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Peace is a gift not to be hoarded. Carried in tow, it goes with us to those at hand and those far away. Jesus blesses, graces, grounds us with this peace, then sends us as far as the Spirit takes us. We embrace the world with a \*Glocal vision.

Our Assembly this Spring is "home-grown." Celebrating local gifts we will tell our story and sing our song of God's grace and peace. Pastors and other leaders in our state fellowship will help us focus this vision toward the unique call and place God is sending us.

Friday night, Christian Comedian **Jinny Henson** from Shreveport, will delight and challenge. (See [jinnyhenson.com](http://jinnyhenson.com)) Romany partner couples **Holmes and Adkins** will greet us via You-Tube with new stories of their work with Gypsies. "You should have been there" missional stories from partner churches, songs, laughter and food(!) will round out the night.

Saturday morning will feature small group experiences: *Emerging New Church Starts* with **John Henson**; *Find a Hurt and Heal It* with **Reid Doster**; *Sons and Daughters of Abraham: Christian-Jewish Dialogue* with **Steve Meriwether**; *Together for Hope Rural Poverty Initiative: Next Steps* with **Kyle Kelley** and others.

We will also gather for a large group for *Pastor's Panel* facilitated by **Greg Hunt** in open dialogue with pastors about leaning together into the dreams and plans God has for CBF-LA. Worship will conclude the morning activities led by **Chris Thacker** and our "Glocal-Motion" children's group.

Spring Assembly ends with lunch, brief business and a charge from our moderator **Jay Hogewood**. Included will be words about new directions, new leadership and new fellowship. We will end with prayers of thanksgiving, petition for blessing and discernment, and a time of commitment to be obedient to God's call.



*Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."*  
John 20:21

## Spring Assembly April 4-5, 2008 Pineville Park Baptist Church - Pineville

**NEW!**  
"Glocal-Motion"  
Children's Program



**Jinny Henson**  
Christian Comedian  
Shreveport



**Chris Thacker**  
Pastor  
Emmanuel-Alexandria

Begins with Friday 6:30pm Dinner  
Concludes 1:30pm Saturday

Childcare through 6th grade  
Meal cost: Friday \$8, Saturday \$7

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**Reserve for meals and  
childcare by March 30**

**\*GLOCAL? HUH?** A word used frequently in the Emerging Church movement, "Glocal" blends local and global visions and is revolutionizing the way churches and other groups do missions, translating the Great Commission in fresh, new, challenging ways for a postmodern generation. (Google "Glocal.")  
**Assembly Preview:** Two Assembly speakers have been featured previously in *Fellowship People*, Jinny Henson in the March 07 issue and Steve Meriwether in the May 05 issue re: Christian/Jewish dialogue. Articles can be accessed at [cbfla.org](http://cbfla.org).



# CBF-LA Partner Churches Give Leadership

Newly inspired and enthused, a reconstituted Coordinating Council recently gathered for the first time as representatives from partner churches. A working Council, this body takes seriously the call to be the presence of Christ in our state and beyond. Dividing tasks, each member signed up for one of three ministry teams:

**\*Missional Ministries:** Fostering growth of Together for Hope—Rural Poverty Initiative, Disaster Response, New Church Starts, Global Missions support and other ministries as led by the Spirit.

**\*Communications/Programs:** Getting the word out of God's work through CBF-LA in various media, planning programs and outreach such as Spring Assembly, Stagg-Tolbert Forum and other programs as God brings vision.

**\*Finance and Development:** Building a movement and the resources human and financial to be faithful to the future to which Jesus has called us.



## COORDINATING COUNCIL BY CHURCH

Bridgewater-Madisonville: *Lynn Ferina, Mary Pitts*  
Pastor-Reid Doster  
Broadmoor-Baton Rouge: *Larry Davis, Redean Parsons*  
Assoc Pastor -Pam Williams  
Emmanuel-Alexandria: *Grace Beall, John Stagg*  
Pastor - Chris Thacker  
First Baptist-Shreveport: *John Henson, Mary Wilson*  
Pastor - Greg Hunt  
First Baptist-Winnsboro: *TBA* Pastor - Harry Boyd  
Haynes Ave-Shreveport: *Mary Earnest, Arthur Ruggles*  
Pastor - Mike Anderson  
Pineville Park-Pineville: *Dolly Carroll, Vic Dennis*  
Pastor - Greg Carroll  
St. Charles-New Orleans: *Sharon Potts Carroll, Flora Blackstock*  
Pastor - Steve Meriwether  
University-Baton Rouge: *Shannon Rutherford, Kristen Sumner*  
Pastor - Jay Hogewood  
Partner church pastors serve as advisory council.



