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THRIVE with Baptist Women in Ministry

Join us in Georgia on **June 25-27** for our annual Baptist Women in Ministry gathering and for other events that will take place during the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly. Our theme this year is THRIVE, and we will be celebrating the flourishing work being done by God in and through Baptist women. We also will be celebrating the 50th ordination anniversary of Addie Davis.

Worship

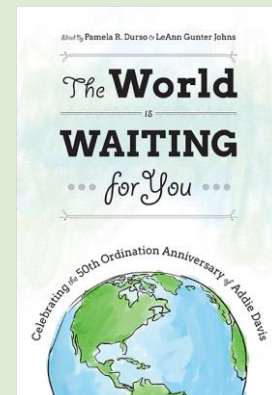
On Wednesday morning, **June 25**, BWIM will host its annual gathering at First Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia. Worship, which begins at **10 a.m.**, will be led by past recipients of the Addie Davis Awards, and the preacher for the morning will be **Shelley Hasty Woodruff**, the 2007 recipient of the Addie Davis Award for Excellence in Preaching.

Luncheon

Worship will be followed by a luncheon at **11:15 a.m.**. Tickets for lunch are \$20 and can be purchased NOW on the [BWIM website](#).

New Book

Our new book will be on sale at the lunch. BWIM, in partnership with Smyth & Helwys, will release a new collection of sermons preached by Addie Davis Award recipients. The collection, ***The World is Waiting for You: Celebrating the 50th Ordination Anniversary of Addie Davis***, is co-edited by **Pam Durso and LeAnn Gunter Johns** and includes twenty-seven sermons by eighteen preachers. Many of the preachers will be available at a book signing following lunch!



Congratulations



Alicia Porterfield (left) received the 2014 Anne Thomas Neil Award from BWIM of North Carolina. Virginia Taylor presented the award.



First Baptist Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina received the 2014 Church Award from BWIM of North Carolina. Accepting the award were Anita Thompson, Leah Anderson Reed, and Daniel Glaze.



Susan Broome was named BWIM of Georgia's 2014 Distinguished Church Woman of the Year.



Tara Brooks (right) received the Sara Owen Etheridge Scholarship from BWIM of GA. Jessica Asbell made the presentation.

Workshop

BWIM will host a workshop, "THRIVE: Successfully Negotiating the Search Process," at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly on Thursday, **June 26, at 2:45 p.m.** The workshop will feature a panel of lay church leaders and ministers who have recently journeyed through the search process and navigated its challenges. They will share lessons learned along the way. Our discussion-based workshop will focus on practical helps for candidates and congregations.

Networking Breakfast

Join BWIM for breakfast and a time for fellowship on Friday, **June 27, at 7:30 a.m.** More information coming soon.

Plan to spend these days with us this summer as we worship and pray together, learn from one another, and enjoy fellowship.

For more information or with questions, email us at ashleyrobinson@bwim.info or pamdurso@bwim.info.

Hope to see you ALL there!



Blessings,

Pam Durso

Be a Supporter

If your life and ministry has been enhanced by the work of Baptist Women in Ministry, you can make sure that other women have that same encouragement!

Be a supporter of our work. Help us as we seek to advocate for women ministers, provide resources for ministers and churches, and continue in promoting Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching, our e-newsletter and blog, and placement assistance!

And it is simple to do - sign up on the [BWIM website](#) and via Pay Pal, your bank account will be drafted. You can make a one-time donation, but what makes the biggest difference are small monthly contribution of \$10 or \$15!

Or mail a contribution:

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Your support makes a HUGE difference!

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

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.

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

Larry Decuir and Allison Tennyson

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

Allison is CBF Director of Human Resources, Decatur, Georgia

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, use this number if you have free long distance:
1 (805) 309-2350 and enter 2201619.

If you do not have free long distance, connect by dialing any of Local Toll Access Numbers listed here and possibly avoid long distance charges that might otherwise be billed by your phone company. After dialing, enter 2201619.

