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Join Us for BWIM's Annual Gathering in June

by Pam Durso



Emily Hull McGee, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Make plans now to celebrate and worship with Baptist Women in Ministry on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

I am excited to announce that our preacher for the morning will be Emily Hull McGee, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem! And our worship leader will be Ossie X. McKinney, minister of music at Faith Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. You will NOT want to miss this year's worship!

Our worship theme this year is **GATHERING THE FRAGMENTS**. As ministers and as followers of Christ, we often feel scattered or broken. We struggle to piece together our job or jobs with multiple other commitments; we seek to balance our ministries and our family responsibilities; and we feel weighed down by disappointments and isolated by painful words. As churches, our congregations seem all too often fractured and torn by old controversies or new disagreements. And we all daily live with the overwhelming reminders of the brokenness of our world. Amidst all the chaos and fragmentation, we turn to God's promise of unity and peace: "in the fullness of



***Ossie McKinney, minister of music at
Faith Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.***

time, God will gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth." (Eph. 1:10)

Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be followed by lunch at 11:15. First Baptist is located at 501 West Fifth Street in Winston-Salem.

Lunch tickets will be available on March 15 on the BWIM website – www.bwim.info. More details to come soon.

I know I say this every year--but this year's annual gathering will be the best one yet! Hope to see you there!

Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching

February is HERE!

Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching is here! Last year 200 churches joined together in affirming their support of women in the pulpit. We hope that this year your church will be included with those who will publicly voice a commitment to women in ministry and are eager to be counted with other Baptist churches in celebrating the calling and gifts of women.

Please send the name of your preacher, your church, and its location to Ashley Robinson at ashleyrobinson@bwim.info.

Send in photos of your Martha preacher, and we will share them with the BWIM social media networks. If you haven't been following us on Facebook or Instagram this month, check it out, and see the wonderful preachers who have already preached this month.

For more information about Martha Stearns Marshall Month, visit the [BWIM website](http://www.bwim.info).



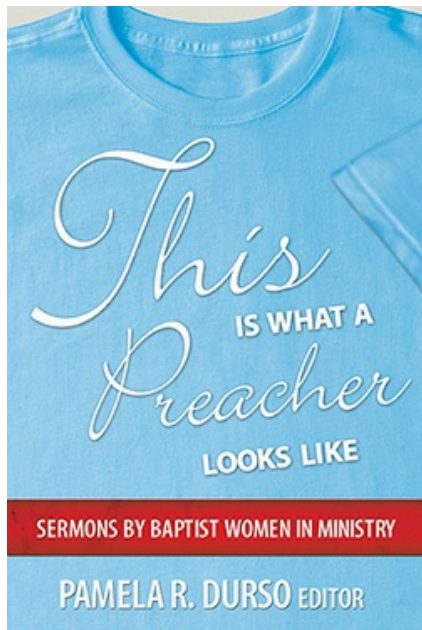
***Deborah Reeves was the 2016 MSM preacher at
Smoke Rise Baptist Church, Stone Mountain,
Georgia.***

DREAMING BIGGER FOR MARTHA

SIX STAGES OF INVITING A WOMAN TO PREACH

THIS IS WHAT A PREACHER LOOKS LIKE

Only \$5 in February



Get your copy here

Smyth and Helwys Publishers, in honor of Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching, is offering *This is What a Preacher Looks Like* for only \$5. Buy one (or ten) today for your friends and family!

“This Is What a Preacher Looks Like” was a hit catchphrase long before any idea of a book ever existed. When Baptist Women in Ministry created T-shirts to celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2008, few could have predicted how popular the bright aqua-colored shirts would become!

In 2010, Smyth and Helwys Publishers used that catchphrase as the title for new book: *This Is What a Preacher Looks Like: Sermons by Baptist Women*. Edited by Pam Durso, the book is a beautiful collection of sermons by Baptist women preachers.

Order your copy (or copies) in February to receive the amazing sale price of \$5.00.

Support Baptist Women in Ministry

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!

We welcome you to be one of our givers. Give a **one-time gift** or **become a montly giver!** A small monthly gift of \$10 or \$20 or a larger monthly gift of \$50 or \$75 makes a significant difference in this work that God has entrusted to us! Every contribution matters, and we are grateful for the faithfulness and generosity of all who support this ministry.

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Monday Devotions in 2016

In 2016, Baptist Women in Ministry's Monday

devotion features the writing of our friend,
Nikki Finkelstein-Blair.

Nikki's devotions are based on lectionary texts and the church calendar! For those who are in lectionary-using churches, be sure to read Nikki's devotion as you prepare for worship. In her most recent devotional Nikki writes:

"On the road to Easter, we dare not forget to tell the story of Lent. Story is the magnetic pull between old and new, drawing us forward through remembrance and into thanksgiving. Story is the first (and perhaps the only) liturgy; whenever we speak our story aloud it becomes our worship, our prayer, our songs of pain and praise. Story is the flesh and blood of tradition. Without story, traditions turn lifeless. Without story, traditions turn into idols. Story is the commandment of Yahweh."



