



## Upcoming Events - 2011-2012

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**ALCBF Annual Fall Gathering**  
**October 9-10, 2011**  
*First Baptist Church, Huntsville, AL*  
 Join us for our annual gathering of the ALCBF family.  
 See inside ad for more details.  
 Visit our website for more information, lodging suggestions, and free registration: [www.alabamacbf.org](http://www.alabamacbf.org).

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**Missions on the Move**  
**November 13 - 15, 2011**  
*Mobile, AL - November 13*  
*Birmingham, AL - November 14*  
*Huntsville, AL - November 15*  
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**Coordinating Council Meetings**  
**January 28, 2012 and March 31, 2012**  
*Birmingham, AL*

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**Watch for more information soon regarding:**

- Children's Ministers' Gathering**
- Pastors' Gathering**
- Youth Ministers' Gathering**
- Youth Missions Summit Retreat - April 27-29, 2012**
- New England Mission Trip**
- Summer Foreign Mission Trip**

Visit [www.alabamacbf.org](http://www.alabamacbf.org) for more information or to register for any of these events.  
 Find us on Facebook at [/alabamacbf](https://www.facebook.com/alabamacbf).

## Thoughts from ALCBF Coordinator Ronnie Brewer



As you can see, we have revived our print newsletter. Watch for this piece to come quarterly to your mailbox. If you know of others who would like to receive it or our bi-monthly e-newsletter, let one of our staff know! I want to make you aware of a couple of upcoming opportunities to

“the uttermost parts of the earth.” From my conversations with folks around Alabama, I find great love for global missions, and a desire to be even more connected. *More details are included in this newsletter and online.* Please make plans to be a part of one of these gatherings.

join together. Our annual **Fall Gathering** will be held at **First Baptist Huntsville, October 9 and 10**. A unique part of this gathering will occur on Sunday night. Two pastor friends, Dr. David Hull of FBC, Huntsville, and Dr. Julius Scroggs of First Baptist Church (National Baptist), Huntsville, an African-American congregation, have invited us to join our meeting with their annual tradition of a joint worship service. We will be led by Dr. Scroggs, President of the National Baptist Convention, and his congregation in an evening of worship, followed by a terrific reception for all. *More details about the meeting are included in this newsletter and on our website ([www.alabamacbf.org](http://www.alabamacbf.org)).*

September marks the first month we will have an Alabama version of the magazine **Baptists Today**. I appreciate John Pierce, Editor of *Baptists Today*, for making this opportunity possible for ALCBF as it gives us an opportunity to tell our story a bit more widely. I also appreciate the Bible Study offerings that are now included in each edition. This is a nice new resource for teachers in our churches. *Find more information included in this newsletter.*

This will allow us to meet the good folks of First National Baptist and, frankly, to meet folks at FBC Huntsville who might not normally attend ALCBF gatherings. I hope you will make plans to travel to Huntsville to join in this time of worship and good fellowship.

These are good days to be a part of ALCBF, and there is much good work that God is doing in and through our congregations. I hope to see many of you in the days ahead, especially as we gather together this fall.

**ALCBF has moved!**

Our staff, including our financial assistant, works virtually from their homes in Birmingham, Mobile and Madison. Therefore, we have moved our post office box from Birmingham to Madison in order to speed up our transaction process.  
 As of July 10, please mail to:

**ALCBF**  
**PO Box 919**  
**Madison, AL 35758**

Mail will be forwarded from our old mailbox to this new address for about six months. Be sure to let your financial assistant know of these changes.

A second fall event that I hope you will also note is called **Missions on the Move** and will take place on November 13 (in Mobile), Nov. 14 (in Birmingham) and Nov. 15 (in Huntsville). Rob Nash, director of Global Missions for CBF, will swing through our state accompanied by two CBF field personnel. We will gather for dinner in each city and have a conversation led by Dr. Nash about our Global Missions efforts through CBF and renew our commitment to Christ's call to go to

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Trinity Baptist, Madison

# The Annual Gathering of Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

**October 9-10, 2011 First Baptist Church, Huntsville**

## Sunday, October 9

5:00 pm - Gathering - coffee, exhibits  
6:30 pm - Worship - a joint service with  
FBC Huntsville and First (National  
Baptist) Church of Huntsville  
Reception to follow

## Monday, October 10

9:00 am - Gathering - coffee & donuts  
9:15 am - Breakout Sessions -  
descriptions below  
10:30 am - Business Session & Worship  
11:45 am - Lunch - \$10 per person

## Breakout Sessions

- Immigration Conversation *led by Robbie White, pastor, Locust Grove Baptist, New Market*
- CBF Meet TED: Inspiring Stories From and For Our Movement *facilitated by Current*
- Traveling to Do Missions with ALCBF: New England & International *led by Terri Byrd, Associate Coordinator for ALCBF*

Find more details about the sessions on our website.