For those without free long distance or a local toll access number, you may dial the toll-free number 1-800-309-2350 and enter 2201619.

For more information about the conversation, email Ashley Robinson at ashleyrobinson@bwim.info.

READ or LISTEN TO PAST CONVERSATIONS

If you missed any of our past monthly conversations, we now have transcripts and recordings of some of those meetings on the BWIM website. To see what is available, [click here](#).

NextSunday DEVOTIONS

Baptist Women in Ministry in partnership with Smyth & Helwys and NextSunday Resources offers 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 April is **Kristy Bay**. Her first two devotions are posted and available at [NextSunday Resources](#). If you haven't read Kristy's insightful writings yet, you won't want to miss them.

BWIM BLOG

Visit the [BWIM Blog](#)! New posts are added weekly. Our monthly writers are Tammy Abee Blom and Brittany Riddle! Be sure to read their most recent posts: Tammy's "Gum in Church," and Brittany's "The Journey."

DEAR ADDIE: A New Blog Series

Baptist Women in Ministry has a blog series featuring "Dear Addie," which 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!

Ordinations

Angela Blizzard was ordained on April 6, 2014 by Vineville Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia.

Lynn Lawrence Brinkley will be ordained on May 4, 2014 by First Baptist Church, Clinton, North Carolina.

Deidre LaNoue was ordained on April 13, 2014 by Valley Ranch Baptist Church, Coppell, Texas.

Karen Pruette was ordained on April 6, 2014 by First Baptist Church, Plymouth, North Carolina.

Frances Tuck will be ordained on May 7, 2014 by Crossroads Church, Fremont, California.

On the Move

Dorisanne Cooper is Pastor of Watts Street Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina.

Ginny Dempsey is the Associate Pastor for students at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church, Athens, Georgia.

Katie Faison is the Minister to Children at Central Baptist Church, Newnan, Georgia

Leigh Halverson is the Minister to Children at First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Alabama.

BWIM of Virginia Feast

BWIM of Virginia will host its annual Feast on **May 2, 2014** at Crozet Baptist Church, Crozet, Virginia from 3-8:30pm. The registration deadline is April 25, 2014. For more information, visit the Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry [website](#).

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.

COLORADO

Denver-**Pastor of Youth and Young Adults**-Calvary Baptist Church

FLORIDA

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

GEORGIA

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

Canton-**Pastor**-Heritage Baptist Fellowship

Carlton-**Pastor**-Carlton Baptist Church

Dalton-**Minister to Youth and Families**-First Baptist Church

Decatur-**Worship Arts Leader**-First Baptist Church

Griffin-**Minister to Children and Families**-First Baptist Church

Jasper-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Stone Mountain-**Minister to Youth**-Smoke Rise Baptist Church

Summerville-**Pastor**-Horizon Baptist Fellowship

FLORIDA

Jacksonville-**Managing Editor**-Florida Baptist Witness

St. Petersburg-**Chaplain (PRN)**-Bayfront Health

INDIANA

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

KANSAS

Salina-**Music and Youth Minister**-First Baptist Church

KENTUCKY

Corbin-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Erlanger-**Director of Missions/Mission Strategist**-The Northern Kentucky Baptist Association

Louisville-**Minister of Children and Families**-Broadway Baptist Church

LOUISIANA

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

Thibodaux-**Minister of Youth and Education**-University Baptist Church

MISSOURI

Rolla-**Pastor**-Salem Avenue Baptist Church

St. Joseph-**Minister of Families/Spiritual Formation**-Wyatt Park Baptist Church

