



YOUTH MINISTRY NETWORK

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRES

By Ryan Wilson

Greetings CBFYMN!

Happy New Year! As hard as it is to believe we are already a few weeks into 2018 and the busyness that comes from the beginning of a new calendar is well underway. While the turn of the calendar is in our rearview mirror the newness of the year is still fresh and there is much to consider for the year ahead.

The beginning of the year for many is the beginning of a new budget cycle. For most it is a time for planning and preparing. Several of you have made, or are making, transitions in ministry to a new position, a new church, or a new semester of studies. The new year is also often a time for making new commitments and new resolutions. Regardless of how you find yourself beginning this year it is worth

taking some time to consider what newness this year holds for each of us.

The landscape of ministry itself is ever-changing, as are the individual churches and ministries we serve. One question worth asking each year is: "What is something new I will do this year; for myself or for my ministry?" Maybe it is a new ministry event or initiative for your ministry to plan as you map out the calendar. Maybe it is a new commitment to some spiritual practice to help you personally. Perhaps it is considering a new job or position. Whatever it might be for you this year I think it is worth taking time in these early days of the year to consider, "What new thing is God calling me toward this year?"

In whatever way God might be calling you this year, remember that ministry is not something we do alone.

One new thing you might consider this year is how to better connect with other ministers, like you, to walk alongside one another as we journey through ministry. Are you a part of a peer learning group? Have you registered for Oasis yet? The great blessing of the CBF Youth Ministry Network is the connectedness it provides each of us to one another. How might this network help you this year in your ministry? We're here for you! We want to help.

I'm so excited that Oasis is only a few short weeks away (ahem - make sure you register if you haven't already!). I look forward to our time of fellowship and to discovering what new things God is up to in each of our lives this year. I hope to see you there!

With gratitude,
Ryan Wilson

JOIN US FOR OASIS



Montreat Conference Center
401 Assembly Drive
Montreat, NC 28757
(800) 572-2257

'Montreat' is a contraction of the words 'Mountain Retreat'. Housing is located at the historic Assembly Inn, offering hotel style accommodations in single or double occupancy rooms. Meals are served buffet-style in the Galax Dining Room.

Oasis
A Spiritual Retreat for Youth Ministers
Sponsored by the CBF Youth Ministry Network
February 28 - March 2, 2018
www.cbfymn.org

What is Oasis?

Oasis is a three day retreat to address the spiritual health and professional development of our CBF youth ministers. Youth ministers across the CBF network gather to build community while being refreshed for ministry.

Guest Speaker: Brad Griffin



Brad Griffin is the Director of the Fuller Youth Institute and coauthor of *Growing Young*.

Cost:

- Sharing a room: \$275
 - Private room: \$350
- Registration DEADLINE Jan. 31 - CBFYMN.org

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"This gathering of souls was transformative. Very rarely do I have a place where I can be "real" with ministry struggles/celebrations. This was that place. Please do it again!" - *feedback response from previous Oasis retreat*

Oasis Schedule

Wednesday, Feb 28

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| 1:00 - 3:00 PM | Registration/Check-in |
| 4:00 PM | Welcome |
| | Best Practice Session 1 |
| 5:30 | Dinner |
| 6:30 - 8:00 PM | Session 1 |
| 8:30 PM | Vespers |
| 9:00 PM | Snacks |

Friday, March 2

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| 8:00 - 9:00 AM | Breakfast |
| 9:00 - 9:30 AM | Morning Prayer |
| 9:30 AM | Best Practices Session 3 |
| 10:00 AM | Business Session |
| 11:00 AM | Dismiss |

Thursday, March 1

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| 8:00 - 9:00 AM | Breakfast |
| 9:00 - 10:30 AM | Large Group Session 2 |
| 11:00 AM | Best Practices Session 2 |
| Noon | Lunch |
| 1:00 - 5:00 PM | Free time with Options |
| 5:00 - 7:00 PM | Dinner in Town |
| 7:30 - 9:00 PM | Session 3 |
| 9:00 PM | Snacks |

RESOURCES



Good News for Members!

www.youthministryconversations.com is excited to offer a subscription package for resources. On top of the great discount already offered by purchasing this package, we want to offer members of the CBF YMN an even better deal by giving a little more off the total price.

Use these codes when checking out to get your CBFYMN discount.

CBFYMBLIESUB10 = Gives \$10 off of the Bible Subscription Package

CBFYMMSUB20 = Gives \$20 off of the Medium Subscription Package

CBFYMCSUB30 = Gives \$30 off of the Complete Subscription Package

YOUTH MINISTRY OPENINGS

GA - Celebration Church, Hoschton
GA - FBC Decatur
KY - Third BC, Owensboro (PT)
KY - Providence BC, Frankfurt (PT)
KY - Woodland BC, Louisville (PT)
NC - FBC of Mount Airy
NC - Macedonia BC, Raleigh (PT)
NC - Union Cross BC (PT)
NC - Grace Crossing Baptist Fellowship (PT)
NC - Macedonia Baptist Church (PT)
NC - Union Cross Baptist Church (PT)
SC - FBC Greenville
SC - Fernwood Baptist Church (PT)
OK - Spring Creek Baptist Church
TN - Trinity Baptist Church, Cordova
VA - Bon Air BC, Richmond
VA - FBC Waynesboro
VA - Richland BC, Fredericksburg (PT)
VA - Tabernacle BC, Richmond (PT)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Want to be included,
make sure your
information is updated

JANUARY

Daniel Elliott - 2
Allan Smith - 5
Susanne Jenkins - 8
Mike Johnson - 11
Jamie Fitzgerald - 13
Jennifer Rygg - 13
Nick Dawson - 15
Michael Sepulveda - 18
Richard Wood - 17

Chris Wondree - 21
David Lyninger - 24
John Uldrick - 29

FEBRUARY

Ryan Wilson - 3
Michael McEntyre - 3
Preston Cooley - 7
Stuart Jones - 16
Daniel Potter - 18
David Hailey - 20
Sarah Briggs - 21
Andrew Noe - 21
David Burroughs - 24
Valerie Burton - 25
Lee Ritchie - 26

Bridget Kokolis - 28

MARCH

Fran Patterson - 8
Abigail Pratt - 11
Kevin McDaniel - 14
Chris Hughes - 20
Michelle Ballard - 22
Susan Prather - 26
Kay Baldwin - 29
Phillip Hall - 30