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## The Mystery of Ordination



In less than two weeks, my family, friends, colleagues, supporters, and fellow church members will gather for my ordination. Many will make the trip to Atlanta for this special occasion in my life; some of them will travel long distances just to be here. I am a bit, well more than a bit, overwhelmed by that knowledge.

I have also been a bit overwhelmed by the question, "Aren't you excited?" Wonderful, caring friends have asked me this question. Church members, students, and acquaintances have also asked me. And I don't have a settled answer. I don't know quite what to say. "Excited, not really" doesn't seem appropriate. Neither does, "Nervous. I am rather nervous about the whole thing." As one who lives in the world of words, I can't even find ones to express how I am feeling these days.

My inability to articulate in any intelligent way has driven me to prayer, reflection, and some hand wringing. Okay, more than some. A lot of hand wringing. And here is what I am learning about ordination and myself.

Ordination, of course, entails words of blessing and the physical act of affirmation through the laying on of hands. Over the past fifteen years, I have attended and participated in countless ordinations. I have spoken words of blessings, prayed over, and laid hands upon dozens of women and men, and I have felt the power of the spirit, experienced God's presence. I am grateful for those moments.

As I have pondered and prayed, I have realized that giving blessing comes easily and naturally to me. I cherish the opportunity to bless. But . . . I do not easily or naturally

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Lane Riley (above) and Ossie McKinney (below) are among the 2015 Martha Stearns Marshall preachers.



receive blessing. I hesitate to hear or accept words of affirmation, and my impending ordination has pushed me to admit this about myself and to begin working on myself. I am still in process of learning to open my heart and to live with a receiving spirit.

My second realization is that ordination involves much mystery, a concept which was beautifully expressed by Molly Marshall, president of Central Baptist Theological Seminary. In her article, "[The Mystery of Ordination](#)," Molly noted that "In God's mysterious calculus of grace, these [ordained ministers] lead and accompany God's church as it makes its slow journey through history toward the City of God."

There is much that I do not understand about this mysterious working of God through ordination. There is much that I have yet to learn, and to be honest, living into this mystery is a struggle for me. I am a concrete thinker, an organizer, an over-planner. I maintain careful control of my calendar, my emotions, and just about everything else that is controllable in life. But ordination, this mysterious gift of affirmation and "set apartness," has challenged me and is challenging me to trust. To trust that God is at work. To trust that God is in this. To trust that my church and the BWIM Leadership Team were right in their request that I be ordained. And frankly, all that trusting has been hard, really hard.

So in the days remaining before my ordination, I have blocked out some hours to pray and to rest. I don't want to miss what God has in store. I very much want to be ready to hear, ready to receive, ready to open my heart. And in these days, your prayers are surely appreciated!

With gratitude,

*Pam Durso*

## SAVE THE DATE

Come join us in June in Dallas for worship, fellowship, and some great Tex-Mex. Baptist Women in Ministry will host its annual gathering on Wednesday, **June 17, 2015**, at Wilshire Baptist Church. The morning begins at 10:00 am with worship, and our theme is LIVING GENEROUSLY.

Our preacher will be **Julie Pennington-Russell**. Julie serves as pastor of First Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia. She is one of the most gifted preachers we have in Baptist circles (and well beyond) and is a much-loved mentor, respected community leader, and great friend to Baptist Women in Ministry.



**Julie Pennington-Russell**



**Ossie X. McKinney**

Our worship leader will be **Ossie X. McKinney**. Ossie is minister of music at Faith Baptist Church in Atlanta and will soon graduate from McAfee School of Theology. She has a powerful story and a beautiful voice.

An incredible lunch will be served following worship. Tickets for lunch will be \$20 and will be available on March 3 on the BWIM website. More details to come soon.

So **SAVE THE DATE**. Plan on being in Dallas and joining us for worship and lunch!

## **BE A SUPPORTER of BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY**

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!

