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## THIS WEEK WITH Baptist Women in Ministry

Join us this week in Dallas, Texas for worship, fellowship, conversation, and fun!

### **Worship**

Our annual worship service is always the highlight of our year, and ALL of you are welcome to worship with us!

The service will be held on Wednesday, June 17 at 10:00 a.m. Wilshire Baptist Church will be our host for worship and for our annual lunch.

Our theme is LIVING GENEROUSLY, and our preacher and worship leader for the morning are **Julie Pennington-Russell** and **Ossie X. McKinney**. **Ellen Di Giosia** and **Jewel London** will lead communion.

### **Transportation**

A shuttle bus will run between the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Wilshire Baptist Church on Wednesday, June 17 for our annual gathering. Round-trip tickets for the shuttle are \$7. **Space is LIMITED and will be provided on a first-come first-serve basis.** Register for the shuttle by [clicking here](#).

### **Lunch**

Worship will be followed by a lunch at 11:15 a.m. We have SOLD out our lunch and have no more tickets available.

### **Presentation of Annual Awards**

Our four annual awards will be presented during our lunch: the Addie Davis Award for Excellence in Preaching, the Addie Davis Award for Outstanding Leadership in Pastoral Ministry, the Church of Excellence, and the Distinguished Mentor Award.

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Worship Leaders



Julie Pennington-Russell



Ossie X. McKinney



Ellen Di Giosia



Jewel London

### Book Signing

BWIM will host a book signing following lunch, and our featured writers are:

**Lauren Brewer Bass**, author of *Five Hundred Miles: Reflections on Calling and Pilgrimage*

**Judith Bledsoe Bailey**, author of *Strength for the Journey: Feminist Theology and Baptist Women Pastors*

**C. Lynn Brinkley**, author of *Manners and Money: A Manual on Preaching Etiquette*

### The BWIM Workshops

During the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly, **Pam Durso** and **Devita Parnell** will host "Networking: Not a Dirty Word," a workshop for young Baptists. The workshop, scheduled for Thursday, June 18 at 1:30 p.m., will introduce resources and practices needed to build the wider community of support for young ministers and leaders as they begin a lifetime of service.

On Friday, June 19, at 2:45 p.m., **Pam Durso** will lead a workshop titled "Finding a Place: Successfully Negotiating the Search Process." The workshop will feature a panel of lay church leaders and ministers who have recently journeyed through the search process and navigated the challenges of that process and who will share lessons learned along the way.

For more information about the gathering or for questions about tickets for lunch or the shuttle, contact Ashley Robinson at [ashleyrobinson@bwim.info](mailto:ashleyrobinson@bwim.info).

Hope to see you ALL this week in Dallas!

Blessings!

*Pam Durso*

## TEXAS BWIM

Texas Baptist Women in Ministry will host a fellowship gathering on **June 17 from 12:45-1:30 p.m.** at Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

## 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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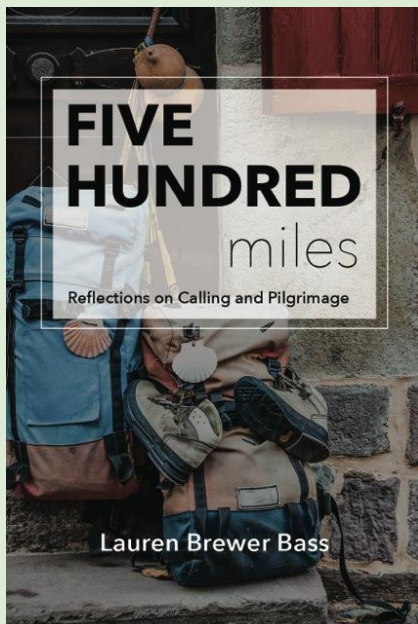
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## FIVE HUNDRED MILES:

### Reflections on Calling and Pilgrimage

by Lauren Brewer Bass



Baptist Women in Ministry is proud to introduce a new book, ***Five Hundred Miles: Reflections on Calling and Pilgrimage***, by **Lauren Brewer Bass**. BWIM partnered with Lauren and with Smyth & Helwys Publishers to produce this much needed, creative and fresh book on vocational calling.

