



# BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY

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## March 2017

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

Have you ever been at THAT meeting, that meeting when a crazy idea is put on the table, a crazy idea that seems completely wonderful and totally impossible? Me too!

Last year **Rhonda Blevins**, **Ruth Perkins Lee**, and I began planning the Leading Women gathering that will soon take place in Knoxville, Tennessee. One of us, and I don't remember which one, floated the idea of having TED Talk-like speakers—and not just a few but a lot of TED Talkers. We quickly settled on a different name: LEAD TALKS. We also decided that we would have six sessions with three Lead Talks in each: eighteen total, and then we added in for good measure three featured speakers.

Over the past few months, my friend, **Lynn Brinkley** has co-chaired with me a committee to enlist Lead Talkers, and we are thrilled to introduce these twenty-one remarkable women, who will share with us from their life experiences, their passions, and their expertise. Last week we released a video about our Lead Talkers. The video is below. You need to watch it!

Now you want to come, don't you?

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

In addition to the Lead Talks, the gathering will include conversations, worship times, leadership development resources, and networking opportunities. All women across the fellowship are invited.

You can register now. The cost is \$90 and includes a fun celebration banquet on Thursday night! If you are a seminary student, a college student, or under the age of thirty, the cost is only \$50.

I am getting more and more excited about Leading Women. The gathering will be instructional and inspirational. We will talk about hard issues. We will share fresh ideas. We will learn from one another. We will have time with one another.

Join us for these three days of good conversation. Come celebrate the voices and influences of Baptist women leaders!

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## 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 are now available on the BWIM website.



**Kasey Jones**  
*Our Preacher*



**Ossie X. McKinney**  
*Our Worship Leader*

**BUY YOUR LUNCH TICKET NOW**

## 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 Contrares, Kasey Jones, Molly T. Marshall, and Suzii Paynter**.

We hope you will join us in celebrating the influence and voices of women from across the Cooperative



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# Support Baptist Women in Ministry



possible.

In a BWIM blog post entitled, "Because We Believe in Our Daughters," Meredith Stone wrote: Our family gives to Baptist Women in Ministry because we want to support an organization that makes our daughters, and their unassuming belief that girls and boys can and should have the same opportunities, no longer the exception to the rule."

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

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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.

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

## New Placement Resources Available

Baptist Women in Ministry's website has added some new resources on its Placement Resource Page thanks to our friend, Craig Janney, who is the Congregational Reference and Referral Manager for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. If you are in the search process, be sure to check out these new resources:

["Clergy Resume Checklist"](#) by Craig A. Janney

["Negotiating Clergy Compensation with Fair-mindedness"](#) by Craig A. Janney

In addition, Baptist Women in Ministry offers three other resources.

["Finding a Ministry Position: Tips for the Journey"](#) by Pam Durso

[Questions for the Candidate](#)

[Questions for the Candidate, Congregation, and Committee](#)

GET PLACEMENT RESOURCES

## New CBF Endorsed Chaplains



**Gina Biddle** is chaplain at University of Texas SW Hospital, Dallas, Texas.

**Elizabeth Eaton** is chaplain at Mary Washington Hospital, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

**Beth Joyner** is chaplain at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.

**Stephanie Little Coyne** is chaplain at Rockdale Medical Center, Conyers, Georgia.

**Callie McManus** is a chaplain candidate for the U.S. Army.

**Amy McPherson** is chaplain for U.S. Navy, Raleigh, North Carolina.

**Sara Smith** is CPE resident at Wake Forest Baptist Health, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

## Ordinations

**Sarah Hubble** was ordained by Bon Air Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia on March 12, 2017.

**Julie Marshall** was ordained by Central Baptist Church, Midlothian, Virginia, on March 19, 2017.

**Allison Kennedy Owen** was ordained by First Baptist Church, Columbia, Georgia on January 22, 2017.

**Gayle Taylor** was ordained by Bethel Baptist Church, Midlothian, Virginia, on February 12, 2017.

## On the Move

**Gina Brock** is associate pastor at Ardmore Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

**Katie Callaway** is associate pastor of adult discipleship, young adults, and children's ministry at University Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

**Karen Gray** is youth and children director at First Baptist Church, Black Mountain, North Carolina.

**Merianna Harrelson** is pastor of New Hope Christian Fellowship, Columbia, South Carolina.

**Lisa Williams Hood** is pastor of First Baptist Church, Lafayette, Indiana.

**Carol Hoyt** is director of music ministries at First Baptist Church, Wallingford, Connecticut.

**Karen Kelly** is interim pastor at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Covington, Georgia.

**Jennifer McClung Rygg** is pastor of First Baptist Church, Pendleton, South Carolina.

**Meagan Smith** is associate minister at First Baptist Church, Lexington, North Carolina.

**Susan Spangenberg** is pastor of Pocahontas Bassett Baptist Church, Bassett, Virginia.

**Ashton Wells** is the executive director of Sharing Community in Rosedale, Kansas City, Kansas.

## 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 11:00 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](http://bwimnc.org) to learn more and register for childcare.

