

Baptist Women in Ministry

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THRIVE with Baptist Women in Ministry

Join us on **June 25-27, 2014** 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.

LOCATION

Our worship service and lunch on Wednesday, June 25, will both be at **First Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia**. The church's address is 308 Clairemont Avenue, Decatur, Georgia, and phone number is [404.373.1653](tel:404.373.1653).

TRANSPORTATION

If you need transportation from the Hyatt Regency Hotel to the church, you can ride the train! See below for detailed information! Allow 45 minutes to an hour if you ride the Marta train to the church. A transfer is necessary.

WORSHIP AND LUNCH TIMES

The worship service on June 25 begins at 10 a.m. and lunch is at 11:15 a.m. No more tickets are available for the lunch.

CHILDCARE (Register by June 20)

Childcare will be provided during the BWIM worship and luncheon for children, ages 8 and younger, for \$5 per child. To register for childcare, [click here](#). Registration will be open until Friday, June 20.

Annual Gathering



**Shelley Hasty
Woodruff**

is the preacher for the BWIM
worship service



Dorisanne Cooper,
pastor of Watts Street Baptist
Church, Durham, North
Carolina, will lead our time of
communion

BOOK SIGNING

Our new book, *The World is Waiting for You: Celebrating the 50th Ordination Anniversary of Addie Davis* will be on sale at the luncheon. Nine of the preachers will be present for a book signing following the lunch. For more information on the book, scroll down in this e-newsletter.

WORKSHOP

During the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly, BWIM will host a workshop, "THRIVE: Successfully Negotiating the Search Process." The workshop is scheduled for **Thursday, June 26, at 2:45 p.m.** and will be held in the University Room of the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The panelists for the workshop are **Jake Hall, Amanda Harper, Sharron Hunt, Brittany Krebs,** and **Jud Reasons.** Each of them has recent experience as ministerial candidates or as search committee members.

If you are looking for a new ministry position or your church has been or is in the search mode, this workshop will be an excellent resource.

NETWORKING BREAKFAST **(Register by June 20)**

Join BWIM for breakfast and a time of fellowship on **Friday, June 27, at 7:30 a.m.** The breakfast will be held in the Hanover Room of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Cost of the breakfast is \$18. To purchase tickets from CBF, [click here](#).

For information about any and ALL our events, email ashleyrobinson@bwim.info.



Anne Thomas Neil

We mourn the loss of one of BWIM's Founding Mothers, **Annie Thomas Neil**, who died peacefully on Sunday, June 8, 2014, at the age of 94. Last year, at BWIM's Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration, Anne was presented with the first ever Frankie Huff Granger Distinguished Mentor Award.

Anne was appointed in 1952 with her husband, Lloyd (deceased), as a Southern Baptist missionary, serving in Nigeria and Ghana for twenty-seven years. In West Africa, she served as nursing instructor, writer of religious literature, teacher, out-reach nurse, house parent for missionary children, leader within the mission, spiritual adviser to university students, and seminary instructor. Retiring with her husband to Wake Forest in 1981, Anne began a second career of advocacy for women in ministry, studying for a year at Garrett Theological Seminary in Chicago. Neil's passion for gender parity in ordination was a driving force in her role as a founder of Baptist Women in Ministry, the Alliance of Baptists, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, and the Baptist House of Studies at Duke Divinity School. At eighty years of age, she was ordained to the ministry.

Anne is survived by daughters Rebecca Albritton (Bob) and Elaine Orr (Anderson); three grandchildren, a great granddaughter, and her sister. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 21, at 1:00 p.m., Millbrook Baptist, 1519 E. Millbrook Rd., Raleigh, North Carolina.

Esther Tye Perkins

Baptist Women in Ministry mourns the loss of **Esther Tye Perkins**. Esther was the first Southern Baptist woman pastor in South Carolina. She died on Friday, May 23, 2014 at the age of 92.

