

# Baptist Women in Ministry

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## Time to Think about Martha

These last two months of the year are amazingly busy, especially for churches. As your church makes plans for the Advent Season, don't forget to look ahead to February. It is never too early to think about Martha . . . Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching, that is.

In case you don't yet know about Martha, each year Baptist Women in Ministry encourages Baptist churches to invite a woman to preach on any Sunday in February. Our preaching month is named in honor of Martha Stearns Marshall, an eighteenth-century Separate Baptist preacher.

The number of participating churches has steadily increased each year since 2007, when 54 churches participated. Last year, 201 churches celebrated God's gifting of women!

### Here's how your church can participate:

- 1) **SAVE THE DATE!!** Reserve ANY Sunday in February.
- 2) Invite a woman to preach--ask a member of your church, contact a nearby seminary or Baptist university and inquire about the availability of a student or professor, or ask someone in your community. If you need help locating a preacher in your area, email me at [pamdurso@bwim.info](mailto:pamdurso@bwim.info).
- 3) Download the certificate from the BWIM website, print it out, and present it to the preacher on your church's Martha Stearns Marshall Day of Preaching.
- 4) Order the book, *This Is What a Preacher Looks Like: Sermons by Baptist Women in Ministry* and present it to the preacher.

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2013 MSM Preacher



5) Incorporate the history of Martha Stearns Marshall during your worship service or use the bulletin insert provided by BWIM.

6) Sing the hymn written by Courtney Krueger, written especially for Martha Stearns Marshall Month.

7) Please send your church name, city, state, pastor, the name of your guest preacher, and contact information to Ashley Robinson at [ashleyrobinson@bwim.info](mailto:ashleyrobinson@bwim.info). All participating churches and preachers will be listed in the Spring Issue of Vocare, the BWIM newsletter.

Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching is a great way for your church to stand with other churches in affirming the gifts and voices of women preachers!

Blessings!

*Pam Durso*

## DEAR ADDIE: A New Blog Series

Beginning in November 2013, Baptist Women in Ministry will have a new bi-monthly blog series featuring "Dear Addie," designed to provide encouragement and advice for women ministers as they navigate ministry waters. If you have questions and need some advice from a seasoned woman minister, you now have a place to turn. Our "Addie" will answer your questions via the BWIM blog. Please know that your identity will not be revealed in the blog and any identifying information will be changed to ensure your anonymity.

Email your questions to [dearaddie.advice@gmail.com](mailto:dearaddie.advice@gmail.com)

## BWIM 360

In this our thirtieth anniversary year, the BWIM Leadership is dreaming into the future. We have beautiful dreams of retreats for college women in various regions and states

as they explore their call to ministry. We have dreams of building mentoring networks through the use of retreats and technology. We have dreams of expanding our assistance for women seeking ministry positions.

For BWIM to live into its dreams, we need your prayers, your encouragement, and yes, your financial contributions.

We invite you to participate in a new initiative that we are calling **BWIM 360**. We ask you to give a gift of \$360 or to make a pledge to give \$30 a month for the next twelve months to help BWIM expand its ministries.

You can visit the [BWIM website](#) and make a one-time gift or sign up for a monthly contribution, or you can mail a contribution to us:

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It will take all of us working together and giving. Our dream is that when our daughters and granddaughters are called and as they serve, they will have the resources and encouragement they need to be the ministers God has called them to be. We invite you NOW to support BWIM by giving to BWIM 360.

## **Maternity Leave Policies**

If your church is in the process of formulating a maternity leave policy or revising your current policy, check out the [BWIM website](#). We have collected policies from several churches that might be of help in your process.

## **Ordination Resources**

Check out the BWIM website for [ordination resources](#)! We have collected orders of worship plus litanies, charges, and poems that are helpful in the planning ordination services!

## **WHAT ARE YOU READING?: Our 2013 Monthly Conversations with Authors**

For three years, a collaborative group led by **Devita Parnell** and **Pam Durso** has gathered each month for conversations about women and Baptist life. We would love to have you join in these conversations! You don't even have to be in Atlanta, because our group meets via phone conference call and/or online through live meetings.

The 2013 conversations have featured interviews with authors of books of interest to Baptist women, and in December, we will interview a publisher and talk about the publication process!

**SAVE the DATES!** Below are the dates and times of the upcoming meetings in 2013. Put these dates on your calendar. We welcome any and all to attend, and we

welcome you to invite your friends and colleagues.

To connect to the conference call, dial **888-824-5783**. Enter the passcode **30278726**.

Tuesday, December 10 10:00-11:30 a.m.

