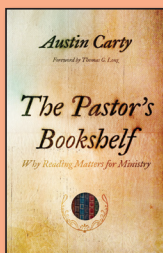




Austin Carty's Book Signing

Austin Carty's book signing was held April 2 at Boulevard Baptist Church. Join us in celebrating the launch of Austin Carty's latest book, *"The Pastor's Bookshelf: Why Reading Matters for Ministry."*



Here's how Austin summarizes his book: The two main ideas of the book are 1) reading is far more formational than it is informational; and 2) because of this, pastors should think of reading as a vocational responsibility rather than a luxury.

Given its formational capacities, reading strengthens pastors in all spheres of ministry. The book shows how this applies specifically to preaching, pastoral caregiving, vision casting and leadership.

Above: Austin Carty with Boulevard charter member Anita Elrod

Judith Myers named BWIM SC Outstanding Woman Minister of the Year

EACH YEAR, BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY OF SOUTH CAROLINA HONORS ONE OUTSTANDING WOMAN MINISTER WHO DEMONSTRATES FAITHFUL COMMITMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HER MINISTRY, exhibits the characteristics of a mentor of women in ministry, exemplifies qualities of gifted leadership and redemptive service, maintains an active role in the ministry of her local church, and displays



support for the goals and visions of Baptist Women in Ministry in South Carolina. This year's BWIM SC Outstanding Woman Minister of the Year is Reverend Judith Myers.

Judith Myers is the pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Fellowship and an LBSW/chaplain with Lighthouse Hospice Group in Irmo. She was nominated by Dr. Christina Pryor Pittman, a member of her congregation. Pittman says this of Myers:

Pastor Judith champions sacred journeys as a hospice chaplain to sick patients and their families. Her skill sets also take her into areas of technology to improve the hospice ministry efficiency. This same creativity spills over into her church family. Her innovation to bring meaningful ministry and a practical message

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Celebrating 20 years of Metanoia

CBFSC AWARDED BILL STANFIELD, EVELYN OLIVEIRA, MARION ALDRIDGE AND BEVERLY GREER THE 2022 BRENDA KNEECE CHRISTIAN ACTION AWARD FOR THEIR COURAGE 20 YEARS AGO TO ADDRESS STRUCTURAL AND SYSTEMIC ISSUES IN NORTH CHARLESTON. This audacious vision and courage led to the founding of Metanoia. Twenty years ago, Aldridge was the coordinator of CBFSC and Greer was the missions coordinator of CBFSC. Through their bold vision of what CBFSC could do, Stanfield and Oliveira were called as urban ministers to listen to the residents of North Charleston for one year before moving forward in their community development ministry. We celebrated and honored their commitment and innovation that led to the founding of Metanoia.

Bill Stanfield and Evelyn Oliveira were honored for always listening and for 20 years of collaborative community development, healing and renewal in North Charleston.

Marion Aldridge and Beverly Greer were honored for their visionary leadership towards collaborative and innovative missions in South Carolina.

Metanoia was also gifted "Sisterly Love," a painting by Johnson from Uganda. This painting was bought from the silent auction at the 2021 CBF General Assembly. Proceeds from that auction went to support the work of Missy Ward-Angalla, a CBF field personnel serving in Uganda.

Tony Vincent, the chair of the General Assembly Planning Committee, announced that CBFSC churches and individuals have so far raised \$73,647 through the Pushing Forward in Faith anniversary campaign. This special fundraising campaign is to celebrate these four individuals, the continued ministry of Metanoia, God's provision, and CBFSC's generosity. If you would like to donate to this campaign, visit <https://cbfsc.org/pushing-forward-in-faith-anniversary-campaign>.



Beverly Greer holds the 2022 Brenda Kneece Christian Action Award



Jay Kieve, Evelyn Oliveira, Bill Stanfield, Marion Aldridge, and Tony Vincent, photograph by LBZZ Photography



Shawn Saulsberry, the Board President of Metanoia, and Bill Stanfield receive the painting "Sisterly Love" with Marion Aldridge watching. Photograph by LBZZ Photography.

Metanoia 20th Anniversary Campaign Donors

CBF South Carolina and Metanoia wish to thank the following contributors for their faithful and loving support of Metanoia on the occasion of their 20th anniversary!

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Rivertown Community Church
Trinity Baptist, Seneca

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feeds our congregation and community. Through COVID she stretched the bounds of social media and virtual worship to connect personally.