1:00 pm - Social Media for Ministers Workshop *led by Natalie Aho, ALCBF Communications Specialist, Chris Aho, Pastor, Hillcrest Baptist, Mobile, & Mike Gregg, Associate Minister, Northside Drive Baptist, Atlanta*

Childcare is available. Please register ahead of time.  
Hotel recommendations available on our website.

**Free registration at [www.alabamacbf.org](http://www.alabamacbf.org).**

**Make plans now to join us for  
resources and fellowship at our  
annual General Assembly!**

## News from Our Coordinating Council

### By-Laws Review and Recommendation

A small task force assigned by the Coordinating Council has reviewed the by-laws of ALCBF. Their new recommendations, approved by the Coordinating Council, are available online at our website. You may request a print version by contacting Natalie Aho at [natalie@alabamacbf.org](mailto:natalie@alabamacbf.org) or 251-281-8192. We will provide opportunity for discussion of the recommended by-laws at our Fall Gathering before a final vote is taken during the business meeting.

### Financial Update

Our new Treasurer, Hal Espy, and new Accountant, Alison Hoskins, have been busy learning the financial records during this transitional period since the first of the year. Please note we have received \$20,772 in disaster relief. You may still contribute to this fund or to our general ALCBF budget!

### First Financial Report\* from Treasure, Hal Espy

General Funds -	\$54,722.05
Designated Funds -	\$61,295.61
Total Funds -	\$116,067.66

\*A quarterly YTD Income to Expense Report will be available for the next newsletter.

## Missions Thoughts from Associate Coordinator Terri Byrd

On April 27, our lives in Alabama were changed by the tornados that ripped across our state bringing devastation and loss. The mission emphasis ALCBF was altered to become primarily relief and recovery work. Churches joined together to provide needed supplies to families who lost their homes and to help people find shelter. We've had dozens of teams from churches

in other states come to Alabama to remove debris. Months later, although tornado recovery work remains our primary focus, other on-going mission efforts are being addressed once again. Alabama CBF churches are collecting school supplies for children, volunteering with Sowing Seeds of Hope in Perry County, and collecting offerings for Global

Missions. We need volunteer labor to help build homes and churches, and we need to support the missions and ministries of our field personnel around the world.

It is a joy to partner with you in missions and ministry. We are humbled and honored by your compassion and desire to serve Christ by serving others.

## Tornadoes Hit Jacksonville - A Moment with Pastor Mike Oliver

*An excerpt from Baptists Today*

Tornadoes pay no attention to long-range planning. They just happen — and someone has to respond.

Pastor Mike Oliver and the congregation of First Baptist Church of Williams near Jacksonville, AL, found themselves surrounded by clear and immediate needs when the deadly storms of April 27 swept through their area.

So the church threw open the doors and rallied to be of service. A few months into the experience — which has shifted from emergency response to long-term rebuilding — Oliver was asked by Terri Byrd to offer some reflections which are shared in the September edition of *Baptists Today*. You can also find this article on our website.

To find out more about the disaster relief efforts of FBC Williams or to schedule help with the rebuilding effort, visit [fbcwilliams.org/tornadorelief](http://fbcwilliams.org/tornadorelief) or (256) 435-5020.

For information on relief efforts through ALCBF in McDonald's Chapel near Birmingham, Lockhart near Huntsville, Rosedale in Tuscaloosa, or other hard hit areas around the state, visit our website or contact Terri Byrd.



This article was first printed in the new Alabama version of *Baptists Today* which will now be offering Bible study material in each edition. The material is very versatile and can be used in any way a church or group chooses. The special ALCBF section in each edition will include monthly articles focusing on our state.

Orders may be placed at [www.baptiststoday.org](http://www.baptiststoday.org) or 877-752-5658. One-year group or bulk subscriptions - which provide the Bible lessons within the news journal - are available at a discount price with no additional fees for teaching resources or shipping. We encourage you to take advantage of this great resource.

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CBF Global Missions Coordinator, Rob Nash.*

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Hillcrest Baptist Church for 6 pm dinner

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