**Keith Gammons**

**Publisher and Executive Vice President, Smyth & Helwys**

To join the conversation, email Ashley Robinson at [ashleyrobinson@bwim.info](mailto:ashleyrobinson@bwim.info) for more information.

## **BWIM Blog**

Visit the [BWIM Blog](#)! New posts are added weekly. Recent writers include Tammy Abee Blom and Brittany Riddle!

## **On the Move**

**Phyllis Boozer** is the Coordinator of the Baptist Fellowship of the Northeast.

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**Ellen Strickland** is interim pastor of Northwest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

**Melissa Willis** is the children and families minister at Central Baptist Church of Bearden, Knoxville, Tennessee.

## **Ordinations**

**Heather Burke** was ordained on November 10, 2013 at First Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia.

**LouRae Myhre-Weber** was ordained on September 25, 2013 at Mountain View Community Fellowship Church in Boise, Idaho.

**Julie Wootten** was ordained on November 2, 2013 at Oakhurst Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia.

## Texas Baptist Women in Ministry Events

The 2014 Texas Women in Ministry Conference will be held at Baylor University's Truett Seminary in Waco, Texas, on **March 24, 2014**. The plenary speaker for the 2014 conference will be Suzii Paynter, executive coordinator for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

For information, contact Meredith Stone at [meredith.stone@texasbaptists.org](mailto:meredith.stone@texasbaptists.org)

## Spacious: Exploring Faith and Place By Holly Sprink

Smyth & Helwys Publishers recently released a new book by Holly Sprink titled ***Spacious Exploring Faith and Place***.

Holly reflects on her places and explores the wider, ongoing conversation between faith and place. Holly writes, "If we are present and attentive, God creatively and continuously widens our view of the world, whether we live in the Amazon or in our own hometown."

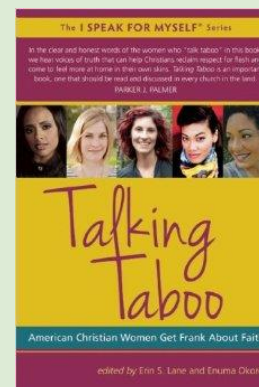
To order your copy, visit [Smyth & Helwys](http://Smyth & Helwys).



## Talking Taboo: American Christian Women Get Frank About Faith Edited by Erin Lane and Enuma Okoro

This series addresses the experiences of faith, gender, and identity that remain taboo for American Christian women under forty. From miscarriage and menstruation to ordination and immigration, this collection of essays explores the most provocative topics of faith left largely unspoken in 21st century American faith life. For women and their partners, faith leaders and their members, historians and their students, this book documents the voices of young Christian women and their refusal to be silent any longer.

To order your copy, visit [Amazon](http://Amazon).



## New Study for Women's Groups

[FaithElement](http://FaithElement) is excited to announce its first of a new series of small group studies for

women, *Intentional Living*. The series offers resources that help your group focus on relevant topics in a theologically sound way. It also makes use of modern technology and can be used straight from your tablet, phone, or computer. A print option is also available.

If you would like a demonstration on how this exciting new resource works, contact David Cassidy at david@thefaithlab.com.

If you would like Nikki Hardeman to lead a kickoff weekend with your small group, contact her at nikki@faithlab.com.

For more information on the resource, [click here](#).

## CBF LeaderConnect

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship has launched a new, more user-friendly LeaderConnect website to assist ministers who are searching for a position.

If you are actively seeking a position, CBF invites you to register on this new site so that they can continue to match your qualifications to churches actively seeking to fill positions.

To register on the new site, visit [www.thefellowship.info/leaderconnect](http://www.thefellowship.info/leaderconnect).

If you have questions, contact **Clarissa Strickland** by phone at 770-220-1635 or by email at [cstrickland@thefellowship.info](mailto:cstrickland@thefellowship.info).

## 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

Birmingham-**Minister of Music and Worship**-Shades Crest Baptist Church  
Huntsville - **Minister to Children** - First Baptist Church

### ARKANSAS

Horatio-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

### FLORIDA

Gainesville-**Youth Minister**-First Baptist Church

### GEORGIA

Athens-**Pastor**-Hill Chapel Baptist Church

Athens-**Associate Pastor for Students**-Milledge Avenue Baptist Church  
Atlanta-**CBF Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Services Manager**-Cooperative Baptist Fellowship  
Carrollton-**Minister of Students**-First Baptist Church  
Claxton-**Minister of Students**-First Baptist Church  
Macon-**Pastor**-Vineville Baptist Church  
Plains-**Pastor**-Maranatha Baptist Church  
Smyrna-**Pastor**-Log Cabin Community Church  
Stone Mountain - **Minister to Families with Children** - Smokerise Baptist Church

