50		\$14,182.19
First Baptist Blackville	\$1,534.77	\$472.87	\$2,624.21			\$4,631.85
First Baptist Charleston	\$173.30		\$472.80			\$646.10
First Baptist Clemson	\$9,313.00	\$2,436.00	\$17,592.00	\$7,472.60		\$36,813.60
First Baptist Clinton	\$1,310.20	\$866.00	\$3,770.24	\$6,461.61		\$12,408.05
First Baptist Conway	\$3,938.68	\$2,600.00	\$10,687.62			\$17,226.30
First Baptist Denmark	\$1,170.77	\$1,234.98	\$801.83	\$4,211.75		\$7,419.33
First Baptist Easley	\$1,664.53	\$75.00	\$4,639.10			\$6,378.63
First Baptist Edgefield	\$1,226.68		\$3,313.34	\$685.00		\$5,225.02
First Baptist Gaffney	\$2,168.12		\$5,968.70			\$8,136.82
First Baptist Greenville	\$12,109.55		\$18,726.90	\$1,872.75	\$3,880.00	\$36,589.20
First Baptist Greenwood	\$7,500.00	\$4,042.00	\$22,500.00	\$6,779.39		\$40,821.39
First Baptist Hampton	\$80.13					\$80.13
First Baptist Holly Hill	\$1,678.59	\$1,221.94	\$4,099.11	\$1,590.29		\$8,589.93
First Baptist Church Inman	\$3,499.66					\$3,499.66
First Baptist Lancaster	\$587.75		\$1,157.25	\$100.00		\$1,845.00
First Baptist Laurens	\$283.29					\$283.29
First Baptist Loris	\$1,115.00					\$1,115.00
First Baptist Church Mauldin	\$542.28		\$1,444.22			\$1,986.50
First Baptist Newberry	\$2,404.02			\$400.00		\$2,804.02

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First Baptist N. Charleston	\$240.53		\$653.42			\$893.95
First Baptist Orangeburg	\$16,250.00	\$225.34				\$16,475.34
First Baptist Pamplico	\$1,692.07	\$675.00		\$284.00		\$2,651.07
First Baptist Pendleton	\$11,873.59	\$1,001.00	\$11,937.16	\$6,326.93		\$31,138.68
First Baptist Piedmont	\$1,186.79	\$1,149.30	\$3,117.45	\$1,917.64		\$7,371.18
First Baptist Simpsonville	\$2,812.10		\$1,987.12	\$1,800.00		\$6,599.22
First Baptist Walterboro	\$7,268.89	\$4,185.71	\$21,806.62	\$4,532.50		\$37,793.72
First Baptist Woodruff	\$634.88		\$1,849.97			\$2,484.85
First Baptist York	\$1,987.51	\$283.50	\$5,677.65	\$1,513.50		\$9,462.16
Florence Baptist Fellowship	\$1,469.50	\$580.00	\$1,469.50	\$500.00		\$4,019.00
Greenlawn Baptist	\$1,042.45		\$3,127.34	\$1,654.75		\$5,824.54
Heath Springs Baptist	\$296.12					\$296.12
Kathwood Baptist	\$9,610.77		\$24,403.56			\$34,014.33
Lakeview Baptist	\$1,837.75	\$790.00	\$5,211.64	\$2,093.50		\$9,932.89
Lawtonville Baptist	\$1,383.68		\$3,998.25	\$202.43		\$5,584.36
New Beginnings Christian Fellowship	\$137.50		\$412.50			\$550.00
New Heights Baptist	\$1,453.58		\$3,845.11	\$2,689.00		\$7,987.69
New Hope Christian Fellowship	\$480.08	\$400.00	\$1,120.18	\$624.00		\$2,624.26
Newkirk Baptist				\$25.00		\$25.00
Nixonville Baptist	\$320.00	\$600.00	\$880.00	\$200.00		\$2,000.00
Oakland Baptist	\$24,900.82	\$17,117.59	\$16,600.55	\$13,455.05		\$72,074.01
Ocean View Baptist	\$418.75		\$1,256.25	\$175.00		\$1,850.00
Overbrook Baptist	\$965.10		\$1,447.65	\$200.00		\$2,612.75
Parisview Baptist	\$22.40		\$41.60			\$64.00
Pelham Road Baptist	\$1,894.00	\$428.00	\$5,432.43	\$1,804.00		\$9,558.43
Pendleton Street Baptist	\$31.54		\$17.95	\$17.36		\$66.85
Providence Baptist	\$2,467.25	\$51.00	\$7,401.75			\$9,920.00
Rivertown Baptist	\$371.25		\$93.75			\$465.00
Sans Souci Baptist	\$2,550.88	\$825.00	\$6,885.08	\$2,359.50		\$12,620.46
Shaws Fork	\$275.00	\$360.00	\$750.00	\$1,000.00		\$2,385.00
St. Andrews Baptist	\$11,826.48	\$381.47	\$32,850.54	\$4,864.75		\$49,923.24
Swift Creek Baptist	\$734.45	\$350.00	\$2,006.60	\$895.00		\$3,986.05
The Baptist Church of Beaufort	\$15,117.07	\$5,485.98	\$21,751.55	\$5,671.25		\$48,025.85
The Bible Fellowship Baptist	\$631.32		\$1,499.78			\$2,131.10
The Community Church of the Midlands	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$200.00		\$850.00
Tidal Creek Fellowship	\$300.00		\$700.00			\$1,000.00
Timberlake Baptist	\$4,105.44	\$1,418.42	\$253.12	\$810.00		\$6,586.98
Trinity Baptist	\$7,316.50		\$20,709.50	\$3,000.00		\$31,026.00
All Individuals	\$36,245.54	\$6,460.00	\$25,520.37	\$18,874.75		\$87,100.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$329,886.84	\$659,773.68	\$471,485.30	\$182,216.85	\$14,452.53	\$1,063,465.52



# CBF-endorsed chaplain has trained other chaplains to minister — in peace and in war

*Roller retiring from Fort Jackson post*

**C**BF-endorsed chaplain Hal Roller is retiring this month from his job as commandant of the Army Chaplain School at Fort Jackson and moving to Kansas to be nearer his children and grandchildren.

