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Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer



I invite you to join with Baptist women around the world on **November 3** as they pray.

This World Day of Prayer is sponsored by the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance.

Join your heart and voices in prayer for the vulnerable women, men, and children in our world who are exploited every day through human trafficking.

Pray for children and teenagers who are abused, neglected, or bullied.

Pray for those who have lost family members and homes to weather disasters.

Pray for those who are persecuted because of their religious beliefs.

Pray for those who live in poverty, suffer from deadly diseases, or struggle with mental illness.

Pray for Baptist women worldwide who have given their lives to care for and minister among "the least of these."

We pray every day for the great needs of the world, but I encourage you on this special day of prayer to make time in your schedule to ask that God's presence may be felt, that God's comfort may be experienced, and that God's love may be shared.

For more information and for resources, visit the [Women's Department website](#).

Praying with you,

Pam Durso

Be a Monthly Giver

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!

What we need most right now are monthly supporters. People who will pledge to give a small amount every single month, and it is simple to do! Sign up on the [BWIM website](#) and via Pay Pal, your bank account will be drafted each month. You can give \$10-\$15 or more. Together all the monthly gifts provide a stable financial base for Baptist Women in Ministry.

You can also make a one-time donation.

To mail a contribution:
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Your support makes a HUGE difference!

NEW T-SHIRT

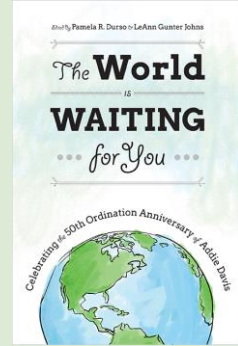
Baptist Women in Ministry has a new t-shirt to go with our new book! And we have children's sizes! [Visit our website to order your t-shirt today.](#) You can order the book now by



clicking [here!](#)

A NEW BOOK

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 book is available from [Smyth & Helwys!](#)

The Messy Stuff of Ministry: Our 2014 Monthly Conversations

Each month a collaborative group led by **Pam Durso** and **Devita Parnell** gathers for conversation about women and Baptist life.

You are invited to 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 feature interviews with experts and practitioners, who share 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

November 4, 10:30 a.m.

Larry Decuir

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

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

December 2, 10:30 a.m.

Suzii Paynter and Pam Durso

"Networking, Connecting, Advocating: A Conversation about the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Baptist Women in Ministry"

Suzii is the executive coordinator of CBF. Pam is the executive director of BWIM.

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.

READ or LISTEN TO PAST CONVERSATIONS

If you missed any of our past monthly conversations, we now have transcripts and recordings of the 2014 meetings on the BWIM website.

Audio recordings are available of the conversation with **Rebecca Wiggs and Patricia Wilson** on "Breaking the Law? Dealing with Pesky Legal Issues;" **Laura Leavell** on "Practice Sabbath? Who Has Time?;" **Taryn Deaton** on "Who me? Ask for Money? Fundraising 101;" and **Pam Durso and Devita Parnell** on "Will I Ever Find a Ministry Position?: Hints and Helps for Surviving the Search Process."

To listen to these recordings and also see transcripts from earlier conversations, [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 October is **Katie McKown**. In her most recent devotion, Katie wrote: "We love and serve a gathering God. When we are tempted to run, may we remember the God who gathers loves us most and best. The safest place for any of us to be is under the shelter of God's wings. Under God's wings, we grow in grace and learn to fly."



Read this devotion and earlier ones on the [NextSunday blog](#).

Upcoming writers include 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

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

Carla Babb was ordained on October 12, 2014 by Trinity Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Molly Painter was ordained on October 8, 2014 by First Baptist Church, Carolina Beach, North Carolina.

Kim Priddy was ordained on October 19, 2014 by First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Stephanie Moody Shaffer was ordained on October 19, 2014 by Plymouth Church, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Sandy Stillman-Alvin was ordained on October 19, 2014 by Heritage Baptist Church, Wake Forest, North Carolina.

On the Move

Leigh Ann Bryant is children's ministry associate, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.

Heather Diggs is associate pastor, Journey Church in Roanoke, Virginia.

Elizabeth Franklin is director of children's ministries, First Baptist Church, Laurens, South Carolina.