Lauren is a recent graduate of Logsdon Seminary, a gifted writer and thinker, and one of the most adventurous people around. She has crafted together stories from a pilgrimage she made on the Camino de Santiago with her own developing understanding of calling. While the idea for the book began with an interest in college students, the finished product has value beyond that original vision. All of us--college students, seminarians, young and new ministers, seasoned clergy, and lay people--need to read and hear Lauren's words. Her beautiful weaving together of her stories with God's story offers wisdom for those on the journey.

## **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, 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.

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:

[Help! My Wife is a Minister: A Conversation with Ministers' Spouses](#), featuring Brent Jones, Josh Speight, and Paul Swiney

**SBWM (Single Baptist Woman Minister) Surviving and Succeeding as a Single Minister:** A Conversation with Sharyn Dowd, Charity Roberson, and Brittany Riddle

**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.



**Kyndall Rothaus** is our June writer, and in her devotion this week, [Psalm 62: The Fright of Silence](#), she writes: "Sit still. Endure the fright of overwhelming doubt and a mysterious, somewhat unknowable God.

After a long uncomfortable bout with fear, there is a whisper. Just a whisper. No fireworks. No earthquake. No fire. No wind. Just a whisper, slight murmur from the somewhat knowable God."

Our upcoming devotional writers include **Katrina Brooks and Alicia Porterfield.**

## ORDINATIONS

**Nancy "Dusty" Brockhouse** was ordained on May 24, 2015 by Providence Baptist Church, Charleston, South Carolina.

**Cindy Brown** was ordained on April 25, 2015 by Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia.

**Deana Deaton** was ordained on March 29, 2015 by First Baptist Church, Erwin, North Carolina.

**Laura M. Harris-Adam** was ordained on May 31, 2015 by North Shore Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

**Sara Hunt-Felke** was ordained on June 14, 2015 by First Baptist Church, Glendale, California.

**Chelsea Krahulik** was ordained on April 19, 2015 by Dayspring Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

**Joan Maples** was ordained on May 5, 2015 by Huguenot Road Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

**Fran Patterson** will be ordained on June 21, 2015 by Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

**Lynette Sills** was ordained on April 12, 2015 by First Baptist Church, Asheville, North Carolina.

**Kay Spencer** was ordained on May 31, 2015 by Starling Avenue Baptist Church, Martinsville, Virginia.

**Artemia Tamayo** was ordained on May 2, 2015 by Greenbrier Baptist Church, Arlington, Virginia.

## **ON THE MOVE**

**Elizabeth Ray Beale** is minister of outreach at Woodhaven Baptist Church, Apex, North Carolina.

**Jennifer Cox** is director of children's ministry at First Baptist Church, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

**Lacey Davis** is minister to students at First Baptist Church, Laurinburg, North Carolina.

**Elaine Hawkins** is minister to children at First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

**Lisa Keeling** is minister of children's education at Tallowood Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.

**Susan Lester** is pastor of SouthCross Community Church, Burnsville, Minnesota.

**Susie Lewis** is minister to children at Shalom Baptist Church, Mechanicsville, Virginia.

**Mary Richerson Mann** is pastor of Westover Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

**Jill Martin** is student minister at Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

**Bailey Edwards Nelson** is pastor at Fernwood Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

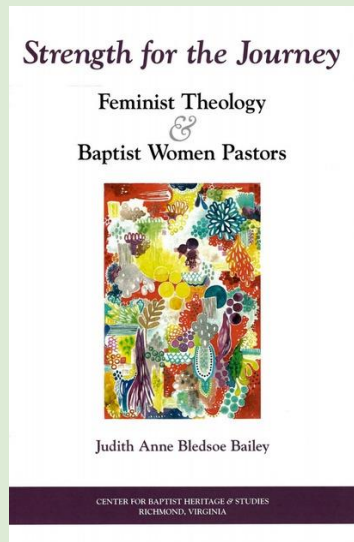
**Kyndall Rothaus** is pastor of Lake Shore Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