Esther was ordained August 14, 1983 and was called as pastor of Pine Bluff Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina that same year. She later served Eason Memorial Baptist Church in Eastover, South Carolina, pastoring that church until her retirement in 2003. A book was written in 1996 about Esther's life, ***For Such a Time as This***, by Don Kirkland and Philip Stone in 1996. She is survived by her grandson and great-granddaughter.

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 enewsletter 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 contributions of \$10 or \$15!

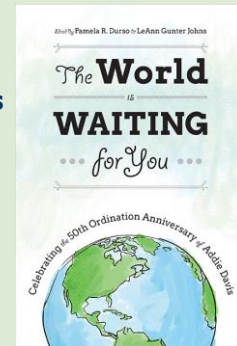
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Your support makes a HUGE difference!

A NEW BOOK FROM BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY

Baptist Women in Ministry is pleased to partner with Smyth & Helwys Publishers in the production of a new book, **The World is Waiting for You: Celebrating the 50th Ordination Anniversary of Addie Davis**. The collection is co-edited by Pam Durso and LeAnn Gunter Johns and includes Addie's story, two of her sermons, and twenty-five sermons by eighteen Addie Davis Award recipients.



The preachers featured in the book are Gwen Brown, Erin James-Brown, Molly Brummett, Caroline Lawson Dean, Bailey Nelson Edwards, Griselda Escobar, Angela Fields, Nicole Finkelstein-Blair, Karen Hatcher, Kimberly Schmitt Holman, LeAnn Gunter Johns, Andrea Dellinger Jones, Martha Kearse, Veronice Miles, Heather Mustain, Teresa Pugh, Kyndall Rae Rothaus, and Shelley Hasty Woodruff.



The World is Waiting for You: Celebrating the 50th Ordination Anniversary of Addie Davis will be available for sale at the June 25 lunch, and many of the preachers featured in the book will be present for a book signing.

LeAnn Gunter Johns and **Pam Durso** will also be part of a book signing at CBF General Assembly on Thursday, June 26, following the worship service.

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 2014 Schedule

August 12, 10:30

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

Larry Decuir

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

September 16, 10:30 a.m.

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

Keith Gammons

Keith is publisher and executive vice president, Smyth & Helwys

October 14, 10:30 a.m.

"Why Can't We All Just Get Along?: Learning from Conflict"

LeDayne McLeese Polaski

LeDayne is program coordinator, Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America

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 June is **Melanie Storie**. Her first three devotionals are posted and available at [NextSunday Resources](#). If you haven't read Melanie's insightful writings yet, you won't want to miss them.

Upcoming writers include Lauren Brewer Bass, Valerie Burton, Allison Kentle, Katie McKown, Amy Shorner-Johnson, and Cynthia Williams.

DEAR ADDIE

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

The BWIM Blog

Visit the [BWIM Blog](#). We have a new feature: [Tuesday Prayers](#)! Each Tuesday we will post the prayer of a woman. If you have prayers you love, prayers you have written, send them to us (pamdurso@bwim.info). We also have new posts each week by writers such as Pam Durso, Tammy Abee Blom, and Brittany Riddle!

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

Jessica Piercy Godfrey was ordained April 27, 2014 by First Baptist Church Rutherfordton, North Carolina.

Martha Haigler was ordained June 11, 2014 by Providence Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Jennifer Jindrich was ordained on June 8, 2014 by First Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia.

Laura McDaniel was ordained June 8, 2014, by Woodland Baptist Church, Arrington, Virginia.

Pam Moyer was ordained on June 8, 2014 by Convergence Church, Alexandria, Virginia.

Katie Mussat was ordained on May 18, 2014 by Seventh and James Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

Tina Marie Schiling was ordained on April 6, 2014 by Trinity Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

Meredith Shaw will be ordained on July 13, 2014 by Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky.

On the Move

Amy Becker is the Team Pastor for Missions and Outreach at Ashworth Road Baptist Church, Des Moines, Iowa.

Susan Brennan is youth director at Chesterfield Baptist Church, Moseley, Virginia.

Susan Kish is the Director of Music at Tomahawk Baptist Church, Midlothian, Virginia.

