



BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY

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Join us at our Annual Gathering by Pam Durso

You will not want to miss Baptist Women in Ministry's annual gathering on **Wednesday, June 28**, at Smoke Rise Baptist Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Our worship theme this year will speak to us all: "**Crossroads: Discovering the Sacred in Every Journey.**" We have so many amazing worship leaders this year. **Kasey Jones**, pastor of National Baptist Memorial Church, Washington, D.C., is our preacher. **Ossie McKinney**, minister of music at Liberty Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, will lead our worship. I am excited, knowing that these two amazingly gifted women will share with us.

Our communion service that morning 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](#).

As those of you who attend each year know, BWIM always, always has excellent food. This year's lunch will be catered by Radial Café, a Georgia-based three-star green restaurant. The menu includes herb-roasted chicken, corn soufflé, Brussel sprouts, garden salad, vegetarian pasta, and assorted desserts.

During the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly, BWIM will host two workshops.

One titled "**Allies, Advocates, and Amplifiers**" will feature a panel-based discussion. It will be held on **Friday, June 30 at 3:00 p.m.** and will focus attention on how women and men can be allies, advocates, and amplifiers for women ministers and leaders in the church. Join **Gary Burton**, **Scott Claybrook**, **Nora Lozano**, and **Meredith Stone**, and hear their suggestions and ideas for moving forward together.

On **Thursday, June 29 at 1:30 p.m.** **Stephen Reeves**, associate coordinator of partnerships and advocacy at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and I will host the workshop titled "**Clergy Sexual Misconduct Task Force: An Update.**" Workshop attendees will hear an update from members of the Clergy Sexual Misconduct Task Force and learn of congregational resources in development to aid in education and response.

I hope to see YOU in Georgia this summer. Come worship with us! And buy your lunch tickets now. They sell quickly!

BUY YOUR LUNCH TICKET NOW

Baptist Women in Ministry Annual Gathering on June 28, 2017

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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.



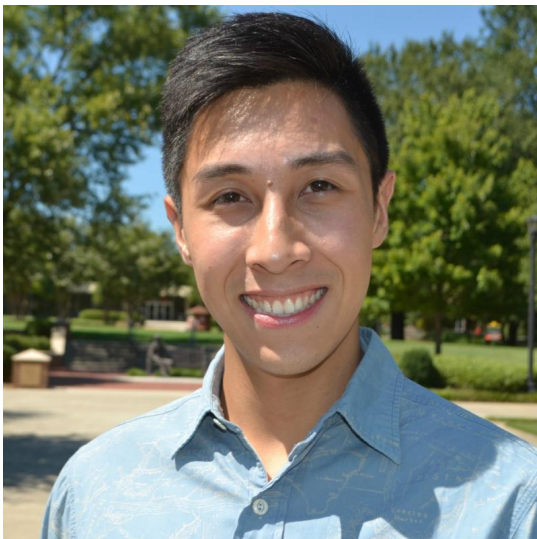
Kasey Jones
Our Preacher



Ossie X. McKinney
Our Worship Leader

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Support Baptist Women in Ministry



Kevin Pranoto, executive specialist, office of the executive coordinator at Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Decatur, Georgia, wrote in a [BWIM blog post](#), "I give because Baptist Women in Ministry has done and continues to do big things to ensure that one day *all* women will be seen as equal partners in the ministry of Jesus Christ."

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 invitation to be part of all these good things that BWIM is doing. Your support makes all of this and more possible.

GIVE TO BWIM

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.

Naomi King Walker was ordained by Immanuel Baptist Church, Frankfort, Kentucky on April 23, 2017

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.

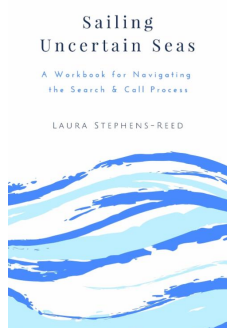
["Finding a Ministry Position: Tips for the Journey"](#) by Pam Durso

[Questions for the Candidate](#)

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

GET PLACEMENT RESOURCES

New Resource for the Search and Call Process



A new excellent resource is now available. Laura Stephens-Reed has produced ***Sailing Uncertain Seas: A Workbook for Navigating the Search and Call Process.***

The workbook is based on webinars Laura has offered over the last few years, her own experience, and her work with coaching clergy women who are searching. It includes reflection questions to help ministers think through each stage of their search, from discerning whether it is the right time to make a move through starting well in their new positions.