Members of the CBF-LA Coordinating Council offer blessing to John and Phyllis Daugherty as they prepare to leave for a new calling at First Baptist Church, Fort Meyers, Florida. The Daughertys are also celebrating a new granddaughter, Lillian "Lillie" Kay Rochelle.



## Bridgewater Church Receives \$25,000 Missional Grant

On January 27th, Bridgewater Church, in Madisonville, Louisiana, received a \$25,000 missional ministry grant from The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF).

Less than two years ago, Bridgewater Church began with four friends and has grown to sixty-five members, with more in worship, and has study and support groups for grief, cancer recovery, marriage enrichment, bi-polar disorder and therapeutic prayer.

The church was already actively engaged in distribution of food and meals for the sick, care packages to Louisiana soldiers serving in war zones, home repairs and yard work for the elderly, and direct financial assistance to the most needy for utility and medical bills.

Other ministries have included providing furniture for Katrina survivors, hygiene kits, uniforms and school supplies for school children, playground repair, grief counseling, transportation and other resources to help heal hurts of the most neglected and forgotten.

This grant will allow Bridgewater Church to sustain these existing ministries while also developing other programs to

meet practical, person-centered needs in the community. None of the funds will go toward salary or facilities.

The eight-week It's Time missional church study, written by Daniel Vestal and administered by Bo Prosser and Rick Bennett, of CBF's Department of Congregational Life, prepared Bridgewater's grant application team (Steve Brooks, Lynn LeBlanc, Ken Black, Penny Doster, Jane Kemp and Lynn Ferina) to submit what CBF described as "the most detailed and comprehensive application CBF has ever received."



## And A Child Shall Lead - Again!

Our youngest congregation has once again been the pace setter for the rest of us. Captured by the joy of their experience in being a new congregation, they recently designated a \$1,000 gift, to CBF-LA for "New Church Start Fund" to speed the process along of making another new church start!

## CBF Disaster Response Leadership Attends Hurricane Preparedness Training With Department of Homeland Security

Charles Ray, CBF National Disaster Response Coordinator, and Reid Doster, CBF Louisiana Disaster Response Coordinator, recently participated in a week of intensive training at The National Emergency Training Center (NETC), Emmitsburg, Maryland.

This Department of Homeland Security training was by invitation only, and involved a mock exercise in hurricane preparedness and response, including policy making, the practical functions of an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and first-hand experience with general operations.

Training was designed to simulate

complexities which emerge as various branches of government, within a tight time-frame, rush to cooperate with one another in minimizing loss of life and property. The NETC instructors represent the best in their fields.

Charles and Reid met with two supervisors on the NETC staff to discuss how faith-based, Non-Governmental Groups (NGO's) can be drawn into the process more meaningfully through future training opportunities. During this conversation, NETC commented that even groups from the private sector should receive this training.

NETC leadership went on to say that "within the past fifteen years, disasters seem

to be happening more frequently and on a larger scale, requiring responders to refine their systems."

Of great value was the opportunity to network with other providers from around the country, from both governmental and non-governmental sectors.

Also, attending this training was Marvin Jackson, Director of The American Baptist Association Disaster Relief Ministry, one of CBF's partners in disaster response.

Last Fall, Charles and Reid participated in National Incident Management System (NIMS) training, also

by invitation only, at the U. S. Department of Homeland Security offices, at Fort McClellan, in Anniston, Alabama.

In both cases, the Department of Homeland Security covered the costs of airfare and housing.

Charles also recently attended the first disaster response planning session of the North American Baptist Fellowship, in Raleigh, NC. With a spirit of cooperation, they discussed ways to compliment one another's strengths to do the most good for the most people, when the next catastrophe --- wind, fire, ice, flood or even terrorism --- inevitably strikes.



Reid Doster, right, at National Emergency Training

The need continues! Reid is still booking mission teams for disaster work through Spring and Summer. Contact him at 985-778-6049 or reid\_doster@hotmail.com. See cbfrespsnds.com.



**Partners in Prayer Calendar**  
Some missionary names omitted due to sensitive nature of work.

### FEBRUARY

- 3 Philip Whisnand, urban , El Paso, TX
- 8 Taisha Rose, urban, Brooklyn, NY
- 11 Donald Barnes, English teacher, China
- 11 Claire, 2007, daughter, Katie & Matt, Asia
- 12 Louisa Houser, 2004, daughter, Ana Marie & Scott, Southern Africa
- 17 Nancy James, holistic health ministry, Haiti
- 19 Kerri Gage, urban work, Miami, FL
- 21 \_\_\_\_\_, son, unevangelized people group, North Africa
- 21 Wes Craig, Romany people, Romania
- 27 Lori Myrick, Bedouin people, Jordan