Kathryn Freeman is director of public policy at the Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Austin.

Patricia Greene is associate pastor/minister to families, First Baptist Church, Rockingham, North Carolina.

Julie Hammer is children's minister, First Baptist Church, Lewisville, Texas.

Melissa Kessler is minister to students, Grandin Court Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia.

Kara Krohg is associate pastor of education, First Baptist Church, Pella, Iowa.

Adalia Gutierrez Lee is area director for Iberoamerica and the Caribbean for the American Baptist Churches USA's International Ministries.

Joy Perkett is pastor, First Baptist Church, Essex, Connecticut.

Patti Stratton is co-pastor, First Baptist Church, Rutland, Vermont.

Rachel Miller Wolfe is youth director, Rhoadesville Baptist Church, Rhoadesville, Virginia.

Danielle Yates is children's minister, First Baptist Church, Cleburne, Texas.

BWIM of South Carolina



Baptist Women in Ministry of South Carolina regularly hosts luncheons. The latest one took place on Thursday, October 16 in Greenville.

If you would like more information about their future gatherings and lunch, email **Ellen Sechrest** at esechrest@boulevardbaptist.com.

BWIM of Georgia

Join Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia for a dinner and dialog, "As You Love Yourself: Working from Abundance," on **November 2** at First Baptist Church, Athens from 5:30-6:30 p.m. **Teri Carzoneri** is the guest dialog partner.

For more information, contact Hannah Coe at hannah@firstbaptistathens.org

Women's Pilgrimage to Ireland

A Spiritual Journey: A Place of Divine Encounter

April 10-19, 2015

Beth McConnell and Christy McMillin-Goodwin will be leading a pilgrimage to Ireland next spring. Highlights of the Pilgrimage will include: St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, The Butter Exchange in Cork, The Cliffs of Mohr, shopping, and much more. Click here for the brochure, or contact [Beth McConnell](#) or [Christy McMillin](#) for more information.

Staffers Needed for PASSPORT Camps



Passport Camps is looking for staffers for its 2015 camps. Preachers, Bible study leaders, worship coordinators, and other positions are available.

For information about Passport or to fill out an application, visit the [Passport website](http://www.passportcamps.org/staff).

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

Auburn-**Associate Pastor for Youth, College, and Young Adults**-Auburn First Baptist Church

Auburn-**Associate Pastor for Music**-Auburn First Baptist Church

Mobile-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

ARKANSAS

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

Jonesboro-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

CALIFORNIA

Palo Alto-**Associate Pastor for Faith Formation & Family Life**-First Baptist Church

Tahoe City-**Children's Ministry Intern**-First Baptist Church

FLORIDA

Jacksonville-**Pastor**-Deermeadows Baptist Church

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

Jacksonville-**Pastor**-Riverside Baptist Church

Niceville-**Pastor**-Bluewater Community Church

St. Petersburg-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Tampa-**Pastor**-Bayshore Baptist Church

Vero Beach-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

GEORGIA

Atlanta-**Chaplain**-Piedmont Hospital

Atlanta-**Minister of Congregational Life**-Wieuca Road Baptist Church

Decatur-**Chaplain/Counseling Associate**-Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Madison-**Minister of Music**-Madison Baptist Church

Marietta-**Minister to Students**-First Baptist Church
Milledgeville-**Minister to Families**-First Baptist Church
Ocilla-**Youth Pastor**-Ocilla Baptist Church

KANSAS

Topeka-**Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, & Small Groups**-First Baptist Church

KENTUCKY

Lexington-**Minister of Music**-Calvary Baptist Church
Louisville-**Minister of Music**-Deer Park Baptist Church
Stanford-**Pastor**-Stanford Baptist Church
Winchester-**Pastor of Family Life and Outreach**-Central Baptist Church

MARYLAND

Ashton-**Pastoral Counselor**-CentrePointe Counseling, Inc. (part-time)

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor-**Pastor**-Second Baptist Church

MISSOURI

Jefferson City-**Associate Pastor for Children**-First Baptist Church
Kansas City-**Pastor**-Crossroads Church