Become a monthly supporter. Sign up on the [BWIM website](#) and via Pay Pal, your bank account will be drafted each month. Monthly gifts provide a stable financial base for Baptist Women in Ministry, and they are greatly appreciated.

Or you can also make a one-time donation on our website or via snail mail:

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Your support makes a HUGE difference!

## **FAMILY TIES**

### **Our 2015 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.

**SAVE the DATE!** Below are the dates and times for our 2015 conversations. Our theme for the year is "Family Ties," and we will be talking about family relationships, responsibilities, and real life challenges of ministers.

### **The 2015 Schedule**

**Thursday, March 12, 10:30 a.m. (EASTERN TIME)**

**Mary Beth Foust, Julie Long, and Stephanie McLeskey**

"Pregnant while Ministering: The Joys and Challenges of a Very Public Pregnancy"

Mary Beth is ministry coordinator, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia. Julie Long is associate pastor and minister of children and families, First Baptist Church of Christ, Macon, Georgia. Stephanie is chaplain at Mars Hills University, Mars Hill, North Carolina.

**Tuesday, April 14, 10:30 a.m. (EASTERN TIME)**

**Sharyn Dowd, Brittany Riddle, and Charity Roberson**

"SBWM (Single Baptist Woman Minister): Surviving and Succeeding as a Single Minister"

Sharyn is pastor for caring and serving ministries, First Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia. Brittany is minister to adults, Vinton Baptist Church, Vinton, Virginia. Charity is equipping coach, Virginia Baptist Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia.

**Tuesday, May 12, 10:30 a.m. (EASTERN TIME)**

**Brent Jones, Josh Speight, and Paul Swiney**

"Help! My Wife is a Minister: A Conversation with Ministers' Spouses"

Brent's wife, Andrea, is pastor of Millbrook Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina. Josh's wife, Becky, is minister to families with children, Smoke Rise Baptist Church, Stone Mountain, Georgia. Paul's wife, Tambi, is associate pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

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](mailto: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 the 2014 meetings on the BWIM website.

Audio recordings are available of these conversations:

### **Rebecca Wiggs and Patricia Wilson**

["Breaking the Law? Dealing with Pesky Legal Issues"](#)

### **Laura Leavell**

["Practice Sabbath? Who Has Time?"](#)

### **Taryn Deaton**

["Who me? Ask for Money? Fundraising 101"](#)

### **Pam Durso and Devita Parnell**

["Will I Ever Find a Ministry Position?: Hints and Helps for Surviving the Search Process."](#)

To listen to these recordings, read transcripts from earlier conversations, and see the 2015 calendar, [click here](#).

## MONDAY PSALMS

Baptist Women in Ministry offers a weekly devotion titled "Monday Psalm." These devotions, based on the Psalms, focus attention on the ways in which God is at work in our lives.

The writer for February is **LeAnn Gunter Johns**. In her most recent devotion, ["I Take Refuge"](#), LeAnn wrote:

"We all need safe places where we can go to rest and receive refuge. When we pray the prayer that the psalmist teaches us, we find God's reassurance of presence and protection in sometimes the most surprising places. Whether it is while sitting on a sanctuary pew, receiving a hug from a loving parent, or a feeling a sense of deep peace, may God's presence provide the refuge and comfort you need today."

Our upcoming writers include **Nikki Finkelstein-Blair** and **Meredith Stone**.



## LAST WEEK ON THE BWIM BLOG

The [TUESDAY PRAYER](#) from Baptist Women in Ministry was written by Catherine of Siena (c. 1347-1380)

On Wednesday, **Starlette McNeill** told a beautiful story of piecing together her ministry in "[Mother-Pastor.](#)"

On Thursday **Pam Durso** announced details about our [upcoming annual gathering](#) on June 17, 2015.

On Friday, [THIS IS WHAT A MINISTER LOOKS LIKE](#) featured an interview with **Devita Parnell**, the young Baptist ecosystem manager at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in Decatur, Georgia.

