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Leading Women: Don't Miss It! by Pam Durso

Monumental anniversaries are worth celebrating! And our partner and friend, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is currently celebrating its twentieth-fifth anniversary.



What better way to join in the fun than to have a party, and here is your invitation:

Join the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Baptist Women in Ministry as we celebrate the influence and voices of women from across the Fellowship movement. The party starts on April 26 in Knoxville, Tennessee, and it goes on for three days. This gathering will include conversations, worship times, leadership development resources, and networking opportunities. All women across the fellowship are invited.

So some specifics: Leading Women will be held at First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, on April 26-28. The gathering begins at 3:00 on that Wednesday and will conclude at noon on Friday. For more details, check out the [schedule here!](#)

The good news is that registration is only \$90 and includes a blow-out party on Thursday night! If you are a seminary student, a college student, or under the age of thirty, the cost is only \$50.

Raquel Contreras, Kasey Jones, Molly T. Marshall, and Suzi Paynter will be the key speakers.



These names are probably familiar to you, but one you might not know is Raquel Contreras, who is the general director (publisher) for the Baptist Spanish Publishing House/Editorial Mundo Hispano in El Paso, Texas. Her organization was the first Spanish evangelical publishing house and has now been in existence for 110 years.

Raquel has served as a pastor, as president of the Chilean Baptist Union, as vice president of the Baptist World Alliance, as president of the Baptist Union of Latin America, and as president of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. SHE IS WHAT A LEADER LOOKS LIKE. I cannot wait to hear all she has to say to us.

Our two preachers are **Carol McEntyre** and **Meredith Stone**—so you know we will be hearing challenging, inspiring, thoughtful sermons!

We also will have twenty-one LEAD Talks (think TED Talks but with leading women sharing about their work, their passions, their areas of expertise).

This is going to be so exciting, and we will be posting more info soon. Come join the party!

Baptist Women in Ministry Annual Gathering on June 28, 2017

Baptist Women in Ministry will host its annual gathering on **June 28, 2017** at Smoke Rise Baptist Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia, where we worship together, fellowship with friends both old and new, and as always enjoy exceptionally good food!

Our worship theme this year is **“Crossroads: Discovering the Sacred in Every Journey.”**

Worship will begin at **10:00 a.m.** and will be led by **Kasey Jones** and **Ossie X. McKinney**. Kasey is pastor of National Memorial Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., and Ossie serves as minister of music at Faith Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

Worship will be followed by lunch at **11:30 a.m.** Lunch tickets are \$25 and will be available on the BWIM website on March 15.



Kasey Jones
Our Preacher



Ossie X. McKinney
Our Worship Leader

Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching

Amy Grizzle Kane

was the Martha Stearns Marshall preacher at South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.



Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching is here! Last year 211 churches joined together in affirming their support of women in the pulpit. If your church has made plans to participate this year, please send your church and preacher's name, along with a picture of your preacher, to Ashley Robinson at ashleyrobinson@bwim.info.

If you need help connecting with a preacher, please contact Pam Durso at pamdurso@bwim.info.

Leading Women Gathering

Baptist Women in Ministry and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will co-host Leading Women, a three-day gathering that will include conversation, worship, leadership development, and networking opportunities.

The gathering will be held **April 26-28, 2017**, at First Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Preachers for the event are **Carol McEntrye** and **Meredith Stone**. Key speakers include **Raquel Contreras**, **Kasey Jones**, **Molly T. Marshall**, and **Suzi Paynter**.

We hope you will join us in celebrating the influence and voices of women from across the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship movement. All women, laity and clergy, are welcome.



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Support Baptist Women in Ministry



All the work Baptist Women in Ministry does and all the ways in which this organization contributes to the shifting Baptist culture are happening because of people like you who believe in and support our ministry and who share in our mission of affirming all those whom God has gifted for ministry. Please consider this an invitation to be part of all these good things that BWIM is doing. Your support makes all of this and more possible.

You can mail in a check to BWIM at P. O. Box 941294, Atlanta, GA 31141-1294, or make an online contribution by clicking below on GIVE TO BWIM. Every contribution matters, and we are grateful for the faithfulness and generosity of all who support this ministry.

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Ordination Resources



In Baptist life, ordination to the gospel ministry is a church's recognition of God's calling and gifting. Baptist churches are widely diverse in the process of ordination, but most Baptist churches are unified in that the service of ordination provides a time of affirmation and blessing for the minister.

Because careful planning and preparation can add depth and richness to that time of worship, Baptist Women in Ministry has gathered resources meant to assist in the planning of an ordination service. Those resources may be found on the [BWIM website](#) and include litanies, poems, blessings, responses, and charges, all used in previous ordination services. We hope these resources will be helpful to you.

Daryn Bunce Stylianopoulos was ordained on January 21, 2017 by First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

Placement Resources Available

Have an ministry interview coming up soon!? Check out the Baptist Women in Ministry website for resources

that will help you know what to expect and to prepare.