Nikki Finkelstein-Blair blogs at [One Faithful Step](#).

[Read more on the BWIM blog](#)

Ordinations

Ashley Boschen was ordained on January 31, 2016 Northside Baptist Church, Mechanicsville, Virginia.

Laurel Kiture was ordained on January 31, 2016 by Greenbrier Baptist Church, Arlington, Virginia.

Suzanne Reece was ordained January 31, 2016 by Shades Crest Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

Kelsey Stillwell will be ordained on February 20, 2016 by First Baptist Church, Commerce, Georgia.

Patti Stratton was ordained on January 31, 2016 by First Baptist Church, Rutland, Vermont.

Erica Evans Whitaker was ordained on February 7, 2016 by Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

On the Move

Lucynda Caceres is interim children's minister at First Baptist Church, Mooresville, North Carolina.

Stacy Emerson is pastor of First Baptist Church, West Hartford, Connecticut.

Katie Horton is children's ministry director at Community Baptist Church, Henderson, Kentucky.

Sara Jones is children's minister at First Baptist Church, Clemmons, North Carolina.

Sarah Mears is minister to children and families at Hayes Barton Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Diana Thompson is pastor of First Baptist Church, South Bend, Indiana.

State and Regional BWIM News

Texas BWIM

Texas Baptist Women in Ministry will host its first annual Women in Ministry Conference on **February 19, 2016** at Truett Seminary.

The proclaimers for the event are **Katie McKown**, pastor of Scottsville Baptist Church, Scottsville, Virginia, and **Wanda Bolton-Davis**, founder and executive director of Victorious Disciples Ministries, Inc., Dallas, Texas.

The conference will feature four panel discussions and nine equipping breakout sessions. Three after-conference events are also planned: a Dutch Treat dinner, an evening fellowship time, and a spiritual retreat on February 20.

For more information or to register, visit the Texas Baptist Women in Ministry [website](#).

Tennessee Women in Ministry

The Women's Leadership Initiative at Central Baptist Theological Seminary regularly hosts Friday lunches for women ministers in Middle Tennessee. The lunches are held at the Scarritt-Bennett Center in Nashville, Tennessee from 11:45 to 1:15 and cost \$11 per person.

Three lunches are planned for the spring:

Friday, February 19, 2016 – table conversation on the theme of pilgrimage

Friday, April 1, 2016 – report from Thailand student pilgrimage

Friday, April 29, 2016 – special guest **Pam Durso**

For more information, contact Eileen Campbell-Reed at ecampbellreed@cbts.edu.

BWIM of North Carolina

Baptist Women in Ministry of North Carolina will hold its 2016 convocation at First Baptist Church, Raleigh, on **March 17, 2016**.

Convocation will begin at 7:30 p.m. All are invited to participate in dinner groups prior to convocation in downtown Raleigh at 5:45 p.m.

BWIM of South Carolina

Baptist Women in Ministry of South Carolina will host a number of events this spring.

On **March 15**, BWIM of SC will gather at 11:00 a.m. for a Dutch Treat lunch at Zoe's Kitchen, 2123 Augusta Street in Greenville.

On **April 8**, BWIM of SC will lead a worship service at 11:00 a.m. at Timberlake Baptist Church in Myrtle Beach and at 8:30 p.m. will sponsor an ice cream social and book signing. These events will be held on the same day as the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina's General Assembly.

BWIM of Georgia

Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia will host its annual celebration on **April 15-16, 2016**. They will sponsor a workshop on Friday, April 15, during Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia's Spring Gathering and will lead worship and host a lunch on Saturday, April 16. **Pam Durso**, executive director of Baptist Women in Ministry, will be the preacher.

These events will be held at Smoke Rise Baptist Church, Stone Mountain, Georgia.

BWIM of Georgia is now receiving nominations for the **Sara Owen Etheridge** and the **Church Woman of the Year** awards. Send your nominations by **March 1, 2016**.