The workbook is a downloadable PDF and costs \$15. Use this link and receive a 15% discount: [Sailing Uncertain Seas.](#)

Ordinations

Leslie Brogdon was ordained by Peachtree Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia on April 23, 2017.

Claire Kermitz Chinn was ordained by Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida on May 2, 2017.

Amy Herring was ordained by Hope Valley Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina on May 6, 2017.

Amanda Lewis was ordained by First Baptist Church, Athens, Georgia on May 14, 2017.

Lynn McClure was ordained by Ox Hill Baptist Church, Chantilly, Virginia on May 13, 2017.

Suzi Paynter was ordained by Austin Heights Baptist Church, Nacogdoches, Texas on May 7, 2017.

Candy Rains will be ordained by First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas on May 21, 2017.

Amanda Standiford was ordained by Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, Kentucky on May 14, 2017.

Becky Tucker was ordained by First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas on April 9, 2017.

Naomi King Walker was ordained by Immanuel Baptist Church, Frankfort, Kentucky on April 23, 2017.

On the Move

Mary Alice Birdwhistell is pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

Rhonda Blevins is pastor at Chapel by the Sea, Clearwater Beach, Florida.

Judy Bryant is minister to children and their families at Brookwood Baptist, Birmingham, Alabama.

Lauren Colwell is pastor of Christian education and community engagement at Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia.

Rebekah Gordon is student ministry associate at Trinity Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Lea Harlow is minister of youth and missions at Wake Forest Baptist Church, Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Linda A Livingstone is president of Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Lauren McCollister is minister of music and director of children's ministry at First Baptist Church, Clinton, North Carolina.

Annette Thornburg Owen is pastor at Community Baptist Church, Warrenville, Illinois.

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

Kristin Whitesides is pastor of First Baptist Church, Winchester, Virginia.

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-Associate Minister of Music and Organist-First Baptist Church

Marion-Visiting or Assistant Professor of Religious Studies-Judson College

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

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-Wieuca Road Baptist Church

Augusta-Minister of Contemporary Worship and Worship Technology-First Baptist Church

Augusta-Minister to Preschool and Children-First Baptist Church

Augusta-Minister to Students-First Baptist Church

Carrollton-Minister to Students-First Baptist Church

Dahlonega-Pastor-Dahlonega Baptist Church

Johns Creek-Minister to Children-Johns Creek Baptist Church
Madison-Minister of Music-Madison 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

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
Hamilton-Pastor-First Baptist Church
Kansas City-Pastor of Families-Holmeswood Baptist Church
Liberty-Associate Pastor of Music and Worship-Second Baptist Church
Nevada-Worship Pastor-First Baptist Church
Rolla-Pastor-Salem Avenue Baptist Church

NORTH CAROLINA

Ahoskie-Pastor-First Baptist Church
Bladenboro-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
Erwin-Pastor-First Baptist Church
Greenville-Pastor-Immanuel Baptist Church
Greenville-Associate Pastor of Music and Worship Arts-The Memorial Baptist Church
Hamlet-Pastor-First Baptist Church
Hickory-Pastor-Mountain Grove Baptist Church
Hillsborough-Pastor-Cane Creek 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
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
Southern Pines-Minister of Music and Senior Adults-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

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

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
Boykins-Pastor-Boykins 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-McLean Baptist Church
Mechanicsville-Youth Minister and Associate Pastor-Shalom Baptist Church
Naruna-Pastor-Ebenezer Baptist Church
Norfolk-Pastor-Azalea Baptist Church
Norfolk-Campus Minister-Old Dominion University
Poquoson-Pastor-Emmaus Baptist Church
Powhatan-Minister for Children and Youth-May Memorial Baptist Church
Radford-Campus Minister-Radford University
Richmond-Pastor-Branch's Baptist Church
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

WASHINGTON DC

Washington DC-Associate Director of Communications-Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty

WEST VIRGINIA

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

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