**Debbie Thompson** is minister of music at May Memorial Baptist Church, Powhatan, Virginia.

**Julie Gaines Walton** is chaplain at Lakewood Manor Retirement Community, Richmond, Virginia.

## STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY: Feminist Theology and Baptist Women Pastors

by Judith Bledsoe Bailey



The Virginia Baptist Historical Society recently released a new book by **Judith Bledsoe Bailey: *Strength for the Journey: Feminist Theology and Baptist Women Pastors***

"Judith Bledsoe Bailey weaves together the powerful and complex narratives of twenty Baptist women called to ministry by God but often rejected by their faith families, and in recording their stories, Bailey patiently draws these women to identify their own awareness or lack of awareness of feminist theology and its role in their understanding of God, the Bible, salvation, and ministry. Bailey's careful analysis of Baptist history as well as her insightful attention to these women's use of language, their personal spirituality, and their ministry journeys offers more than an evaluation of a few women during a brief period of history, her work also nudges us to consider and evaluate our own place in history and the influence of various theologies on our personal and vocational

development. ***Strength for the Journey*** is a welcomed addition to our bookshelves!" -  
- Pam Durso, executive director, Baptist Women in Ministry

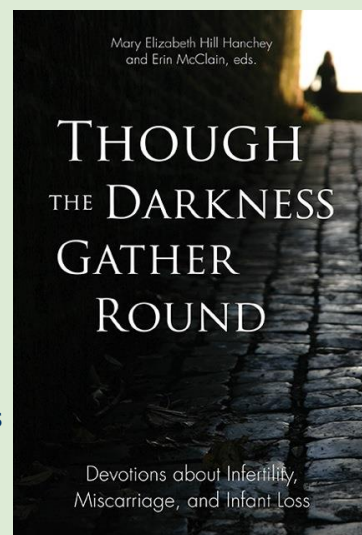
Visit Judith's new website--[Strength for the Journey](#) to order your copy!

## THOUGH THE DARKNESS GATHER ROUND

Edited by Mary Elizabeth Hill Hanchey and Erin McClain

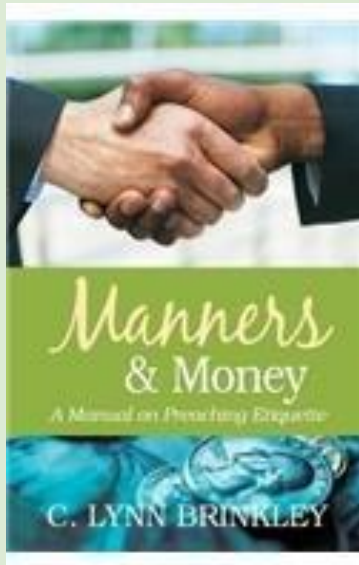
Much courage is required to weather the long grief of infertility and the sudden grief of miscarriage and infant loss. The storms that rage are frightening and overwhelming. ***Though the Darkness Gather Round***, edited by **Mary Elizabeth Hill Hanchey** and **Erin McClain**, is a collection of forty devotions written by those who have lived through infertility, miscarriage, and infant loss.

These devotions by those who have witnessed the gathering darkness, is much needed. The women and men, ministers, chaplains, and lay leaders who have shared their words in this collection offer a precious gift to those who grieve, and the communities that endeavor to offer support and comfort.



## **MANNERS & MONEY: A Manual on Preaching Etiquette**

by C. Lynn Brinkley



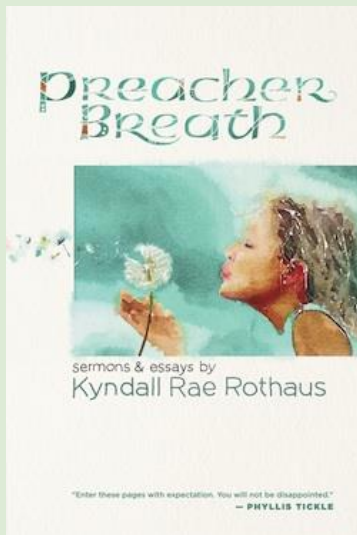
Nurturing Faith recently released a new book by **C. Lynn Brinkley**, director of student services and alumni relations at Campbell University Divinity School in Buies Creek, North Carolina.

