

# Baptist Women in Ministry

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### NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE BWIM LUNCH

Come join Baptist Women in Ministry in Dallas for worship, fellowship, and some great Tex-Mex! We will gather on June 17, 2015 at Wilshire Baptist Church.

The morning begins at 10:00 a.m. with worship and lunch begins at 11:30. **Now is the time to buy your lunch ticket**, which are available on the BWIM website for \$20. Tables of eight may be purchased for \$160.

Our worship theme is LIVING GENEROUSLY. **Julie Pennington-Russell**, pastor of First Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia, is our preacher. She is one of the most gifted preachers in Baptist circles 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.

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

Mentor. We will also have three authors present for a book signing: **Lauren Brewer Bass, Judith Bledsoe Bailey**, and **C. Lynn Brinkley**.

It will be a wonderful day, and we hope you will join us in Dallas!

## **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:

**Baptist Women in Ministry**  
**P. O. Box 941294**  
**Atlanta, GA 31141-1294**

Your support makes a HUGE difference!

## **New on the BWIM Website**

Baptist Women in Ministry's website is packed full of helpful information. Recently added is a new section with [placement and personnel resources](#).

The placement section includes lists of questions asked of the candidate, congregation, and search committee during the ministry search position. These questions come from two churches that recently and successfully completed the call process with a new minister.

The personnel section includes various policies and guides related to interviewing, hiring, and conducting performance reviews, including onboarding guidelines, performance reviews, and exit interview forms.

Other resources on the website include [Maternity Leave Policies](#), [Ordination Resources](#), and links to helpful [books](#) and [articles](#). You will also find information about [Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching](#), the [Addie Davis Awards](#), and the [Monthly Conversation](#) recordings and transcripts.

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

## **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, 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.

**Thursday, June 4, 10:30 a.m. (EASTERN TIME)**

**Jake Hall, Mary Elizabeth Hanchey, and Ruth Perkins Lee**

**"Project Pomegranate: Infertility, Pregnancy Loss, and Infant Death"**

Jake Hall is pastor of Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia. Mary Elizabeth Hanchey is director of children's choirs at Watts Street Baptist Church and also a leader of Project Pomegranate. Ruth Perkins Lee is director of ministries for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Decatur, Georgia.

**Tuesday, August 11, 10:30 a.m. (EASTERN TIME)**

**Karen Massey, Prissy Tunnell, Kerri Thompson**

**"What Now? Caring for Aging Parents While Ministering"**

Karen Massey is associate dean and associate professor of Christian education and faith development at McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia. Prissy Tunnell is minister of music and children at North Broad Baptist Church, Rome, Georgia. Kerri Thompson is therapist at Southern Behavior Services and case manager at Coliseum Behavioral Health, Macon, Georgia.

**Tuesday, September 15, 10:30 a.m. (EASTERN TIME)**

**Merianna Neely Harrelson and Kerrie Clayton Jordan**

**"Not for the Faint of Heart: Step-Parenting and Ministry"**

Merianna Neely Harrelson is the pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, South Carolina, and Kerrie Clayton Jordan is minister of music and senior adults, First Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina.

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).

## LISTEN TO PAST CONVERSATIONS

You can now listen or read transcripts from our past [conversations on the BWIM website](#).

The most recent conversations include:

[Pregnant While Ministering](#): A Conversation with Julie Long, Stephanie McLeskey, and Mary Beth Foust

[Two Ministries, One Marriage](#): A Conversation with Jane and David Hull

## 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.

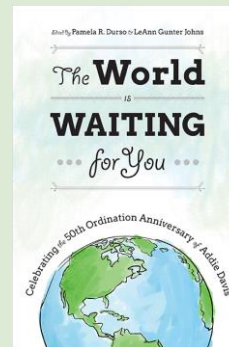


**Meredith Stone** is our April writer, and in her devotion this week, [Psalm 44: When It Feels Like God is Sleeping](#), she writes: "Psalms of lament, like Psalm 44, express our deepest, most honest feelings. They were not written to give us the answers or opine theologically. Psalms of lament were written to be sung on the butcher's block. So on the dark days, let us sing these songs of sorrow while tears flow from our eyes. Let us accept that, for the moment, we don't have the answers to unbearable pain or to the fact that we feel like God is sleeping."

Our upcoming devotional writers include **Anglea Fields, Kyndall Rothaus, and Katrina Brooks**.