## THE BWIM WEBSITE



Baptist Women in Ministry's website is packed full of resources, including information about [Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching](#), the [Addie Davis Awards](#), and the [Monthly Conversation](#) recordings and transcripts.

On the Resource Page, you will find [Maternity Leave Policies](#), [Ordination Resources](#), and a list of helpful [books and articles](#).

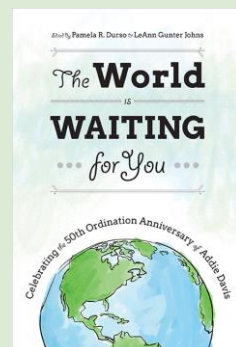
Plus you can read the [BWIM blog](#), buy our [T-Shirt](#), and [make a contribution](#)--all on our website!

More resources to come so keep checking the [BWIM site](#)!

## BWIM's MOST RECENT 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 BWIM T-SHIRT - 50% off through February 28**

In honor of Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching our new t-shirts are 50% off. You can [buy yours here.](#)



## **Texas Women in Ministry Conference**

Texas Baptists are hosting a ministry conference on February 20, 2015 at Logsdon Seminary in Abilene, Texas. The theme for the conference is "Reflecting God's Image," and plenary speakers include **Cheryl Kimble**, pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church in Austin, and **Kyndall Rothaus**, pastor of Covenant Baptist Church in San Antonio. The conference will include plenary sessions, panel discussions, breakouts on topics related to women in ministry and ministry equipping, and networking opportunities.

## **BWIM of North Carolina Annual Convocation**

BWIM of North Carolina will host its annual convocation on **Thursday, March 19, 2015** at 10 a.m. at Sardis Baptist Church in Charlotte.

## **Women's Pilgrimage to Ireland**

**Beth MacConnell** and **Christy McMillin-Goodwin** will be leading a pilgrimage to Ireland **April 10-19, 2015**. 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.

## BWIM of Georgia Spring Gathering

Save the Date! BWIM of Georgia's Spring Gathering will be **Saturday, April 11, 2015** at Wieuca Road Baptist Church in Atlanta. The preacher will be Mimi Walker, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta. Details coming soon.

## Virginia BWIM's Annual Feast

Virginia BWIM will host its annual Feast on **May 1, 2015** at River Road Baptist Church in Richmond. More details coming soon.

## BWIM of Georgia Scholarship

Annually, Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia awards the Sara Owen Etheridge Scholarship to a Baptist woman who is from or currently resides in Georgia and has completed at least one year of seminary education (30 hours of study) whether at the Master or Doctoral level. Applicants may attend a Baptist or non-Baptist seminary. This year's deadline is **March 15, 2015**.

For more information and to download the scholarship application, visit the [BWIM of Georgia website](#) or email Jessica Asbell at [jessica@rfbc.org](mailto:jessica@rfbc.org)

## BWIM of Georgia Award

### Distinguished Church Woman of the Year

Each year, Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia honors a woman as Distinguished Churchwoman of the Year. Qualifications and nomination instructions may be found on the [BWIM of Georgia website](#). Nominations are due **March 15, 2015**.

For more information or to submit nominations, email Tamara Tillman Smathers at [ttsmathers@fbcrome.org](mailto:ttsmathers@fbcrome.org).

## PREACHER BREATH by Kyndall Rae Rothaus

Smyth & Helwys Publishers recently released ***Preacher Breath: Sermons and Essays*** by **Kyndall Rae Rothaus**.

