## **COOPERATIVE FELLOWSHIP OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina (CBFNC) is pleased to announce Seth Hix will serve as the new Ministerial Transitions and Church Relations Coordinator. This newly established part-time position will focus primarily on CBFNC's reference and referral ministry, but also include a new focus on the churches and lay leaders of our Fellowship.

Seth is familiar to many within CBFNC, having served as a student intern during his final two years at Wake Forest Divinity School. In the first year, he conducted a comprehensive research project with congregational leaders that informed the CBFNC Ministry Discernment process and will help us better serve churches as they seek to fulfill their God-given mission. In the second year, he worked under CBFNC Executive Coordinator, Larry Hovis, to manage the work of the Ministerial Transitions Team. In that role, he showed a strong aptitude for and interest in helping churches and ministers in transition. According to Larry, "Seth has already proven himself to be an invaluable member of the CBFNC ministry team. He has a wealth of local church ministry experience, a love for church leaders (clergy and laity), the respect of our ministerial transitions team, and a unique gift set that will propel CBFNC into the bright future envisioned by our 20th Anniversary Vision process and our subsequent ministry discernment work."

As a part of CBFNC's ministry initiative of equipping ministers and congregations, Seth will continue his work coordinating the Ministerial Transition Team. Mike Queen, CBFNC Treasurer and a member of that team says, "Seth Hix has brought both an enthusiasm and attention to detail to the work of our Ministerial Transition Team. He loves helping local churches and pastors make good decisions, and he is helping our group to make sure our information and data are organized and up to date. He is going to be a great asset to CBFNC, our churches and our ministerial staffs."

Before coming to Wake Forest Divinity School to earn his Master of Divinity, Seth served as minister of music in several churches, most recently Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington, KY, the largest CBF church in Kentucky. In addition to his Master of Divinity degree from Wake Forest, he holds a Master of Church Music degree from Samford University in Birmingham, AL. Seth is joined in Winston-Salem by his wife, Genelle, and their two elementary school aged children.

CBFNC looks forward to Seth's continued ministry with our clergy, among our congregations, and through our ministry partners. Seth will begin his new role on June 1st.

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