The Placement Page has real questions used by real churches in interviews like: "Describe your management and leadership style. What are your strongest skills and abilities as a leader? How do you work with and utilize lay leaders in your current position?"

Baptist Women in Ministry has compiled the following resources to help those of you in the search mode:

"Finding a Ministry Position: Tips for the Journey" by Pam Durso

"Questions for the Candidate"

"Questions for the Candidate, Congregation, and Committee"

More resources are coming soon. If you have suggestions or have found a helpful resource, please email Ashley Robinson at ashleyrobinson@bwim.info.

GET PLACEMENT RESOURCES

Ordinations

Kayla Bayles Lennon was ordained on February 12, 2017, by Grace Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

Daryn Bunce Stylianopoulos was ordained on January 21, 2017, by First Baptist Church, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

Kristen Leigh Hancock was ordained on February 19, 2017, by Woodland Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas.

Sharlyn Menard was ordained on February 11, 2017, by Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia.

Lesley-Ann Hix Tommey was ordained on January 22, 2017, by College Park Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Wendy Partlow was ordained on January 22, 2017, by First Baptist Church, Norwich, New York.

Bridgette Poag was ordained on February 12, 2017, by First Baptist Church, Dalton, Georgia.

On the Move

Taylor Clair Post is children's pastor at University Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

Jessecca Green is youth director at Trinity Baptist Church, Madison, Alabama.

Jennifer McClugg Rygg is pastor at First Baptist Church, Pendleton, South Carolina.

Amy Moretz is youth minister at Antioch Baptist Church, Sandston, Virginia.

Judith Myers is pastor at Emmanuel Baptist Fellowship, Lexington, South Carolina.

Kelly Zytynski is preschool ministry coordinator at The Baptist Church of Beaufort, South Carolina.

Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia

Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia will host their annual gathering on **March 24-25, 2017**, at Vineville Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia. They will host a workshop as part of the CBF of Georgia gathering on Friday, March 24. Worship, followed by lunch, will begin at 11 a.m. on March 25.

REGISTER FOR BWIM OF GEORGIA HERE

Baptist Women in Ministry of North Carolina



Baptist Women in Ministry of North Carolina's 2017 Convocation will be held at First Baptist Church in Hickory on **March 31, 2017**. The theme is "Storyed Futures: We Journey Together."

Registration and a light (free) breakfast begins at 8:45 a.m. and the Convocation begins at 9:15 a.m.

The 2017 convocation preacher is **Pam Durso**.

Visit bwimnc.org to learn more and register for childcare.

Women's Pilgrimage to France

Beth McConnell and Christy McMillian-Goodwin are leading a pilgrimage to France on **April 21-30, 2017** to visit places that hold special significance for women of faith, who served and sacrificed much. The trip will include visits to the Shrine of Saint Genevieve and Saint Joan of Arc Church and Tower as well as conversation with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel, Julie Brown.

The total cost of the trip is \$3,750. Learn more by [viewing the brochure](#).

Please contact [Beth](#) or [Christy](#) with any questions.

February Sale on Books by Your Favorite Women Authors

Throughout the month of February, Smyth & Helwys Publishers is offering a special sale in honor of Baptist Women in Ministry. You can get some fabulous deals on books by your favorite Baptist women authors. Be sure to visit their website and learn more!

Visit Smyth & Helwys

In honor of Baptist Women in Ministry, some of our favorite books by Baptist women are only \$10 during the month of February.



Open Ministry Positions

Positions are listed by state, city, open position, church name.

BWIM collects these openings from a wide variety of sources, and the degree of openness to women ministers among the listed churches varies. In its effort to advocate, network, and connect, BWIM provides this list as a resource to those searching for ministry positions.

ALABAMA

McCalla-Minister to Students-The Baptist Church at McAdory

CONNECTICUT

Wilton-Pastor-Wilton Baptist Church

DELAWARE

Dover-Pastor-Calvary Baptist Church

FLORIDA

Naples-Associate Pastor-First Congregational Church

St. Petersburg-Minister to Children-First Baptist Church

GEORGIA

Alpharetta-Children's Pastor-Johns Creek Baptist Church
Atlanta-Associate Pastor-Northside Drive Baptist Church
Augusta-Minister of Contemporary Worship and Worship Technology-First Baptist Church
Dahlonega-Pastor-Dahlonega Baptist Church
Decatur-Pastor of Christian Education and Community Engagement-Oakhurst Baptist Church
Decatur-Minister to Families with Children-First Baptist Church
Hawkinsville-Minister to Youth and Children-First Baptist Church
Madison-Minister of Music-Madison Baptist Church
Newnan-Pastor-Central Baptist Church

INDIANA

Terre Haute-Associate Pastor of Music and Worship-First Baptist Church

KENTUCKY

Georgetown-Music Worship Position-Faith Baptist Church
Louisville-Minister to Families-Ridgewood Baptist Church
Williamsburg-Associate Pastor-First Baptist Church