## 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!](#)

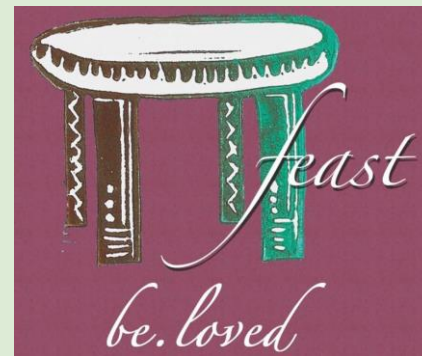
## Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry's Annual Feast

Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry will host its annual Feast from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. on **May 1, 2015** at River Road Baptist Church in Richmond.

The Feast preachers include **Christy Foldenauer, Britni Michelle Johnson, Nancy Stanton McDaniel, and Ayuko White.**

Optional early-bird feasting, "Affirming the Woman's Call Through Scripture," will be led by Scott Spencer, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

A dessert reception will conclude the day with a celebration of **Judith Bledsoe Bailey's** new book, *Strength for the Journey: Feminist Theology and Baptist Women Pastors*.



## Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia



At its annual gathering on April 11, 2015, Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia presented

**Ruth DuCharme** (center) with its Distinguished Church Woman of the Year Award.

**Erin Hall** (left), a member of Ruth's church, nominated her, and **LeAnn Gunter Johns** (right), past president, presented the award. Congratulations, Ruth!

At the meeting, Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia also presented its Sara Owen Ethridge Scholarship Award to **Ossie X. McKinney**, who will graduate from McAfee School of Theology in May 2015. Congratulations and best wishes to you, Ossie!



## Baptist Women in Ministry of North Carolina



**Ka'thy Gore Chappell** (right) received the Anne Thomas Neil Award from Baptist Women in Ministry of North Carolina on March 19, 2015, during their annual convocation. Alicia Porterfield (left) presented the award.

Congratulations, Ka'thy, on this well-deserved honor!

## Tennessee CBF's Betty Galloway Advocacy Award

On April 11, 2015 at its General Assembly, Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship presented its Betty Galloway Advocacy for Women in Ministry Award to **Mike Smith**, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Fountain City.

The award was presented by **Lori Williamson**, one of Mike's former students and church members. Congratulations, Mike!



## Virginia BWIM Preaching Award



The 2015 recipient of the Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry Preaching Award is **Britni Michelle Johnson**.

Britni is associate minister at the Gethsemane Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., and is pursuing a master of divinity degree at the John Leland Center for Theological Studies in Arlington, Virginia. Britni will preach at Virginia BWIM's annual feast on May 1.

## Ordinations

**Teresa Ray Chicarelli** was ordained on March 22, 2015 by Durham Memorial Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina.

**Christy Foudenauer** was ordained on March 22, 2015 by Gayton Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

**Kendra Plating** was ordained on January 18, 2015 by First Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina.

**Annie Sutton** will be ordained on April 26, 2015 by First Baptist Church, Jasper, Georgia.

## On the Move

**Mary Carol Anderson** is youth minister at First Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina.

**Ruth Bryan** is chaplain for Gentle Transitions Hospice, Waco, Texas.

**Mary Helen Cameron** is minister of music at Pocohontas Bassett Baptist Church, Bassett, Virginia.

**Amy Curry** is children's ministry director at First Baptist Church, Grandview, Texas.

**Rena Steward Hester** is interim minister to music and children at First Baptist Church, Elkin, North Carolina.

**Kathy Marks** is director of children's ministry at Calvary Baptist Church, Winchester, Virginia.

**Emily Hull McGee** is pastor at First Baptist Church, Winton-Salem, North Carolina.

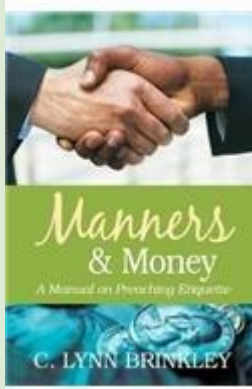
**Stacy Cochran Nowell** is pastor at First Baptist Church, Huntersville, North Carolina.

**Beth Sullivan** is minister to children at Main Street Baptist Church, Georgetown, Texas.

**Jane Williams** is minister of music at First Baptist Church, Orangeburg, South Carolina.

## **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](#).

## **Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America Summer Conference**

The Baptist Peace Fellowship of North American will host its summer conference, "No Longer Strangers: Crossing Borders for Peacemaking" at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia on **July 6-11, 2015**.

The conference features thought-provoking workshops, exciting activities, spirit-filled worship, and inspiring leaders who are all devoted to crossing a multitude of borders with the work of peace. Interpreting will be provided for Spanish-speaking participants.

For more information visit their [website](#) or [email the Summer Conference Manager, Evelyn Hanneman](#).