Hal and his wife, Sherry, are members of East Columbia Baptist Church. He became one of CBF's 379 endorsed chaplains about a year and a half ago because of the "fellowship and like mindedness with a biblical approach" that he found in CBF. "I was unhappy with the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention because I feel that there were unbiblical things going on," he said.

An Army chaplain for 28 years, Hal grew up in Birmingham, went to Samford University and was drafted into the Army. During three years, he went to Officer Candidate School, received a commission in the infantry, and spent a tour in Vietnam as an infantry platoon leader. He returned from his tour to study at Southern Seminary. He was a minister in Florida for two years before returning to the Army.

"In the 1960's at the beginning of my career, my world and my concept of God was so small," he said. "As I have grown older, both my world and my concept of God have grown."

During his Army career, Hal moved 12 times, living overseas in Korea, Germany, and Belgium and in the US from Burbank, CA to Fort Bragg, NC. As commandant of the Army Chaplain School, he has overseen the training of all new Army chaplains who could be called to minister in peace or in war.

"I'm like the president of a seminary," he said. "I oversee the training of chaplains and chaplain assistants in the Army. The army has a certain structure and here at the school we make sure that the chaplain positions and training are efficient and effective to fit into that structure."

A battalion chaplain services the smallest maneuverable unit in the army, approximately 1,000 soldiers. Three to six battalions make a brigade that is ministered to by a brigade chaplain who oversees the battalion chaplains. At the chaplain service school, Hal administers the teaching of three central roles of the chap-

Hal Roller retires this month as a CBF-endorsed Army chaplain.



laincy: Pastoral Care, Worship, and Staff Officer.

Ministers learn to provide pastoral care to soldiers and their families from many races, religious backgrounds, and traditions. Hal teaches chaplains to deal with people. The chaplains learn to teach soldiers that while serving together within the army, they also have the opportunity to worship. "We teach them how to lead worship in a multiethnic, pluralistic, army environment," he said.

Finally, the chaplains learn to be staff officers, just like every staff officer in the army. A chaplain is on the commander's staff that includes other positions: adjutant, operations, intelligence, supply, and the chaplain. "We teach the culture of the army; the individuals bring to the army what they are and how God is going to use them as they serve," he said.

At retirement, Hal will move to Overland Park, KA. His son Mark, 29, and daughter, Kimberly, 26, and his four grandchildren live in Kansas City, MO.

Hal is in a transition phase in July and August for a retirement date set for September 1. "My experience is not the same as Paul on the Damascus road," he said. "My life has been full of a number of life changing experiences which have helped me grow in the Lord."

## Presenters of Baptist Principles

The Baptist Principles Committee of the SC/CBF Coordinating Council is compiling a list of persons qualified and available to lead studies or make other presentations concerning Baptist principles. The list will be made available to congregations in South Carolina. If you would like to be included on this speakers list, or if you would like to recommend someone to be included, please, contact Joe Farry at Parisview Baptist Church, 100 Bud Street, Greenville SC 29617, (864) 232-1838, [joe@parisview.org](mailto:joe@parisview.org). Please include qualifications and contact information.

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**One day mission project • Kid's Camp in Allendale • August 14 10:00-2:00**

Bring your ministry team (drama, puppets, interpretative movement, etc.) or assemble a craft team and join us for a day of children's ministry at Christ Central Ministries in Allendale. Area children will participate in Bible study, games, and carnival-type fun and you can help make it happen. Volunteers will staff registration tents, serve food, supervise games, and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through creative ministries. Serving Allendale and surrounding counties, Christ Central provides transitional housing, recovery programs, Bible Study, worship, food distribution, and children's programming aimed at serving some of South Carolina's most marginalized citizens. For more information or to volunteer contact Jay Kieve at 803.584.2318 or 803.584.2136 or by e-mail at [meljay@mindspring.com](mailto:meljay@mindspring.com).

Wrestlers for Jesus  
are scheduled to  
appear (it is TV  
wrestling with a  
gospel witness).

**Samaritan House**

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as well as help people begin to help themselves and become self-sufficient," she said. "It is the hope of this ministry to help break the cycle of need."

"At the Samaritan House, the belief is that we need to reach people where they are — if they are hungry, feed them first," Kirkbride said. "We believe in following Christ's command to help even the least of these. The Samaritan House will be sharing the love of Christ with God's children in their own neighborhood."



This house, owned by Augusta Heights Baptist Church in Greenville, is being transformed from a rental property that was covered with graffiti, to a Samaritan House, where people in need can find help.

**FBC Greenville youth off to Hong Kong/China**

Fifty-three youth and adults from First Baptist Church Greenville will be attending the Baptist World Youth Conference in August in Hong Kong. They will also tour mainland China where they will sing in several churches.

Sponsored by the Youth Department of the Baptist World Alliance, the youth conference is held every five years on a different continent to bring young people and youth leaders together to celebrate their faith in Jesus Christ.

**2004 State Mission Offering Goal: \$110,000**

If you need materials to promote the offering in your church,  
please call the CBF Resource Center in Columbia.