LOUISIANA

Zachary-Media and Communications Director-First Baptist Church

MARYLAND

Rockville-Minister/Director of Music-Twinbrook Baptist Church

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor-Chaplain-University of Michigan Hospital System

MISSOURI

California-Pastor-First Baptist Church
Columbia-Pastoral Resident-First Baptist Church
Nevada-Worship Pastor-First Baptist Church

NORTH CAROLINA

Boone-Associate Pastor with Youth-First Baptist Church
Buies Creek-Pastor-First Baptist Church
Chapel Hill-Contemporary Worship Leader-Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
Chapel Hill-Minister of Children-Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
Chapel Hill-Pastor-Binkley Memorial Baptist Church
Charlotte-Minister to Students and their Families-Providence Baptist Church
Clinton-Associate Pastor for Music Ministries-First Baptist Church
Drexel-Associate Pastor of Youth and Families-First Baptist Church
Durham-Director of Music Ministries-Watts Street Baptist Church
Greensboro-Associate Pastor of Missions and Community Ministry-First Baptist Church
Greenville-Pastor-Immanuel Baptist Church
Hendersonville-Pastor-Providence Baptist Church
Hickory-Pastor-Mountain Grove Baptist Church
Huntersville-Minister of Worship-First Baptist Church
Leland-Youth and Family Minister-First Baptist Church
Morehead City-Children and Families Outreach Minister-First Baptist Church
Mt. Airy-Associate Pastor-First Baptist Church
New Bern-Associate Pastor of Christian Education-First Baptist Church
Raleigh-Minister of Music-Millbrook Baptist Church
Richlands-Pastor-Bethany Baptist Church
Shelby-Minister of Discipleship and Administration-Elizabeth Baptist Church
Smithfield-Minister to Children and Families, First Baptist Church
Williamston-Youth Minister-Williamston Memorial Baptist Church
Wilmington-Minister of Contemporary Worship and Young Adults-First Baptist Church
Wilmington-Associate Pastor-Masonboro Baptist Church
Wilmington-Pastor-Winter Park Baptist Church

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City- Associate Pastor of Youth and Community Engagement-Spring Creek Baptist Church

PENNSYLVANIA

Valley Forge- General Secretary-American Baptist Churches USA

SOUTH CAROLINA

Beaufort-Director of Communications-The Baptist Church of Beaufort
Greenville-Worship Pastor-Welcome Baptist Church

TEXAS

Bartlett-Pastor-First Baptist Church

ChappelHill-Associate Pastor, Worship and Ministry Development-First Baptist Church
CorpusChristi-Pastor-CalallenBaptist Church
Cuero-Youth Minister-First Baptist Church
Granbury-Pastor to Families and Children-FirstBaptist Church
Kilgore-Associate Pastor of StudentMinistries-First Baptist Church
New Boston-Student Minister-First Baptist Church
Plainview-Family Minister-First Baptist Church
Rosebud-Pastor-Cedar Springs Baptist Church
SanMarcos-Music of Musicand Church Administration-First Baptist Church
Station-Youth Minister-First Baptist Church
Vernon-Minister of Music-Calvary BaptistChurch
Waco-Minister of Music-Bosqueville BaptistChurch
Waco-Pastor-Calvary Baptist Church
Yoakum-Pastor-Austin Street Baptist Church

VIRGINIA

Aldie-Pastor-LittleRiver Baptist Church
BremoBluff-Pastor-WestBottom Baptist Church
Chantilly-Pastor-Ox Hill Baptist Church
Charlottesville-Pastor-University Baptist Church
Earlysville-Associate Pastor for Youth-ChestnutGrove Baptist Church
Emporia-Pastor-Calvary Baptist Church
Fairfax-Pastor-Calvary Hill Baptist Church
Greenville-Pastor-Greenville Baptist Church
Hampton-Minister of Music/Organist-Hampton Baptist Church
Haymarket-Pastor-Haymarket Baptist Church
McLean-Pastor-First Baptist Church
Mechanicsville- Youth Minister-Mechanicsville BaptistChurch
Naruna-Pastor-EbenezerBaptist Church
Norfolk-Pastor-Azalea Baptist Church
Poquoson-Pastor-Emmaus Baptist Church
Powhatan-Minister for Children and Youth-MayMemorial Baptist Church
Richmond-Accompanist-Ginter Park Baptist Church
Richmond-Pastor-Jahnke Road Baptist Church
Roanoke-Director of Children and YouthMinistries-Rosalind Hills Baptist Church
Springfield-Pastor-South Run Baptist Church
Springfield-Pastor-First Baptist Church
WestPoint-Pastor-ColosseBaptist Church
Woodbridge-Pastor-Lake Ridge Baptist Church
Woodbridge-Minister to Children-First BaptistChurch

CANADA

Halifax, Nova Scotia-Senior Pastor-First Baptist Church

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