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THE 2015-2016 LEADERSHIP TEAM

by Pam Durso

Last week, BWIM's Leadership Team gathered in Atlanta for our fall meeting. We have three new members on our team: **Daniel Glaze**, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina, **Taryn Deaton**, director of development of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, Washington, D.C., and **Carol McEntyre**, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbia, Missouri. Carol's flight was canceled at the last minute, so she joined us by Skype (which tells me that she has a much better attention span than I do)!



These new members join **Mary Alice Birdwhistell**, associate pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, **Lynn Brinkley**, director of student services, Campbell University Divinity School, Buies Creek, North Carolina, **Julie Long**, associate pastor and minister of children and families, First Baptist Church of Christ, Macon, Georgia, **Tambi Swiney**, associate pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, and **Tonya Vickery**, co-pastor, Cullowhee Baptist Church, Cullowhee, North Carolina.

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Kevin Pranoto



Kevin Pranoto is the new BWIM intern. If you haven't "met" Kevin yet, read his post on the [BWIM blog](#).

I wish I could explain what happens at our Leadership Team meetings; it is hard to put into words. But here goes. We sit around the table, sharing stories and chocolate. We pray, we listen, we dream, we plan for BWIM's future. And while talking about finances and future plans, they speak words of love and affirmation to me. They challenge me to do better at self-care. They dream bigger dreams for me and for BWIM than I can even imagine, and when they leave, my heart is so full that it is almost too painful to bear. They are surely a gift from God, and I am thankful for their leadership, their friendship, and their love!

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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, October 15, 10:30 a.m. (EASTERN TIME)

Darlene Flaming and Amy Mears

"Grieving in Public: Living with Loss as a Minister"

Darlene Flaming is associate professor of religion, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, and Amy Mears is co-pastor, Glendale Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

Wednesday, November 11, 10:30 a.m. (EASTERN TIME)

Amy Derrick and Lee Ritchie

"Adoption: Placement and Parenting"

Amy Derrick is a consultant for Center for Healthy Churches, Denver, Colorado, and Lee Ritchie is minister with children and families, Ardmore Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Tuesday, December 8, 10:30 a.m. (EASTERN TIME)

Chanequa Walker-Barnes

"Self-Care for the Ministry and the Burden of Strength"

Chanequa Walker-Barnes is assistant professor of pastoral care and counseling at McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia.

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

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LISTEN TO PAST CONVERSATIONS

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

The most recent conversations include:

[Caring for Aging Parents While Ministering](#)

A Conversation with Karen Massey, Kerri Thompson, and Prissy Tunnell

[Project Pomegranate: Infertility, Pregnancy Loss, and Infant Death](#)

A conversation with Jake Hall, Mary Elizabeth Hanchey, and Ruth Perkins Lee

[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. These devotions, based on the Psalms, focus attention on the ways in which God is at work in our lives.

Julie Pennington-Russell is our [September writer](#), and in her first devotion this month, she wrote, "We know little about the writer of Psalm 100--who, when, where, why? One thing we can surmise with confidence, though, because it's jumping up and down and waving at us from every line, is that the psalmist has experienced something of God's love so tangible, it makes him or her bold to declare: The Lord is good."

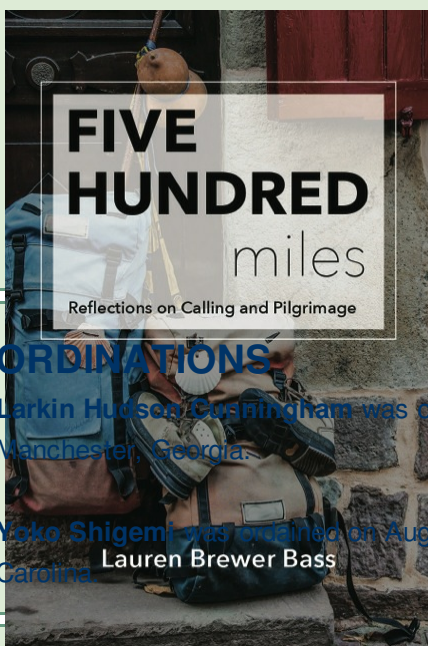
Our upcoming devotion writers include **Griselda Escobar** and **Lauren Brewer Bass**.



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. Order Lauren's book by visiting [Smyth & Helwys Publishers.](#)

ORDINATIONS

Larkin Hudson Cusningham was ordained on August 23, 2015 by First Baptist Church, Manchester, Georgia.

Yoko Shigemi was ordained on August 23, 2015 by Boulevard Baptist Church, Anderson, South Carolina.

Lauren Brewer Bass

ON THE MOVE

Katie Baker is director of preschool ministries at First Baptist Church, Lufkin, Texas.

Laura Barclay is interim young adult minister at Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky.

Carter Cosgrove is preschool director of Bethel Baptist Church, Midlothian, Virginia.

Kim Divelbiss is minister to children and families at NorthHaven Church, Norman, Oklahoma.

Joshalyn Estrada is minister to youth and families at First Baptist Church, White Plains, New York.

Libby Grammer is interim minister of education and spiritual formation at River Road Church, Baptist, in Richmond, Virginia.

Erika Marksbury is pastor of First Baptist Church, McMinnville, Oregon.

Claire McAuliffe is minister to youth and young adults of Cambridge Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

Deborah Mollohan is minister of music at North Scituate Baptist Church, North Scituate, Rhode Island.

Amy Stertz is minister of children and families at First Baptist Church, Asheville, North Carolina.

