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MARTHA STEARNS MARSHALL: COMING TO A CHURCH NEAR YOU



It won't be long now! Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching is just around the corner. For eight years now, Baptist Women in Ministry has encouraged 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. For ideas, contact Pam Durso at 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.
- 5) Incorporate the [history of Martha Stearns Marshall](#) during

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Danielle Walker, 2014 MSM
preacher at Ball Camp Baptist
Church, Knoxville, Tennessee

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, and the name of your guest preacher, to Ashley Robinson at ashleyrobinson@bwim.info. All participating churches and preachers will be listed in the Spring Issue of *Vocare*, the BWIM newsletter.

Having a woman in your pulpit for this emphasis is important-not just for your church but for all of us, as we stand together in our commitment to affirm and bless all women called by God!

Blessings!

Pam Durso

The Messy Stuff of Ministry: Our 2014 Monthly Conversations

Each month a collaborative group led by **Devita Parnell** and **Pam Durso** gathers 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 Georgia, because our group meets via phone conference call and/or online through live meetings.

The 2014 conversations will feature interviews with experts and practitioners, who will talk with us about the challenges of ministry and address the hard stuff ministers encounter as they live out their calling. Invite your colleagues and friends (women and men), who might be interested in these learning sessions.

SAVE the DATES! Below are the dates and times of the upcoming meetings in 2014. Put these dates and times on your calendar. ALL times are Eastern Time Zone

The Messy Stuff of Ministry

February 4, 10:30 a.m.
"Am I All Alone? Building a Network of Support"

Molly Marshall

President, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Shawnee, Kansas

March 5, 1:30 p.m.

"Breaking the Law? Dealing with Pesky Legal Issues"

Rebecca Wiggs and Patricia A. Wilson

Rebecca is Attorney with Watkins and Eager Law Firm, Jackson, Mississippi

Patricia is Professor of Law, Baylor University Law School, Waco, Texas

April 1, 10:30 a.m.

"Hiring, Firing, Supervising? Handling Tricky Personnel Stuff"

Larry Decuir and Allison Tennyson

Larry is a member of First Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia

Allison is Director of Human Resources, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Decatur, Georgia

May 6, 10:30 a.m.

"Who Me Ask for Money? Fundraising 101"

Taryn Deaton

Director of Development, the Baptist Joint Committee

June 2, 10:30 a.m.

"Practice Sabbath? Who Has Time"

Laura Leavell

External Relations Coordinator, Blessed Earth, Lexington, Kentucky

August 12, 10:30 a.m.

"I Want to Write! Practical Advice on Writing and Being Published"

Keith Gammons

Publisher and Executive Vice President, Smyth & Helwys

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

To join the conversation, email Ashley Robinson at ashleyrobinson@bwim.info for more information.

NextSunday DEVOTIONALS

Beginning in January 2014, Baptist Women in Ministry in partnership with Smyth & Helwys and NextSunday Resources offer to you a weekly devotional titled **Thrive**. These devotionals, based on the Gospel of Matthew, focus attention on the ways in which God is at work in our lives.

The writer for January is **Julie Pennington-Russell**. Her first two devotionals are posted and available at [NextSunday Resources](#). You won't want to miss Julie's inspirational words!

DEAR ADDIE: A New Blog Series

Beginning in November 2013, Baptist Women in Ministry began a new bi-monthly blog

series featuring "Dear Addie." This "column" is 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

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!

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.

BWIM BLOG

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

ORDINATIONS

Courtney Hester was ordained on January 12, 2014 at Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida.

ON THE MOVE

Katrina Stipe Brooks is the Youth Pastor at Madison Heights Baptist Church, Madison Heights, Virginia.

Rebecca Mathis is the Executive Director of the Good Samaritan Clinic of Jackson County in Sylva, North Carolina.

Amy McClure is the Associate Minister at Memorial Baptist Church, Buies Creek, North Carolina.

OUR SYMPATHIES

Our prayers and thoughts are with the family of **Bill Sigler**, who died on November 21, 2013. Bill and his wife, Mary Dell, graduated from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond in 1995, and they served for eleven years as co-pastors of Kilmarnock Baptist Church, Kilmarnock, Virginia. Bill was a great supporter of Baptist women ministers, and he will be greatly missed.

GLOBAL WOMEN SUMMIT

Global Women will host *Connect with the Story* on **March 6-8, 2014** in St. Louis, Missouri. For information on the summit, visit [Global Women](#).

TEXAS BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY EVENT

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

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

FLORIDA

Ft. Walton Beach - **Minister to Students** - Cinco Baptist Church

GEORGIA

Augusta-**Minister of Music**-First Baptist Church
Athens-**Associate Pastor for Students**-Milledge Avenue Baptist Church
Canton-**Pastor**-Heritage Baptist Fellowship
Claxton-**Minister of Students**-First Baptist Church
Dalton-**Minister to Youth and Families**-First Baptist Church
Macon-**Pastor**-Vineville Baptist Church
Plains-**Pastor**-Maranatha Baptist Church
Stone Mountain-**Minister to Families with Children**-Smoke Rise Baptist Church

INDIANA

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

KENTUCKY

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

LOUISIANA

Arcadia -**Minister of Music**- First Baptist Church
Thibodaux-**Minister of Youth and Education**-University 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-**Pastor**-Webster Grove Baptist Church
St. Joseph-**Minister of Families/Spiritual Formation**-Wyatt Park Baptist Church

NEW MEXICO

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

NORTH CAROLINA

Durham-**Minister of Discipleship and Children**-Durham Memorial Baptist Church

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

Elon-**Senior Pastor**-First Baptist Church

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

Kannapolis-**Minister of Youth and College Students**-First Baptist Church

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

Raleigh - **Executive Director/Treasurer** -Woman's Missionary Union of NC

Raleigh-**Minister of Preschool and Children**-Greystone Baptist Church

Raleigh-**Pastor**-Temple Baptist Church

Rockingham-**Associate Pastor/Minister of Families**-First Baptist Church

Roseboro-**Youth Pastor**-Mintz Baptist Church

Wake Forest -**Minister of Music and Worship**- Wake Forest Baptist Church

OKLAHOMA

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

PENNSYLVANIA

Mechanicsburg -**Pastor for Family Ministries and Community Outreach**- Country and Town Baptist Church

SOUTH CAROLINA

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

Lexington-**Pastor**-Emmanuel Baptist Church

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

TEXAS

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

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

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

Buna-**Youth Pastor**-Central Baptist Church

Dallas-**Pastor**-Journey Church

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

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

Lewisville -**Pastor**- First Baptist Church

Monahans -**Pastor to Students**- First Baptist Church

Pharr -**Pastor**- First Baptist Church

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

Sweetwater-**Pastor**-Trinity Baptist Church

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

Vernon-**Pastor**-Second Baptist Church

VIRGINIA

Blacksburg-**Minister of College Outreach/Student Ministries**-Blacksburg Baptist Church

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

Disputanta-**Director of Youth/Children's Ministries**-Oakland 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
Ringgold-**Pastor**-Ringgold Baptist Church
Rockville-**Associate Pastor for Family Ministry**-Berea Baptist Church

WEST VIRGINIA

Martinsburg-**Senior Pastor**-365 Church

BALI

Sanur-**Pastor**-Gateway Baptist Church

NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax-**Director of Faith Development**-First 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.