



BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY

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Worshipping and Celebrating with Friends by Pam Durso

My favorite day of the year is quickly approaching: the day that Baptist Women in Ministry hosts its Annual Gathering! This year, the day is June 28, and the place is Smoke Rise Baptist Church in Stone Mountain.

We will gather for worship and celebration with friends! Then we will have lunch—and as always there will be exceptionally good food!

Our worship theme this year is “Crossroads: Discovering the Sacred in Every Journey.” We are all in the midst of deciding which path to take, figuring out which road to follow, pondering our future.

It is an age-old quandary, one faced often by the people of Israel. Jeremiah 6:16 reminds us: “The LORD said to the people: ‘You are standing at the crossroads. So consider your path. Ask where the old, reliable paths are. Ask where the path is that leads to blessing and follow it. If you do, you will find rest for your souls.’”

In his book, *The Art of Pilgrimage: The Seeker's Guide to Making Travel Sacred*, Phil Cousineau writes “If we truly want to know the secret of soulful travel, we need to believe that there is something sacred waiting to be discovered in virtually every journey.” (xxiv) Join with us in June as together we explore the sacred in our journeys.

Our worship that morning will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be led by our friend, Kasey Jones. Kasey is pastor of National Baptist Memorial Church, Washington, D.C. Ossie McKinney will lead our worship. I am excited, knowing that these two amazingly gifted women will share with us.

Also on that day, our communion service will be led by **Nora Lozano**, professor of theological studies and director of the Latina Leadership Institute at Baptist University of the Americas.

Following worship, plan on joining us for lunch. Tickets this year are \$25 and are available on the [BWIM website](#).



A second favorite day for me is the day when BWIM hosts a workshop during the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly. This year our workshop is titled “Allies, Advocates, and Amplifiers,” and will feature a panel-based discussion.

The workshop will take place on Friday, June 30 at 3:00 p.m., and on our panel are **Gary Burton, Scott Claybrook, Nora Lozano, and Meredith Stone!** Don't miss the conversation to hear these folks share their wisdom, offer their suggestions, and provide advice to us all as we seek to be allies, advocates, and amplifiers.

I hope to see YOU on my favorite days of the year. Come worship with us! And buy your lunch tickets now. They sell quickly, and we often sell out several weeks before our Annual Gathering.

[BUY YOUR LUNCH TICKET NOW](#)

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

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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 McEntyre** 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

Jessica Asbell, minister for children at First Baptist Church, Roswell, Georgia, wrote in a [BWIM blog post](#): "I give in honor of the women who came before me, who broke down the barriers so that I am able to stand behind our



pulpit without fear of being cast out. I also give in honor of the women who will come after me. I give in honor of the many girls I work with, whose bright faces and hopeful spirits will be able to stay with them should they choose ministry because of organizations like BWIM."

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.

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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.

Katy Reed was ordained on April 9, 2017 by First Baptist Church, Arlington, 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

Ordinations and Commissionings

Tillie Duncan was commissioned on April 2, 2017 as pastor emerita at Sardis Baptist Church, Charlotte,

North Carolina.

Lindsey Huggins will be ordained on May 21, 2017 by Woodland Heights Baptist Church, Richmond, VA.

Ally Matteson was ordained on March 19, 2017 by South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.

Katy Reed was ordained on April 9, 2017 by First Baptist Church, Arlington, Texas.

On the Move

Linda McKinnish Bridges is president at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, Virginia.

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

Martha Mikula is director of music at Orange Baptist Church, Orange, Virginia.

Tiffany Pickett is director of communications at The Baptist Church of Beaufort, South Carolina.

Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry

Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry will host its annual Feast on May 5, 2017 at **Tabernacle Baptist Church, in Richmond**. The theme this year is Transitions.

The event will take place from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Registration is \$45, \$40 for VBWIM members, and \$20 for students. **Register by April 24.**

[Learn more and register here!](#)



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

Huntsville-Minister of Music and Organist-First Baptist Church

McCalla-Minister to Students-The Baptist Church at McAdory

ARKANSAS

Little Rock-Facilities Manager-Lake Nixon Outdoor Center

Little Rock-Program Director/Educator-Lake Nixon Outdoor Center

Little Rock-Program Developer/Lead Educator-Lake Nixon Outdoor Center

CONNECTICUT

Wilton-Pastor-Wilton Baptist Church

DELAWARE

Dover-Pastor-Calvary Baptist Church

FLORIDA

Haines City-Worship Pastor - NorthRidge Church

Miami-Youth and Spiritual Formation Director-Touching Miami With Love

Naples-Associate Pastor-First Congregational Church

Perry-Pastor-Friendship Independent Missionary 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

Carrollton-Minister to Students-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

Paducah-Associate Minister of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation-Immanuel 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

Liberty-Associate Pastor of Music and Worship-Second Baptist Church

Nevada-Worship Pastor-First Baptist Church

NORTH CAROLINA

Ahoskie-Pastor-First Baptist Church

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

Drexel-Associate Pastor of Youth and Families-First Baptist Church

Durham-Director of Music Ministries-Watts Street Baptist Church

Greenville-Pastor-Immanuel Baptist Church

Hamlet-Pastor-First Baptist Church

Hickory-Pastor-Mountain Grove Baptist Church

Leland-Youth and Family Minister-First Baptist Church

Morehead City-Children and Families Outreach Minister-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

Roanoke-Pastor-Rosalind Hills Baptist Church

Roxboro-Minister of Youth and Congregational Life-Roxboro 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-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

SOUTH CAROLINA

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

Austin-Minister to Students and Families-First Baptist Church

College Station-Minister of Youth-First Baptist Church
Cuero-Youth Minister-First Baptist Church
Houston-Worship Pastor-University 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
Yoakum-Pastor-Austin Street Baptist Church

VIRGINIA

Aldie-Pastor-Little River Baptist Church
BremoBluff-Pastor-West Bottom Baptist Church
Chantilly-Pastor-Ox Hill Baptist Church
Charlottesville-Pastor-University Baptist Church
Emporia-Pastor-Calvary Baptist Church
Fairfax-Pastor-Calvary Hill 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-Emmaus 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

WASHINGTON

Kent-Executive Minister-Evergreen Baptist Association of the American Baptist Churches USA

WEST VIRGINIA

Huntington-Associate Pastor of Youth Ministry-Fifth Avenue Baptist Church

CANADA

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