Shanna Steitz is pastor of Community Christian Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

Stephanie Swanson is pastor of Crossroads Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

Hannah Taylor is associate pastor/minister of music at Moffett Memorial Baptist Church, Danville, Virginia

Hayden Walker is minister of students at Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

Jamie Washam is pastor of First Baptist Church, Providence, Rhode Island.

Jennifer Wilder is pastor of Broadview Baptist Church, Temple Hills, Maryland.

Sarah Wilson is youth coordinator of University Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Molly Brummett Wudel is co-pastor of Emmaus Way Church, Durham, North Carolina.

SCHOLASTICA

Women in Ministry in Middle Tennessee

This fall women in ministry in middle Tennessee are invited to gather for conversation and relationship building, meals, and support. The dates for these gatherings are:

- Friday, September 18, 2015 [Register Here](#)
- Friday, October 23, 2015 [Register Here](#)
- Friday, November 13, 2015 [Register Here](#)
- Friday, December 11, 2015 [Register Here](#)

For more information contact [Eileen Campbell-Reed](#), who is the convener for these gatherings.

WOMEN IN MINISTRY CONFERENCE

September 21-24, 2015

The annual Women in Ministry Conference will be held **September 21-24, 2015** in Atlanta, Georgia. **Cynthia L. Hale**, pastor of Ray of Hope, is the conference convener. This year's theme is "Becoming An Emotionally Healthy Preacher: Working Out Private Realities On A Public Stage." Gather with professional women from all across the country who serve in ministry as pastors, professors, chaplains, executives, activists, authors, psalmists, seminarians, evangelists, missionaries, licensed, and ordained ministers for this four-day event. For registration information, visit the [conference website](#).

WOMEN OF COLOR IN MINISTRY CONFERENCE

October 15-17, 2015

The Second Annual Women of Color in Ministry Conference will be held **October 15-17, 2015**, in Atlanta, Georgia. The general sessions will feature Asian American, African American, and Hispanic women leaders and preachers, and workshops will address pay equity, leadership development, and preaching in the twenty-first century. Register for the conference soon on the [WOCIM website](#).

BWIM OF GEORGIA FALL RETREAT

October 16-17, 2015

Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia will host a fall retreat on **October 16-17, 2015**. The retreat will be held at the Calvin Center in Hampton, Georgia. Cost is \$40 per person, with a discounted cost for seminary students of \$20. Registration will begin soon.

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

Miami-**Parent Partner**-Touching Miami with Love
Miami-**Parents Partner Program Coordinator**-Touching Miami with Love
Orlando-**Associate Pastor**-Church on the Drive
Tallahassee-**Children's Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Tampa-**Youth Minister**-Bayshore Baptist Church
West Homestead-**Social Worker**-Touching Miami with Love

GEORGIA

Atlanta-**Bereavement Coordinator**-Journey Hospice
Atlanta-**Manager of Pastoral Education**-Emory St. Joseph's Hospital
Atlanta-**Social Worker**-Buckhead Christian Ministry
Atlanta-**Associate Pastor for Worship and Growth**-Eastside 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
Griffin-**Minister to Students**-First Baptist Church
Milton-**Minister of Youth (part-time)**-Providence Baptist Church
Roswell-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

KENTUCKY

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

MARYLAND

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

MISSOURI

Cape Girardeau-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Kansas City-**Pastor**-Winnwood Baptist Church
Kirkwood-**Pastor**-Kirkwood Baptist Church
St. Joseph-**Minister of Youth & 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-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Biscoe-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Butner-**Associate Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Charlotte-**Pastor**-Providence Baptist Church
Clayton-**Minister to Children**-First Baptist Church
Drexel-**Associate Pastor of Youth and Families**-First Baptist Church
Elizabethtown-**Pastor**-Elizabethtown Baptist Church
Hickory-**Minister of Music and Worship**-First Baptist Church
Hillsborough-**Prison Chaplain**-Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry
Lexington-**Pastor**-Jersey Baptist Church
Raleigh-**Minister with Students**-Hayes Barton Baptist Church
Raleigh-**Executive Director**-Women's Missionary Union
Reidsville-**Pastor**-Baptist Temple
Smithfield-**Pastor**-Sharon Baptist Church
Wilkesboro-**Pastor**-Wilkesboro Baptist Church
Wilmington-**Church Administrator**-First Baptist Church

SOUTH CAROLINA

Aiken-**Student Minister**-First Baptist Church
Cheraw-**Pastor**-Pee Dee Union Baptist Church
Greenville-**Minister to Families**-August Road Baptist Church
North Charleston-**Metanoia Fellow**-St. Matthews Baptist Church
Spartanburg-**Pastor**-Morningside Baptist Church

TENNESSEE

Cordova-**Associate Pastor**-Trinity Baptist Church
Cordova-**Minister to Students**-Trinity Baptist Church
Knoxville-**Minister of Children and Youth**-Ball Camp Baptist Church
Sevierville-**Pastor**-Wears Valley Baptist Church

TEXAS

Andrews-**Associate Pastor for Adult Education**-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 Antonio-**Pastor**-Covenant Baptist Church
Stephenville-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

VIRGINIA

Chase City-**Pastor**-Bethel Baptist Church
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
Montpelier-**Pastor**-Western Hanover Church
Montross-**Pastor**-Nomini Baptist Church
New Kent-**Associate Minister of Education and Worship**-Corinth Baptist Church
Roanoke-**Pastor**-Waverly Place Baptist Church
South Boston-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Staunton-**Minister to Families**-Memorial Baptist Church

Suffolk-**Pastor**-Holland Baptist Church

WEST VIRGINIA

Charleston-**Pastor**-Charleston Baptist Temple

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