"*Preacher Breath* is solace for the preacher's soul. Writing out of her own experience as a pastor, Kyndall's profound reflections on the preaching life are so full of grace and truth that preachers will find themselves on every page. A wordsmith of the first order, her writing is exquisite. The sermons she includes are simply paradigmatic and imbued with such richness and depth that they will make us better preachers and better Christians."-William Hulitt Gloer, professor of preaching and Christian scripture, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University

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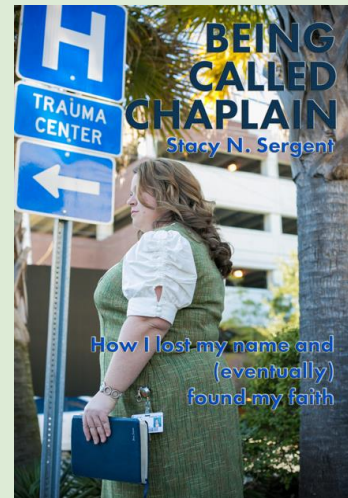


## Being Called Chaplain by Stacy N. Sergent

Harrelson Press recently released *Being Called Chaplain: How I lost my name and (eventually) found my faith* by **Stacy N. Sergent**.

*Being Called Chaplain* is the story of Stacy's first year as a chaplain. It chronicles her journey as she is confronted by the tragedies of life and as she loses and then regains faith.

"Stacy's story is for anyone who has ever questioned their faith, God, or what they believe at all. Her honesty in doing it while serving as chaplain to those in dire situations is a gift that frees us to accept doubt as an integral part of faith."--  
Carrie Nettles



[The book may be ordered from Amazon.](#)

## Ordinations

**Jessica Abell** will be ordained on March 1, 2015 by First Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado.

**Deborah Lambeth** was ordained by Beverly Hills Baptist Church, Asheville, North Carolina.

**Sara Robb** was ordained on February 8, 2015 by Scott Boulevard Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia.

**Cristy Wise** was ordained on February 8, 2015, by Bates Fork Baptist Church, Sycamore, Pennsylvania.

## On the Move

**Lindsay Andreolli-Comstock** is executive director, the Beatitudes Society, Berkley, California.

**Ann Charlescraft** is staff chaplain, Riverside Regional Medical Center, Newport News, Virginia.

**Karen Bass Driskill** is director of music ministries, First Baptist Church, Clinton, North Carolina

**Laura Freeman** was appointed as a missionary by the American Baptist International Ministries to serve in evangelism in Turkey.

**Sarah Gengler** is pastor of the Federated Church, Brookston, Indiana.

**Karen Gilbert** is the minister of missions, Derbyshire Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

**Kelle Parish** is children's minister, Trinity Baptist Church, Kerrville, Texas.

**Betty Rains** is associate pastor, Oakland Baptist Church, Gum Spring, Virginia.

**Betsy Smith** is choir director, Rhoadesville Baptist Church, Rhoadesville, Virginia.

**Elizabeth Squires** is pastor of Pennar Community Church in Pembroke Dock, West Wales.

**Shirley Womble** is minister of children, families and church administration, Masonboro Baptist Church, Wilmington, North Carolina.

## 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

Birmingham-**Pastor**-Mt. Moriah Baptist Church

Mobile-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

### ARKANSAS

Jonesboro-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Little Rock-**Minister to Youth and Children**-Pulaski Heights Baptist Church

### CALIFORNIA

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

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

### COLORADO

Denver-**Pastor**-Central Baptist Church

### FLORIDA

Jacksonville-**Pastor**-Deermeadows Baptist Church

Niceville-**Pastor**-Bluewater Community Church

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

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

### GEORGIA

Atlanta-**Chaplain**-Piedmont Hospital

Carrollton-**Pastor**-Tabernacle Baptist Church

Macon-**Associate Editor**-Smyth & Helwys

Macon-**Curriculum Editor**-Smyth & Helwys

Madison-**Minister of Music**-Madison Baptist Church  
Ocilla-**Youth Pastor**-Ocilla Baptist Church  
Rome-**Pastor**-Garden Lakes Baptist Church  
St. Simons-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

#### **KANSAS**

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

#### **KENTUCKY**

Berea-**Minister of Music and Children**-Berea Baptist Church  
Louisville-**Minister of Music**-Deer Park Baptist Church  
Louisville-**Minister to Students**-St. Matthew's Baptist Church  
Stanford-**Pastor**-Stanford Baptist Church