NEW MEXICO

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

NEW YORK

White Plains-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

NORTH CAROLINA

Albemarle -**Pastor**- First Baptist Church

Cary-**Minister of Children**-First Baptist Church
Charlotte-worship and Musical Arts-St. John's Baptist Church
Clayton-**Minister of Students and Outreach**-First Baptist Church
Clinton-**Minister to Youth and Children**-Immanuel Baptist Church
Elon-**Senior Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Fuquay-Varina-**Minister to Youth**-Fuquay-Varina Baptist Church
High Point-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Kannapolis-**Minister of Youth and College**-First Baptist Church
Lexington-**Pastor**-Churchland Baptist Church
Lumberton-**Pastor**-Godwin Heights Baptist Church
Monroe-**Associate Pastor**-First Baptist Church
North Raleigh-**Associate Minister to Students**-Greystone Baptist Church
Oxford-**Pastor**-Tabbs Creek Baptist Church
Raleigh-**Executive Director/Treasurer**-Woman's Missionary Union of NC
Raleigh-**Minister of Preschool and Children**-Greystone Baptist Church
Raleigh-**Pastor**-Highland Baptist Church
Rockingham-**Pastor for Children, Youth, and Families**-First Baptist Church
Salisbury-**Pastor**-Stallings Memorial Baptist Church
Spring Lake-**Minister to Youth and Children**-First Baptist Church
Taylorsville-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Wake Forest-**Minister of Music and Worship**-Wake Forest Baptist Church
Wake Forest-**Pastor**-Wake Forest Baptist Church
Winston-Salem-**Minister to Children**-Ardmore Baptist Church
Winston-Salem-**Pastor**-Wake Forest Baptist Church

PENNSYLVANIA

Mechanicsburg-**Pastor for Family Ministries and Community Outreach**-
Country and Town Baptist Church
Valley Forge-**Emerging Leaders Strategist**-American Baptist Home Mission
Society

SOUTH CAROLINA

Inman-**Minister of Music**-First Baptist Church
Laurens-**Minister to Youth**-First Baptist Church
Lexington-**Pastor**-Emmanuel Baptist Fellowship
Piedmont-**Minister of Music, Children, and Youth**-First Baptist Church

TENNESSEE

Clinton-**Minister of Children**-First Baptist Church
Clinton-**Minister of Students**-First Baptist Church
Maryville-**Pastor**-Cedar Grove Baptist Church

TEXAS

Bonham-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Borger-**Pastor to Families With Students**-First Baptist Church
Breckenridge -**Minister of Youth**- First Baptist Church
Buna-**Youth Pastor**-Central Baptist Church
Fort Worth-**Minister of Adult Education and Outreach**-Broadway Baptist Church
Gilmer-**Minister of Worship**-First Baptist Church

Greenville-**Minister of Music and Technology**-Highland Terrace Baptist Church
Houston-**Church Administrator**-South Main Baptist Church
Kenedy-**Minister to Youth**-First Baptist Church
Lewisville-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Monahans -**Pastor to Students**- First Baptist Church
Paducah-**Youth Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Pharr-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Rising Star-**Youth Minister**-First Baptist Church
Rosenberg-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Shamrock-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Sweetwater-**Pastor**-Trinity Baptist Church
Woodville-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

UTAH

Sandy-**Pastor**-Crossroads Church

VIRGINIA

Ashland-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Bedford County-**Pastor**-Flint Hill Baptist Church
Blacksburg-**Minister of College Outreach/Student Ministries**-Blacksburg Baptist Church
Chester-**Children's Ministry Director**-Ironbridge Baptist Church
Chesterfield-**Director of Music**-Second Branch Baptist Church
Clarksville-**Minister to Students**-Clarksville Baptist Church
Danville-**Organist/Choir Director**-First Baptist Church
Disputanta-**Director of Youth/Children's Ministries**-Oakland Baptist Church
Roanoke-**Executive Director**-The Roanoke Valley Baptist Association
Richmond-**Minister to Youth and Young Adults**-Derbyshire Baptist Church
Ringgold-**Pastor**-Ringgold Baptist Church
Suffolk-**Pastor**-East End Baptist Church
Vienna-**Pastor**-Vienna Baptist Church

WEST VIRGINIA

Martinsburg-**Senior Pastor**-365 Church

BALI

Sanur-**Pastor**-Gateway Baptist Church

GERMANY

Wiesbaden-**Pastor**-Immanuel 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.