***Manners & Money: A Manual on Preaching Etiquette*** addresses the issues of preaching and hosting etiquette in a manual written for current and future ministers--and those who instruct them--and also for churches. Based on scriptural guidelines, it addresses proper pulpit decorum and principles of hospitality and honoraria. A seminar on preaching etiquette, complete with an extensive questionnaire, is also included.

The book offers excellent practical advice and helpful and thoughtful strategies, making it a superb resource and guide for churches and preachers alike. Order a copy today from [Amazon](#).

## **PREACHER BREATH: Sermons and Essays**

by Kyndall Rae Rothaus



Smyth & Helwys Publishers earlier this year released a new book by **Kyndall Rae Rothaus**, pastor of Covenant Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas.

***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.

Order a copy at [Smyth & Helwys Publishers](#).

## 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-**Associate Pastor of Children and Families**-Shades Crest Baptist Church

### ARIZONA

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

### ARKANSAS

Searcy-**Preschool Ministry Coordinator**-First 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

Orlando-**Associate Pastor**-Church on the Drive

Orlando-**Coordinator of Community Outreach**-Church on the Drive

### GEORGIA

Atlanta-**Social Worker**-Buckhead Christian Ministry

Atlanta-**Associate Pastor for Worship and Growth**-Eastside Church

Atlanta-**Pastoral Resident for Youth and Children**-Northside Drive Baptist Church

Commerce-**Minister to Youth, Children, and Families**-First Baptist Church

Dunwoody-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Fitzgerald-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Gainesville-**Minister to Youth**-First Baptist Church  
Jefferson-**Minister of Children and Families**-First Baptist Church  
Roswell-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

#### **KENTUCKY**

Bowling Green-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Harrodsburg-**Minister of Youth**-Harrodsburg Baptist Church

#### **MARYLAND**

Annapolis-**Pastor**-Heritage Baptist Church  
Arnold-**Pastor**-College Parkway Baptist Church  
Baltimore-**Pastor**-University Baptist Church

#### **MISSOURI**

Cape Girardeau-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Kansas City-**Pastor**-Winnwood Baptist Church  
St. Joseph-**Minister of Youth and Family Spiritual Formation**-Wyatt Park Baptist Church

#### **NEW YORK**

New York City-**Minister of Justice, Advocacy, and Change**-Riverside Church  
Rochester-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

Asheville-**Minister to Children and Families**-First Baptist Church  
Asheville-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Biscoe-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Charlotte-**Pastor**-Providence Baptist Church  
Eatonton-**Associate Pastor, Music and Family Ministries**-First Baptist Church  
Hickory-**Minister of Music and Worship**-First Baptist Church  
Reidsville-**Pastor**-Baptist Temple  
Salisbury-**Pastor**-Neel Road Baptist Church  
Whiteville-**Interim Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Wilkesboro-**Pastor**-Wilkesboro Baptist Church  
Wilmington-**Church Administrator**-First Baptist Church  
Winston-Salem-**Community Minister**-Northwest Baptist Church (part-time)

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

North Charleston-**Metanoia Fellow**-St. Matthews Baptist Church  
Orangeburg-**Associate Pastor to Family and Students**-First Baptist Church

#### **TENNESSEE**

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  
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  
San Marcos-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Stephenville-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

### **VIRGINIA**

Danville-**Associate Pastor/University Chaplain**-West Main BC/Averett University  
Fincastle-**Pastor**-Mill Creek Baptist Church  
Henrico-**Pastor**-Bethlehem Baptist Church  
Martinsville-**Associate Pastor, Family Ministry & Education**-First Baptist Church  
Martinsville-**Pastor**-Starling Avenue Baptist Church  
McLean-**Minister of Spiritual Formation and Outreach**-McLean Baptist Church  
Mechanicsville-**Associate Pastor/Minister of Worship**-Walnut Grove Baptist Church  
Midlothian-**Preschool Director**-Winfree Memorial Baptist Church  
Montpelier-**Pastor**-Western Hanover Church  
Montross-**Pastor**-Nomini Baptist Church  
Roanoke-**Pastor**-Waverly Place Baptist Church  
Richmond-**Minister to Children**-Second Baptist Church  
South Boston-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church  
Staunton-**Minister to Families**-Memorial Baptist Church

### **WASHINGTON DC**

**Pastor**-Calvary 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.*