#### **MARYLAND**

Ashton-**Pastoral Counselor**-CentrePointe Counseling, Inc. (part-time)  
Baltimore-**Pastor**-University Baptist Church  
Easton-**Pastor**-Union Baptist Church

#### **MICHIGAN**

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

#### **MISSOURI**

Kansas City-**Pastor**-Crossroads Church  
Liberty-**Student Pastor**-Second Baptist Church

#### **NEW JERSEY**

Passaic-**Pastor**-St. Paul Baptist Church

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

Ayden-**Pastor**-The Memorial Baptist Church  
Burlington-**Associate Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Clayton-**Associate Pastor for Students and Outreach**-First Baptist Church  
Durham-**Associate Pastor for Families**-Temple Baptist Church  
Eatonton-**Associate Pastor, Music and Family Ministries**-First Baptist Church  
Elizabeth City-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Elkin-**Minister for Music and Children**-First Baptist Church  
Kannapolis-**Minister of Students**-Memorial Baptist Church  
Laurinburg-**Minister of Students**-First Baptist Church  
Lenoir-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Lillington-**Pastor**-Lillington Baptist Church  
Mt. Airy-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
New Bern-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Newton Grove-**Director of Youth Ministries**-Newton Grove Baptist Church  
Raleigh-**Minister for Serving Christ**-Forest Hills Baptist Church  
Raleigh-**Minister of Music and Worship**-Hayes Barton Baptist Church  
Raleigh-**Children's Minister**-Millbrook Baptist Church (part-time)  
Raleigh-**Minister of Children and Youth**-Rolesville Baptist Church  
Raleigh-**Pastor**-Macedonia Baptist Church  
Spring Hope-**Senior Pastor**-Duke Memorial Baptist Church

Spruce Pine-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Winston-Salem-**Community Minister**-Northwest Baptist Church (part-time)

### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

Clemson-**Director of College Ministries**-First Baptist Church  
Greenville-**Minister to Youth**-First Baptist Church  
Hartsville-**Minister to Youth and Children**-First Baptist Church  
Orangeburg-**Associate Pastor/Minister of Music**-First Baptist Church  
Pickens-**Minister to Students and Families**-First Baptist Church  
Simpsonville-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

### **TENNESSEE**

Johnson City-**Pastor**-Central Baptist Church  
Knoxville-**Minister of Youth**-West Hills Baptist Church  
Memphis-**Associate Pastor, Families and Congregational Care**-Second Baptist Church

### **TEXAS**

Arlington-**Minister of Music and Worship**-First Baptist Church  
Chattanooga-**Pastor**-Second Missionary Baptist Church  
El Paso-**Associate Pastor for Congregational Care**-Coronado Baptist Church  
Ft. Worth-**Pastor**-Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
Fredericksburg-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Rochester-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
San Marcos-**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)  
Clifton Forge-**Minister of Music and Youth**-Clifton Forge 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**-Fairview Baptist Church  
Jarratt-**Pastor**-High Hills Baptist Church  
Kenbridge-**Pastor**-Kenbridge Baptist Church  
King William-**Pastor**-Sharon Baptist Church  
Marion-**Pastor**-Marion Baptist Church  
Midlothian-**Preschool Director**-Winfree Memorial Baptist Church  
Quinton-**Pastor**-Second Liberty Baptist Church (part-time)  
Richmond-**Director of Youth**-Branch's Baptist Church (part-time)  
Roanoke-**Director of Youth**-Rosalind Hills Baptist Church (part-time)  
Vinton-**Minister to Students and Activities**-Vinton Baptist Church  
Waynesboro-**Minister of Education and Family Ministries**-First Baptist Church  
Williamsburg-**Children & Youth Associate**-Williamsburg Baptist Church (part-time)

**WASHINGTON DC**

**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

**WEST VIRGINIA**

Bluefield-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

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