### MARCH

- 3 Emmanuel Aldape, 1990, son, Eddie & Macarena Aldape, India
- 4 Jane Martin, Emeritus, June 1994
- 6 Ronnie Adams, urban, New York, NY
- 7 Duane Binkley, refugee ministry, Uniontown, OH
- 8 Benjamin Burnette, 1993, son, Ellen & Rick Burnette, Thailand
- 8 Isaac Pittman, 1999, son, Angel & Jason Pittman, Florida
- 9 Calandra Togba-Doya, transformational development work, Liberia
- 10 Joshua Ballew, 1992, son, Larry & Sarah Ballew, China
- 12 Melin, unevang. people group, Asia
- 15 Sean Binkley, 1988, son, Duane & Marcia Binkley, Ohio
- 15 Matthew Myrick, 1991, son, Lori & Tim Myrick, Jordan
- 15 Matt, unevang. people group, Asia
- 15 Mary Van Rheenen, Romany people, Europe
- 21 Brandon Turner, urban work, Washington, DC
- 25 Jade Acker, transformational development work, West Africa
- 27 Ron, unevang. people group, Asia
- 28 Aaron Glenn, work with internationals, Los Angeles, CA
- 28 Megan Whitley, 2002, daughter, Joel & Tiffne Whitley, Spain
- 30 \_\_\_\_\_, son, unevang. group, Mid East

### APRIL

- 1 Greg Smith, work with Latino internationals, Fredericksburg, VA
- 2 Frank Morrow, unevangelized people group, Texas
- 2 Leonora Newell, Rural Poverty Initiative, Helena, AR
- 5 Eddy, unevang. people group, Asia
- 5 Katie, unevang. people group, Asia
- 11 Steve James, holistic health , Haiti
- 13 Susan Craig, Romany, Romania
- 15 \_\_\_\_\_, unevang. people grp, Mid East
- 20 Casey, earthquake relief/development coordinator, Southeast Asia
- 20 \_\_\_\_\_, unevang. people grp, N Africa
- 22 Lucas Newell, 1997, son, Ben & Leonora Newell, Arkansas
- 27 Carter Harrell, 1995, son, Melody & Sam Harrell, East Africa
- 30 Erika Houser, 2001, daughter, Ana Marie & Scott, Southern Africa

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- \* Romany mission updates (*February updates are particularly poignant*)
- \* Disaster response news & calendar
- \* Bridgewater stories
- \* Annotated newsletter archives
- \* Pictures of the life of our fellowship

Check the site often where you will find future pages about: *What's Happening in Partner Churches, Better Marriages, Updated Prayer Page, Together for Hope News, Women in Ministry, Daily Devotionals, Emerging Church Blogs and Links, and the New Baptist Covenant.*

Have a passion or ministry interest?  
 Want to start a web page about it? Let us know at [cbflouisiana@gmail.com](mailto:cbflouisiana@gmail.com)



**Keith Holmes,**  
**CBF Missionary to Romany**  
 will be in Louisiana June 21-July 16 and will be available to speak to churches and groups. Contact Keith at [kh@worldmail.org](mailto:kh@worldmail.org)

## IDENTITY:

We are a fellowship of Baptist Christians and churches who share a passion for the Great Commandment and the Great Commission of Jesus Christ and a commitment to Baptist principles of faith and practice.

## VISION:

Being the presence of Christ in the world.

## MISSION:

Serving Christians and churches as they discover and fulfill their God-given mission.

CBF-LA Receipts	Dec-Jan	Fiscal Year 3/01/07-2/28/08
Undesignated	\$14,729.87	\$71,141.14
Together for Hope	\$1,953.34	\$13,341.57
Disaster Relief	\$1,370.92	\$4,922.34
Stagg-Tolbert Forum	-	\$1,419.00
New Church Start	\$1,000.00	\$1,597.62
Extra-budgetDesgFunds	-	\$4,665.00
Credits	-	\$941.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,659.23</b>	<b>\$98,027.67</b>

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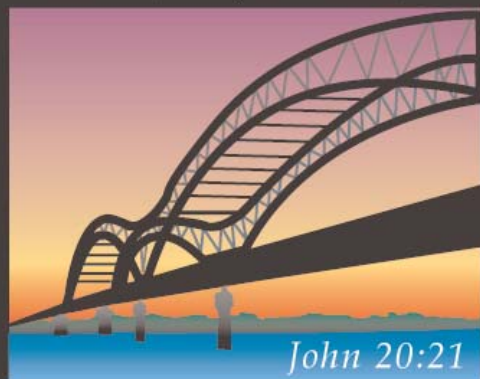
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