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LIVING GENEROUSLY

Come join us 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 a.m with worship, and our theme is LIVING GENEROUSLY.

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



Our worship leader will be **Ossie X. McKinney**, minister of music at Faith Baptist Church in Atlanta. Ossie will graduate from McAfee School of Theology in May and will share her beautiful gifts for worship leadership and music with her.

An incredible lunch will be served following worship. Tickets for lunch are \$20 and are available on the [BWIM website](#).

At the lunch, we will present our two Addie Davis Award winners and recognize our 2015 Church of Excellence and Distinguished Mentor.

Make plans to come! It will be an unforgettable morning and meal!

See you in Dallas!

Pam Durso

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:

Send a check to:

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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

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.

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 March is **Nicole Finkelstein-Blair**. In her most recent devotion, [Praying Psalm 27 for Those Who are Afraid](#), Nicole wrote:

"God, light of love,
keep your promise of salvation
especially for those who face fear every day.
Where there is danger to life or to heart,
where there is war-without and within-
where there are real, hovering threats,
strike a promising spark against the dark."

Our upcoming writers include **Meredith Stone** and **Anjie Fields**.



LAST WEEK ON THE BWIM BLOG

The **TUESDAY PRAYER** from Baptist Women in Ministry was written by Cynthia Insko. On Wednesday, **Sandy Stillman-Alvin** wrote about being [Challenged to Love](#). On Thursday **Pam Durso** reflected on [unforgettable moments](#) at her ordination service. On Friday, **THIS IS WHAT A MINISTER LOOKS LIKE** featured an interview with **Deborah Cochran**.

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](#).

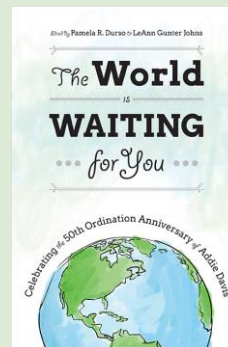
Plus you can read the [BWIM blog](#), buy our [T-Shirt](#), and [make a contribution](#)--all on our website!

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.

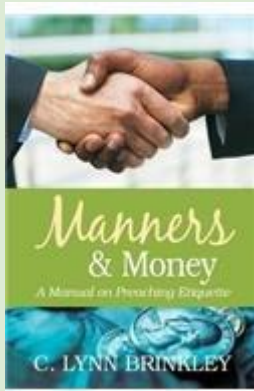
The preachers featured in the book are Gwen Brown, Erin James-Brown, Molly Brummett, Caroline Lawson Dean, Bailey Nelson Edwards, Griselda Escobar, Angela Fields, Nicole Finkelstein-Blair, Karen Hatcher, Kimberly Schmitt Holman, LeAnn Gunter Johns, Andrea Dellinger Jones, Martha Kearse, Veronice Miles,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



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

Manners & Money: A Manual on Preaching Etiquette

by C. Lynn Brinkley



What does etiquette have to do with preaching? C. Lynn Brinkley, director of student services and alumni relations at Campbell University Divinity School in Buies Creek, North Carolina, poses this question in **Manners & Money: A Manual on Preaching Etiquette**. Then with a strong nod to biblical principles, she offers her answer: Good manners must not be neglected in the ministry of preaching.

The manual begins with an introduction on the history of etiquette and why it matters. Part one provides an exegetical analysis of key passages of scripture that deal with preaching etiquette. Part two

suggests that if greater attention is given to matters of preaching etiquette, the ministry of preaching will be done decently and in order, and those charged with proclaiming God's word will be better equipped to serve in a spirit of excellence. Part three addresses matters of hospitality and honoraria.

Manners & Money provides excellent practical advice and helpful and thoughtful strategies, making this book a superb resource and guide for churches and preachers alike. Order a copy today from [Amazon](#).

Texas Baptist Women in Ministry

Texas Baptist Women in Ministry was officially organized on February 26, 2015. More than two-dozen Texas Baptists participated in the group's organizational meeting at First Baptist Church in Abilene.



An interim steering committee was appointed that includes (left to right) **Ellen Di Giosia** (chair), associate pastor at Woodland Baptist Church in San Antonio; **Jewel London**, assistant to the pastor at The Church Without Walls in Houston; and **Taylor Sandlin**, pastor of Southland Baptist Church in San Angelo.