NORTH CAROLINA

Benson-**Minister to Youth and Children**-Benson Baptist Church
Boiling Springs-**Pastor**-Boiling Springs Baptist Church
Burlington-**Associate Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Chapel Hill-**Intentional Interim Pastor**-Binkley Baptist Church
Chapel Hill-**Minister to Children**-Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
Charlotte--**Pastor**-Myers Park Baptist Church
Durham-**Minister of Discipleship & Children**-Durham Memorial Baptist Church
Durham-**Associate Pastor for Families**-Temple Baptist Church
Elizabeth City-**Minister of Students**-Corinth Baptist Church
Elkin-**Minister for Music and Children**-First Baptist Church
Franklin-**Minister to Youth and Children**-Iotla Baptist Church
Greenville-**Pastor**-The Memorial Baptist Church
Hallsboro-**Pastor**-Hallsboro Baptist Church
Kannapolis-**Minister of Students**-Memorial Baptist Church
Lenoir-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Morgantown-**Minister of Music**-First Baptist Church
New Bern-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Newton Grove-**Pastor**-Newton Grove Baptist Church
Raleigh-**Minister for Serving Christ**-Forest Hills Baptist Church
Raleigh-**Children's Minister**-Millbrook Baptist Church (part-time)
Raleigh-**Minister of Children and Youth**-Rolesville Baptist Church
Raleigh-**Pastor**-Macedonia
Spring Hope-**Senior Pastor**-Duke Memorial Baptist Church
Spruce Pine-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Winston-Salem-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Winston-Salem-**Community Minister**-Northwest Baptist Church (part-time)

OKLAHOMA

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

OHIO

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

SOUTH CAROLINA

Anderson-**Minister of Music**-Boulevard Baptist Church

Greenville-**Minister to Youth**-First Baptist Church

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

Pickens-**Minister to Students and Families**-First Baptist Church

Simpsonville-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

TENNESSEE

Knoxville-**Minister of Youth**-West Hills Baptist Church

Maryville-**Minister to Children**-First Baptist Church

TEXAS

Abilene-**Minister to Students**-Southland Baptist Church

Arlington-**Minister of Music and Worship**-First Baptist Church

El Paso-**Associate Pastor for Congregational Care**-Coronado Baptist Church

Fredericksburg-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Waco-**Pastor**-Lake Shore Baptist Church

VIRGINIA

Bassett-**Pastor**-Oak Level Baptist Church

Chester-**Minister to Children and Parents**-Chester Baptist Church (part-time)

Colonial Heights-**Pastor**-Woodland Baptist Church

Cumberland-**Pastor**-Fitzgerald Memorial Baptist Church

Danville-**Associate Pastor/Minister of Music**-Moffett Memorial Baptist Church

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

Earlsville-**Associate Pastor of Formation**-Chestnut Grove Baptist Church

Falls Church-**Youth Minister Intern**-First Baptist Church of Merrifield (part-time)

Floyd-**Pastor**-Floyd Baptist Church

Fredericksburg-**Youth Director**-Bethel Baptist Church (part-time)

Fredericksburg-**Pastor**-Ferry Farm Baptist Church

Jarratt-**Pastor**-High Hills Baptist Church

King William-**Pastor**-Sharon Baptist Church

Lebanon-**Associate Pastor/Minister of Music**-Green Valley Baptist Church

Lexington-**Associate Pastor of Family Life and Music**-Manly Memorial Baptist Church

Lynchburg-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Newport News-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Prince George-**Director of Family Ministries and Outreach**-Oakland Baptist Church

Quinton-**Pastor**-High Hills Baptist Church

Quinton-**Pastor**-Second Liberty Baptist Church (part-time)

Richmond-**Director of Youth**-Branch's Baptist Church (part-time)

Richmond-**Pastor**-Grace Baptist Church

Richmond-**Finance Business Manager**-First Baptist Church

Roanoke-**Pastor**- Calvary Baptist Church
Roanoke-**Minister to Students and Missional Activities**-Grandin Court Baptist Church
Roanoke-**Director of Youth**-Rosalind Hills Baptist Church (part-time)
Saluda-**Pastor**-Saluda Baptist Church
Waynesboro-**Minister of Education and Family Ministries**-First Baptist Church
Williamsburg-**Children & Youth Associate**-Williamsburg Baptist Church (part-time)

WASHINGTON DC

Executive Director-District of Columbia Baptist Association
Pastor-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.