#### **KENTUCKY**

Campbellsville-**Pastor**-Campbellsville Baptist Church  
Morehead-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Owensboro-**Administrative Pastor**-Bellevue Baptist Church

#### **MARYLAND**

Parkville-**Associate Pastor**-Chinese Christian Church of Baltimore

#### **MISSOURI**

Columbia-**Pastor of Children and Family Ministries**-Memorial Baptist Church  
Rolla-**Pastor**-Salem Avenue Baptist Church  
St. Louis **Worship Pastor**-Canaan Baptist Church  
St. Louis-**Pastor**-Third Baptist Church  
St. Louis-**Youth Minister**-Third Baptist Church  
St. Louis-**Pastor**-Webster Grove Baptist Church

#### **NEW MEXICO**

Belen - **Worship and Music Pastor** - First Baptist Church  
Tatum-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

Belmont-**Minister of Music**-Southport Baptist Church  
Durham-**Minister of Discipleship and Children**-Durham Memorial Baptist Church  
Gastonia-**Minister of Youth**-First Baptist Church  
Greensboro-**Pastor**-Parkway Baptist Church  
Kannapolis-**Minister of Youth and College Students**-First Baptist Church  
Kernersville-**Minister of Children**-First Baptist Church  
Raleigh-**Pastor**-Temple Baptist Church  
Raleigh-**Preschool Ministry Associate**-Trinity Baptist Church  
Rockingham-**Associate Pastor/Minister of Families**-First Baptist Church  
Roseboro - **Youth Pastor** - Mintz Baptist Church  
West Jefferson-**Associate Pastor of Student/Family Ministries**-First Baptist Church

#### **OKLAHOMA**

Oklahoma City-**Pastor**-Spring Creek Baptist Church

### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

Beaufort-**Associate Pastor in Family Ministries**-The Baptist Church of Beaufort

Columbia-**Mission Coordinator**-CBC of South Carolina

Inman - **Minister of Music** - First Baptist Church

Kinards-**Pastor**-Fairview Baptist Church

Mullins-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Piedmont-**Music, Children and Youth Minister**-First Baptist Church

Seneca-**Pastor**-Grace Baptist Church

### **TENNESSEE**

Cordova-**Minister of Music**-Trinity Baptist Church

Knoxville-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Jefferson City-**Minister to Children and Families**-First Baptist Church

Springfield-**Minister of Music and Worship**-Springfield Baptist Church

### **TEXAS**

Abernathy-**Youth Minister**-First Baptist Church

Abilene-**Pastor (Bilingual)**-Iglesia Bautista Ambler

Amarillo-**Pastor**-South Georgia Baptist Church

Breckenridge - **Minister of Youth** - First Baptist Church

Broaddus - Pastor -

Dallas-**Pastor**-Journey Church

Del Rio-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Ennis-**Student Pastor**-Tabernacle Baptist Church

Huffman - **Minister of Children** - First Baptist Church

Killeen-**Children's Minister**-First Baptist Church

Plano-**Minister of Music**-First Baptist Church

San Antonio-**Youth Pastor**-Trinity Baptist Church

Stephenville-**Minister of Music or Education**-Valley Grove Baptist Church

Sweetwater - **Pastor** - Trinity Baptist Church

The Woodlands-**Student Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Vernon-**Pastor**-Second Baptist Church

### **VIRGINIA**

Bristol-**Minister to Families**-First Baptist Church

Hampton-**Associate Pastor for Children/Youth Discipleship**-Hampton Baptist Church

Hurt-**Pastor**-Monte Vista Baptist Church

Mechanicsville-**Pastor**-Walnut Grove Baptist Church

Richmond-**Associate Pastor for Youth and Mission**-Central Baptist Church

Richmond-**Community Building Coach**-Virginia Baptist Mission Board

Richmond-**Minister to Children**-Derbyshire Baptist Church

Richmond-**Worship Arts Pastor**-Gayton Baptist Church

Rockville-**Associate Pastor for Family Ministry**-Berea Baptist Church

Scottsville-**Pastor**-Antioch Baptist Church



Vienna-**Minister to Youth and Preschool**-Vienna Baptist Church  
Virginia Beach-**Minister of Youth**-Thalia Lynn Baptist Church  
Woodbridge-**Pastor**-Potomac Crest Baptist Church

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*Baptist Women in Ministry exists to be a catalyst in Baptist life, drawing together women and men, in partnership with God, to illuminate, advocate and nurture the gifts and graces of women.*