



Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Louisiana

Stagg-Tolbert Forum with Molly Marshall Saturday October 6 – Register at cbfla.org

This Issue at a Glance:

Celebration: We share in Stephanie Vance's joy in being selected National Together for Hope Interim Manager.

Goodbye and Transition: We will be giving a bittersweet farewell to Stephanie at the end of December as she transitions to her new duties but are thankful she will be with us through the end of the year to plan transition for this important work.

Homecoming: Our Fellowship "comes home" twice a year for state gatherings. In the Fall, it is the Stagg-Tolbert Biblical Forum, this year at Broadmoor Baptist - Baton Rouge on Saturday October 6. We will hear from a gifted theologian Dr. Molly Marshall and have some table talk about what God is doing in our midst.

Celebration

Recognized for her leadership, vision and on the ground experience in a Together for Hope parish/county, CBF national has selected our Lake Providence missionary Stephanie Vance to be the national interim Together for Hope manager. Her new position is effective October 1. She will be responsible for planning national activities and building the network and collaboration among the various Together for Hope sites. She will also lead the group in sharing best practices and developing the overall Together for Hope vision for the future.



Stephanie Vance

We are proud of Stephanie and her work. She has been a pioneer for us and wrote the book on a new work where no one else had gone before in establishing a full time presence on the ground. Stephanie will be honored at lunch during our upcoming Stagg-Tolbert Biblical Forum, October 6, a week from Saturday. Be sure to take the time to tell her how much you appreciate her.

Goodbye and Transition

Stephanie will remain with CBF-LA in Lake Providence through December in a half time status to continue the work and help us plan the transition for our next missionary. We will begin the search immediately as well as look at restructuring the position to make it sustainable for the long haul. We have a lot of momentum and good will moving forward in this Kingdom work. We will be looking for people to be part of a Together for Hope Advisory group to help us guide the work through the next steps.

Homecoming



Dr. Molly Marshall

Molly Marshall, a gifted teacher, theologian and pastor will be speaking on: "Rescue the Perishing: A Theology of Disaster Relief." Come be a part of this time of enlightenment and rejuvenation. Being the presence of Christ has been central to our fellowship from the beginning whether in responding to weather disaster or the ongoing disaster of poverty.

Molly will help us look at the foundation of this work and our calling of God. You will find she speaks with clarity, wisdom and humility with a pastor's heart and a scholar's intellect. You will also benefit from the meal and conversation of encouragement that pervades this meeting.

And, in concert with our theme, Broadmoor Baptist has already been involved in the disaster relief in LaPlace. See the pictures and testimony below:

From Pastor Terry Ellis:

I was in LaPlace this past Monday handing out food to people impacted by Hurricane Isaac. It was hot! It was busy! And, most importantly, it was a blessing to me and the other folks from Broadmoor Baptist Church. The need in this area of our state will go on for many years as we help rebuild. I am grateful for CBF Louisiana, and the partners we work with, for providing an opportunity for us to channel the compassion of Christ.

Like all natural disasters, Hurricane Isaac hurt worst the weakest people in our society. Damage from the wind and water is not as obvious as with other storms, until you get to the places where the poor lived. Uninsured houses are gone or severely damaged. Thousands of people will feel the damage from Isaac for years.

God wants to use you as an agent of His grace to hurting people. Join our efforts to show God's grace! Give to support CBF Disaster Relief. Volunteer some time to go and help. You will be blessed as you seek to bless others.



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