Meg Lacy is minister of congregational life at Emerywood Baptist Church, High Point, North Carolina.

Michelle McClendon is associate pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Katie Murray is the Christian Advocacy Specialist at Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

Georgia Risenhoover is associate endorser for chaplaincy relations, Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Barbara Romine is children's ministry assistant at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Glen Allen, Virginia.

Lorri Thornton is the Assistant Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, Ithaca, New York.

Erica Evans Whitaker is pastoral intern at Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas.

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.

ARKANSAS

Hot Springs Village-**Pastor**-Balboa Baptist Church

FLORIDA

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

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

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

GEORGIA

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

Carlton-**Pastor**-Carlton Baptist Church

Jasper-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Marietta-**Minister to Students**-First Baptist Church

Summerville-**Pastor**-Horizon Baptist Fellowship

KANSAS

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

KENTUCKY

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

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

Winchester-**Pastor of Family Life and Outreach**-Central Baptist Church

LOUISIANA

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

MISSOURI

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

NEW YORK

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

NORTH CAROLINA

Albemarle -**Pastor**- First Baptist Church

Asheville-**Minister to Students**-First Baptist Church

Boiling Springs-**Pastor**-Boiling Springs Baptist Church
Charlotte-**Minister of Worship and Musical Arts**-St. John's Baptist Church
Clinton-**Minister to Youth and Children**-Immanuel Baptist Church
Durham-**Minister of Discipleship and Children**-Durham Memorial Baptist Church
Franklin-**Minister to Youth and Children**-Iotla Baptist Church
Fuquay-Varina-**Minister to Youth**-Fuquay-Varina Baptist Church
Hallsboro-**Pastor**-Hallsboro Baptist Church
High Point-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Lexington-**Pastor**-Churchland Baptist Church
Lumberton-**Pastor**-Godwin Heights Baptist Church
Mars Hill--**Residency Position**--Mars Hill University
Monroe-**Associate Pastor**-First Baptist Church
North Raleigh-**Associate Minister to Students**-Greystone Baptist Church
Oxford-**Pastor**-Tabbs Creek Baptist Church
Raleigh-**Pastor**-Highland 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-**Pastor**-Wake Forest Baptist Church
Winston-Salem-**Minister to Children**-Ardmore Baptist Church
Winston-Salem-**Pastor**-Wake Forest Baptist Church

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

OHIO

Cincinnati-**Minister to Preschoolers and Children**-Mt. Carmel 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

Laurens-**Minister to 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

Abilene-**Minister to Students**-Southland Baptist Church
Bonham-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Borger-**Pastor to Families With Students**-First 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-**Minister to Children**-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
Woodville-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

UTAH

Sandy-**Pastor**-Crossroads Church

VIRGINIA

Ashland-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Bedford County-**Pastor**-Flint Hill Baptist Church
Chesterfield-**Director of Music**-Second Branch Baptist Church
Clarksville-**Minister to Students**-Clarksville Baptist Church
Colonial Heights-**Pastor**-Woodland Baptist Church
Cumberland-**Pastor**-Fitzgerald Memorial Baptist Church
Danville-**Organist/Choir Director**-First Baptist Church
Fredericksburg-**Pastor**-Ferry Farm Baptist Church
Lebanon-**Associate Pastor/Minister of Music**-Green Valley Baptist Church
Newport News-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Prince George-**Director of Family Ministries and Outreach**-Oakland Baptist Church
Richmond-**Minister to Youth and Young Adults**-Derbyshire Baptist Church
Roanoke-**Minister to Students and Missional Activities**-Grandin Court Baptist Church
Roanoke-**Executive Director**-The Roanoke Valley Baptist Association
Suffolk-**Pastor**-East End Baptist Church
Vienna-**Pastor**-Vienna Baptist Church
Wise-**Collegiate/Youth Adult Minister at UVA**-Virginia Baptist Mission Board

GERMANY

Wiesbaden-**Pastor**-Immanuel 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.