Pastor Judith invests non-stop in building up and nurturing women ministers like me and our church intern, Crystal Ham. Furthermore, she poured into a young high school women's worship team, which included my daughter, Elena. This pioneering group of young ladies led our church in worship during a critical period without a music leader. Judith's dedication to these youth involved extra hours building relationships and coaching them. I am thankful to God for bringing Rev. Judith Meyers to our church and for the opportunity to recognize her servant-heart for this well-deserved award!

Reverend Cara Morgan, the director of BWIM SC said, "BWIM SC is overjoyed to name such an innovative minister as our Outstanding Woman Minister of the Year. Judith has truly gone above and beyond to connect with and mentor women leaders in her church, even in the midst of such a challenging time."

Congratulations, Rev. Judith Myers, for this well-deserved award!

CBFSC General Assembly Highlights and Thanks

Jay Kieve (CBF), Luke Powery (Dean of Duke University Chapel), Calbert Brantley (Pastor, St. Matthew Baptist Church), Bill Stanfield (Metanoia). Image by LBZZ Photography



Oasis Retreat

OASIS IS A RETREAT FOR YOUTH, CHILDREN, AND COLLEGE MINISTERS, HOSTED EVERY OTHER YEAR BY THE CBF YOUTH MINISTRY NETWORK. This year, it was held February 8–11 in Montreat, NC, and 15 ministers from CBFSC attended.

Youth, children, and college ministers have had to be creative, innovative, and flexible over the past few years, and this has been exhausting. At the Oasis retreat, ministers were able to fellowship with one another, relate to similar experiences, discuss ideas, relax, and rest. We are appreciative to the organizers of this event and are thankful for the participation of all who attended.



A few of the CBFSC ministers at the Oasis retreat.

CBFSC HASN'T HAD AN IN-PERSON GENERAL ASSEMBLY SINCE 2019! Many of us haven't seen each other in person since that meeting, so it was great to finally have an in-person event.

CBFSC honored retired editor and communications specialist Sue Poss for her dedication to telling the stories of CBFSC through newsletters and social media for more than 25 years!

We want to thank St. Matthew Baptist Church and their pastor, Rev. Calbert Brantley, for their hospitality and welcoming us to North Charleston. St. Matthew is an extraordinary partner to Metanoia, having housed their offices and program space for twenty years! We are all grateful for this faithful congregation, and pray God's blessings on this church!

Thanks also to Metanoia's staff, board, and volunteers for their work and welcome to CBFSC. Local vendors, partners to Metanoia and board members include LBZZ Photography, local musician Fred Hudson, Catering by Robert Pinckney, and Daddy's Girl Bakery.

Thanks to the CBFSC General Assembly Team for their tireless work in organizing an amazing meeting. Special thanks to Providence Church volunteers and worship leaders, including keynote speaker Dr. Luke Powery, Voices of Deliverance choir, and BWIM SC leaders.

Thanks to the CBFSC mission partners for sharing updates during the breakout sessions about their work in their communities. We are blessed and proud to be a part of the amazing work they are all doing in South Carolina and beyond.

CBFSC Adds Two New Mission Partners



Lane Riley (CBFSC), Rev. Lucy Cauthen (CBFSC Missions Committee Chair), Rev. Rachel Gunter-Shapard (Vice President of Together for Hope-Black Belt), and Rev. Nell Green (Founder and Director of The Off Ramp) sign covenant agreements at CBFSC General Assembly.

THE COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP OF SOUTH CAROLINA INVESTS IN INNOVATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES. Our covenant partners (Metanoia, Koinonia, Palmetto Works, and Carolina Immigrant Alliance) have been long-term partners we fund through both CBFSC's general budget and the Beverly Greer Offering for State Missions. This year, the missions committee of CBFSC added two new covenant mission partners: Together for Hope (TFH) and The Off Ramp.

Together for Hope is a rural development coalition of the 301 counties of persistent rural poverty in the United States. Twelve of those counties are in South Carolina. Together for Hope is building a network of organizations and individuals in these coun-

ties to work on the four priorities of hope: education; health and nutrition; housing and environment; and social enterprise.

The Off Ramp connects with immigrants and refugees-both in the United States and other countries. Through partnerships, The Off Ramp provides jobs, mentoring, and meals. Different items, like soap, clothing, and jewelry, are sold through Threads by Nomads to support individuals and families.

CBFSC is excited to add these organizations as long-term missions partners.