## Baptist Women in Ministry of South Carolina

Baptist Women in Ministry of South Carolina will hold its second annual worship service on **March 31, 2017** at 10:00 a.m. The service will be held at Augusta Road Baptist Church in Greenville. **Kendra Plating**, associate minister of pastoral care at First Baptist Church Greenville will be the proclaimer.

## Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry

Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry will host its annual Feast on May 5, 2017 at Tabernade Baptist Church, in Richmond. More details to come soon!

## 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

**Haines City**-Worship Pastor - NorthRidge Church

**Naples**-Associate Pastor-First Congregational Church

**Perry**-Pastor-Friendship Independent Missionary Baptist 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**-Minister to Families with Children-First Baptist Church

**Hawkinsville**-Minister to Youth and Children-First Baptist Church

**Johns Creek**-Minister to Children-Johns Creek Baptist Church

**Madison**-Minister of Music-Madison Baptist Church

**Newnan**-Pastor-Central Baptist Church

### INDIANA

**Indianapolis**-Region Minister-The American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky

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

### KENTUCKY

**Georgetown**-Music/Worship Position-Faith Baptist Church  
**Williamsburg**-Associate Pastor-First Baptist Church

## **LOUISIANA**

**Zachary**-Media and Communications Director-First Baptist Church

## **MICHIGAN**

**Ann Arbor**-Chaplain-University of Michigan Hospital System

## **MISSOURI**

**California**-Pastor-First Baptist Church  
**Columbia**-Pastor-Woodcrest Chapel  
**Kansas City**-Pastor of Families-Holmeswood Baptist Church  
**Nevada**-Worship Pastor-First Baptist Church

## **NORTHCAROLINA**

**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  
**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  
**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**

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

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

**Valley Forge**- General Secretary-American Baptist Churches USA

## **SOUTHCAROLINA**

**Beaufort**-Director of Communications-The Baptist Church of Beaufort  
**Conway**-Minister to Children-First Baptist Church  
**Greenville**-Worship Pastor-Welcome Baptist Church  
**Spartanburg**-Pastor-Fernwood Baptist Church

## **TEXAS**

**College Station**-Minister of Youth-First Baptist Church  
**Corpus Christi**-Pastor-Calallen Baptist Church  
**Cuero**-Youth Minister-First Baptist Church  
**Granbury**-Pastor to Families and Children-First Baptist Church  
**Houston**-Worship Pastor-University Baptist Church  
**Kilgore**-Associate Pastor of Student Ministries-First Baptist Church  
**New Boston**-Student Minister-First Baptist Church  
**Plainview**-Family Minister-First Baptist Church  
**Station**-Youth Minister-First Baptist Church  
**Vernon**-Minister of Music-Calvary Baptist Church  
**Waco**-Minister of Music-Bosqueville Baptist Church  
**Yoakum**-Pastor-Austin Street Baptist Church

## **VIRGINIA**

**Aldie**-Pastor-Little River Baptist Church  
**Bremo Bluff**-Pastor-West Bottom Baptist Church  
**Chantilly**-Pastor-Ox Hill Baptist Church  
**Charlottesville**-Pastor-University Baptist Church

**Earlysville**-Associate Pastor for Youth-Chestnut Grove 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  
**Naruna**-Pastor-Ebenezer Baptist Church  
**Norfolk**-Pastor-Azalea Baptist Church  
**Poquoson**-Pastor-Emmanuel Baptist Church  
**Powhatan**-Minister for Children and Youth-May Memorial Baptist Church  
**Richmond**-Accompanist-Ginter Park Baptist Church  
**Richmond**-Executive Director-Virginia Baptist Historical Society and the Center for Baptist Heritage and Studies  
**Springfield**-Pastor-South Run Baptist Church  
**Springfield**-Pastor-First Baptist Church  
**West Point**-Pastor-Colosse Baptist Church  
**Woodbridge**-Pastor-Lake Ridge Baptist Church  
**Woodbridge**-Minister to Children-First Baptist Church

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