More information about the organizational meeting is available a news article in the [Baptist Standard](#). To contact the new group, email txbwim@gmail.com.

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, 5811 Sardis Road, Charlotte. The theme is "Embracing the Mosaic Life--Life in Process."

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.

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.

Ordinations

Pam Durso was ordained on February 28, 2015 by Conerstone Church, Snellville, Georgia and the Leadership Team of Baptist Women in Ministry.

Erica Geralds was ordained on March 15, 2015 by Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur, Georgia.

Anna Holladay was ordained on March 15, 2015 by Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky.

Alice Horner will be ordained on March 15, 2015 by Smoke Rise Baptist Church, Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Louisa Monroe was ordained on March 15, 2015 by Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Sara Larson Wiegner was ordained on February 22, 2015 by Calvary Baptist Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

On the Move

Barbara Agnew is children's minister, Fellowship Baptist Church, Marble Falls, Texas.

Hannah Coe is the associate pastor of children and families, First Baptist Church of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Cheryl Harader is associate pastor of adult spiritual formation, First Baptist Church, Lawrence, Kansas.

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

Cindy Johnson is associate pastor, First Baptist Church, New London, New Hampshire.

Jessie Kearns is director of college ministries, First Baptist Church, Clemson, South Carolina.

Mary Mann is pastor, Westover Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

Amy McClure is minister of congregational care, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Kelsey Stillwell is interim minister to youth, First Baptist Church, Commerce, Georgia.

April Stace Vega is minister of worship and arts, The Riverside Church, New York.

Kara Wheeler is associate minister to children and their families, First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Georgia.

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

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

COLORADO

Denver-**Pastor**-Central Baptist Church

FLORIDA

Cocoa-**Children's Minister**-First Baptist Church

Daytona Beach-**Minister of Music, Youth and Families**-Central Baptist Church

Jacksonville-**Pastor**-Deermeadows Baptist Church

Niceville-**Pastor**-Bluewater Community Church

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

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

GEORGIA

Carrollton-**Pastor**-Tabernacle Baptist Church

Jefferson-**Minister of Children and Families**-First Baptist Church

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

Rome-**Pastor**-Garden Lakes Baptist Church

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

KENTUCKY

Berea-**Minister of Music and Children**-Berea Baptist Church

Louisville-**Coordinator**-Kentucky Baptist Fellowship

Louisville-**Minister to Students**-St. Matthew's Baptist Church

MARYLAND

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

Baltimore-**Pastor**-University Baptist Church

Easton-**Pastor**-Union Baptist Church

MICHIGAN

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

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

Ayden-**Pastor**-The Memorial 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

Elkin-**Associate Pastor for Children and Music**-First Baptist Church

Laurinburg-**Minister of Students**-First Baptist Church

Lillington-**Pastor**-Lillington Baptist Church

Mt. Airy-**Pastor**-First 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

Salisbury-**Pastor**-Neel Road Baptist Church

Sylvia-**Pastoral Internship**-First Baptist Church

Wilkesboro-**Pastor**-Wilkesboro Baptist Church

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

SOUTH CAROLINA

Clemson-**Director of College Ministries**-First Baptist Church

Orangeburg-**Associate Pastor/Minister of Music**-First Baptist Church

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

TENNESSEE

Johnson City-**Pastor**-Central Baptist Church

Memphis-**Associate Pastor, Families and Congregational Care**-Second Baptist Church

TEXAS

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

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

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

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

Fincastle-**Pastor**-Mill Creek Baptist Church
Floyd-**Pastor**-Floyd Baptist Church
Fredericksburg-**Youth Director**-Bethel Baptist Church (part-time)
Fredericksburg-**Pastor**-Fairview Baptist Church
Kenbridge-**Pastor**-Kenbridge Baptist Church
Marion-**Pastor**-Marion Baptist Church
Martinsville-**Pastor**-Starling Avenue 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
Williamsburg-**Children & Youth Associate**-Williamsburg Baptist Church (part-time)

WASHINGTON DC

Pastor-Calvary Baptist Church
Pastor-First Baptist Church

WEST VIRGINIA

Bluefield-**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.