We Celebrate our 2021–2022 Moderator!



THANKS TO REVEREND JENNIFER MCCLUNG RYGG FOR HER FAITHFUL LEADERSHIP SERVING AS MODERATOR FOR CBFSC IN 2021–2022. Jennifer is the senior pastor at First Baptist Church in Pendleton, where she served as associate pastor from 2006–2016, and as senior pastor since 2017.

We welcome Garren Titus, our new moderator who will serve 2022–2023. Garren is a member of Boulevard Baptist Church in Anderson, where he is the chair of the Stewardship Committee, a deacon, and a children's ministry leader.

CBFSC also thanks all those who have and continue to serve on our committees and teams. You are vital to the work of the Fellowship, and we are grateful for your service! Bless you!

Honoring Jay Kieve

JAY KIEVE BECAME THE COORDINATOR OF CBFSC IN MARCH 2013. In November 2021, he accepted a full-time role as the director of ministerial transitions for CBF Global, to go along with the role of abuse prevention and response advocate he was already filling. He was honored during this year's General Assembly for his dedication, leadership, and commitment to CBFSC congregations, clergy, and mission partners. Jay has contributed much to CBFSC's progress, mission and vision, and we are a better organization for his leadership.



Dear Wonderful CBFSC Friends,

Thank you so much for an amazing General Assembly. Your kindness and generosity were on full display throughout the day. I said it there, and I'll say it again here: CBFSC is an overachieving group of people. For a small state, you minister through strong churches, share resources at an incredible rate, and partner in creative and Christ-honoring ways. It is amazing to see!

And thank you so much for the oyster roast and low-country boil. I felt truly treasured and appreciated by your gifts, generosity, and laughter. Even though I'm no longer an employee of CBFSC, I proudly remain a CBFSC Baptist!

Peace,
Jay

Ellen Sechrest, the CBF manager of Global Missions, says, "Jay has been a joy to work with in South Carolina. His gentle spirit, kindness, and work ethic was yet another gift to CBFSC, and sets the framework well for its next leader. CBFSC is well positioned to continue being a leader and advocate for congregations and partners in South Carolina. CBF Global is delighted to continue our work with Jay as well."

Lane Riley, the associate coordinator of CBFSC, says, "Jay is known for his presence. He attended as many churches and events as he could, and became known as someone who was willing to meet you where you were. He is committed to making churches as safe as possible, and is passionate about helping others. He is such an asset to South Carolina."

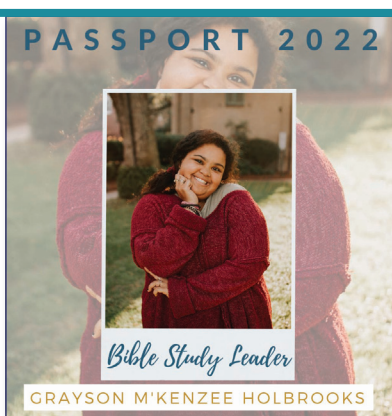
CBFSC office manager Debbie Haag is grateful for all that Jay has done for the organization and staff and is extremely happy that Jay remains part of the CBF family.

THE NEXT COORDINATING COUNCIL
meeting will be May 12 at 10:00 a.m.
The Zoom link will be sent out the week before the meeting.

We are excited to announce our 2022 summer staff teams and those who come from churches in South Carolina!



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These individuals are an impressive group, and we are grateful to work with them this summer!



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CBFSC Welcomes Ministers to CBFSC Churches

WE WELCOME TWO MINISTERS TO CBFSC CHURCHES. Naomi Black-Bass is the new minister of youth and missions at First Baptist Anderson, and Allison Benfield is the new associate pastor at Providence Church in Charleston.

CBFSC also welcomes two new partner churches to the Fellowship: Welfare Baptist Church in Belton, SC, and Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Denmark, SC. Coordinating council member Jeffrey Howard is minister of Christian education and community outreach at Welfare Baptist Church, and coordinating council member Charles Moses is pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Denmark. **Welcome!!**



Above Left: Naomi Black-Bass
Above Right: Allison Benfield

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WHAT GOD HAS DONE...
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OVERVIEW

The 2022 General Assembly is back in person after two years as a virtual event! This year's Assembly brings you closer to the people, churches and partners of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The Fellowship is a family that invites partners and friends, new and old, into relationship as we equip each other and seek God's transformation of the world.

Yes, we invite, equip and transform. Together.

E-NEWS

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