## 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

Birmingham-**Pastor**-Mt. Moriah Baptist Church  
Montgomery-**Hospital Chaplain**-Baptist Health of Central Alabama

### ARIZONA

Lake Havasu City-**Pastor/Director Family Ministries**-Hilltop Community Church

### ARKANSAS

Little Rock-**Minister to Youth and Children**-Pulaski Heights Baptist Church  
Searcy-**Preschool Ministry Coordinator**-First Baptist Church

### COLORADO

Denver-**Pastor**-Central Baptist Church

### CONNECTICUT

Eastford-**Pastor**-Eastford Baptist Church

### FLORIDA

Cocoa-**Children's Minister**-First Baptist Church  
Daytona Beach-**Minister of Music, Youth and Families**-Central Baptist Church

### GEORGIA

Atlanta-**Associate Pastor for Worship and Growth**-Eastside Church  
Atlanta-**Minister of Children and Families**-Wieuca Road Baptist Church  
Carrollton-**Pastor**-Tabernacle Baptist Church  
Commerce-**Minister to Youth, Children, and Families**-First Baptist Church  
Dunwoody-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Gainesville-**Minister to Youth**-First Baptist Church  
Jefferson-**Minister of Children and Families**-First Baptist Church  
Rome-**Pastor**-Garden Lakes 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

Annapolis-**Pastor**-Heritage Baptist Church  
Baltimore-**Pastor**-University Baptist Church

Easton-**Pastor**-Union Baptist Church

### **MICHIGAN**

Charlotte-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

### **MISSOURI**

Kansas City-**Pastor**-Winnwood Baptist Church

Liberty-**Student Pastor**-Second Baptist Church

### **NEW JERSEY**

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

### **NEW YORK**

New York City-**Director of Children and Families**-Riverside Church

Rochester-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

### **NORTH CAROLINA**

Apex-**Minister of Outreach**-Woodhaven Baptist Church

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

Asheville-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Ayden-**Pastor**-The Memorial Baptist Church

Charlotte-**Pastor**-Providence Baptist Church

Clayton-**Associate Pastor for Students and Outreach**-First Baptist Church

Eatonton-**Associate Pastor, Music and Family Ministries**-First Baptist Church

Greensboro-**Minister to Families**-Southeast Baptist Church

Lillington-**Pastor**-Lillington Baptist Church

Mt. Airy-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Raleigh-**Minister of Music and Worship**-Hayes Barton Baptist Church

Reidsville-**Pastor**-Baptist Temple

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**

North Charleston-**Metanoia Fellow**-St. Matthews Baptist Church

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

Orangeburg-**Associate Pastor to Family and Students**-First Baptist Church

### **TENNESSEE**

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

Knoxville-**Associate Director**-Operation In As Much

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

Sevierville-**Pastor**-Wears Valley Baptist Church

### **TEXAS**

Andrews-**Associate Pastor for Adult Education**-First Baptist Church

Austin-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Castroville-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Corpus Christi-**Minister to Students**-Second Baptist Church

Dallas-**Minister of Music and Administration**-Cliff Temple Baptist Church  
Dallas-**Pastor**-Royal Lane Baptist Church  
Ft. Worth-**Pastor**-Agape Baptist Church  
Ft. Worth-**Pastor**-Gambrell Street Baptist Church  
Ft. Worth-**Pastor**-Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
Georgetown-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Georgetown-**Minister to High School Students**-Main Street Baptist Church  
Houston-**Minister of Adult Ministries**-University Baptist Church  
Hudson Oaks-**Pastor**-LakeShore Drive Baptist Church  
Lufkin-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Mabank-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Marlin-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Midland-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Pasadena-**Minister of Youth and Education**-South Main Baptist Church  
Rochester-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
San Marcos-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Stephenville-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

### **VIRGINIA**

Clifton Forge-**Minister of Music and Youth**-Clifton Forge Baptist Church  
Danville-**Associate Pastor/University Chaplain**-West Main BC/Averett University  
Fincastle-**Pastor**-Mill Creek Baptist Church  
Floyd-**Pastor**-Floyd Baptist Church  
Fredericksburg-**Pastor**-Fairview Baptist Church  
Henrico-**Pastor**-Bethlehem Baptist Church  
Marion-**Pastor**-Marion Baptist Church  
Martinsville-**Pastor**-Starling Avenue Baptist Church  
Midlothian-**Preschool Director**-Winfree Memorial Baptist Church  
Montross-**Pastor**-Nomini Baptist Church  
South Boston-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Staunton-**Minister to Families**-Memorial Baptist Church  
Vinton-**Minister to Students and Activities**-Vinton Baptist Church  
Williamsburg-**Pastor**-Williamsburg Baptist Church

### **WASHINGTON DC**

**Pastor**-Calvary Baptist Church  
**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

## **State Women in Ministry Information**

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### **Kentucky**

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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.*