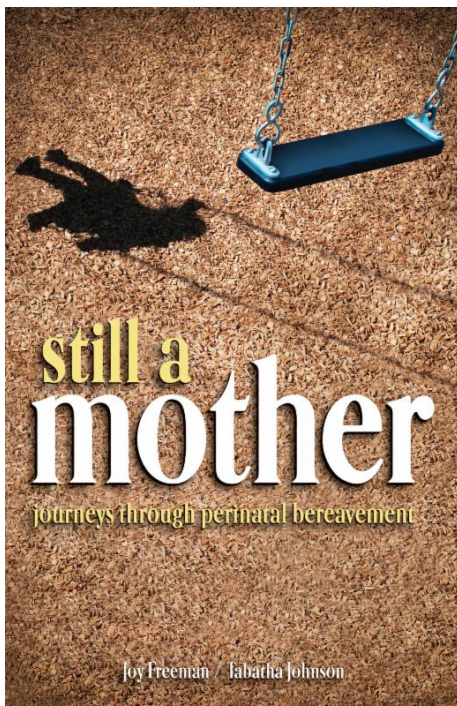
Festival of Young (Women) Preachers

On **April 7, 2016**, the Alliance of Baptists will host a Festival of Young (Women) Preachers at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri.

Young men and women alike (up to age 35) are invited to participate. For more information about the cost, accommodations, the schedule, and preaching texts, [click here](#).



New Book by Joy Freeman and Tabatha Johnson



Still a Mother: Journeys Through Perinatal Bereavement by Joy Freeman and Tabatha Johnson

Chaplains Joy Freeman and Tabatha Johnson collaborated in writing and editing this beautiful collection of the stories of nearly a dozen women who have experienced fetal loss, miscarriage, or infant death.

Still a Mother features honest narratives written by clergywomen who share how the experience may influence one's faith and relationship with God. The book is a unique resource that fills a gap on the taboo topic of perinatal and early infant loss and will be of great help in equipping pastors, congregations, family, and friends in ministering more compassionately and attentively to mothers who have lost and who grieve. The book also features practical insights for pastoral care in each chapter.

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

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

Jacksonville-Minister of Music, Families and Children-First Baptist Church of Williams

FLORIDA

Tallahassee-Children's Pastor-First Baptist Church

Tampa-Youth Minister-Bayshore Baptist Church

West Homestead-Social Worker-Touching Miami with Love

GEORGIA

Athens-Minister to Children, Families, and Outreach-First Baptist Church

Atlanta-Chaplain-Bristol Hospice

Atlanta-Bereavement Coordinator-Journey Hospice

Atlanta-Manager of Pastoral Education-Emory St. Joseph's Hospital

Cornelia-Minister of Children and Servant Ministries-First Baptist Church

Forsyth-Minister to Youth (part-time)-First Baptist Church

Harlem-Minister of Youth-Harlem Baptist Church

Harlem-Pastor-Harlem Baptist Church

Lyons-Pastor-Oaks Baptist Church

Macon-Marketing and Sales Associate-Smyth and Helwys

Milton-Minister of Youth (part-time)-Providence Baptist Church

Suches-Pastor-Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church

ILLINOIS

Bolingbrook-Pastor-New Hope Baptist Church

KENTUCKY

Frankfort-Minister of Missions-First Baptist Church

Louisville-Minister to Youth-Highland Baptist Church

Shepherdsville-Pastor-First Baptist Church

MISSOURI

Columbia-Music/Worship Leader-Parkade Baptist Church

Columbia-Pastor-Memorial Baptist Church

Farmington-Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Administration-First Baptist Church

Foley-Pastor-Foley Baptist Church

Kansas City-Bi-Vocational Pastor-Grace Baptist Church

St. Joseph-Minister of Youth and Education-Wyatt Park Baptist Church

NEW MEXICO

Las Cruces-Family Connections Minister-First Baptist Church

NEW YORK

Syracuse-Pastor (part-time)-Sovereign Grace Baptist Church

NORTH CAROLINA

Black Mountain-Pastor-First Baptist Church

Buies Creek-Director for Fides: Exploring Faith and Vocation/Associate Campus Minister, Campbell University

Butner-Associate Pastor-First Baptist Church

Clayton-Minister to Children-First Baptist Church

Drexel-Associate Pastor of Youth and Families-First Baptist Church

Elizabethtown-Pastor-Elizabethtown Baptist Church

Fayetteville-Pastor-First Baptist Church

Gastonia-Pastor-First Baptist Church

Greenville-Associate Pastor/Minister to Families-Memorial Baptist Church

Hickory-Church Administrator-First Baptist Church
Hillsborough-Prison Chaplain-Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry
Lexington-Pastor-Jersey Baptist Church
Morehead City-Children and Family Outreach Minister-First Baptist Church
Raleigh-Executive Director-Women's Missionary Union
Smithfield-Pastor-Sharon Baptist Church
Wilmington-Minister to Children-First Baptist Church
Wilmington-Minister of Contemporary Worship and Young Adults-First Baptist Church
Winston-Salem-Minister of Youth and Recreation-Knollwood Baptist Church

OKLAHOMA

Norman-Pastor-Bethel Baptist Church
Shawnee-Minister of Youth and Families-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 Myrtle Beach-Pastor-First Baptist Church
Pendleton-Pastor-First Baptist Church
Spartanburg-Pastor-Morningside Baptist Church
York-Pastor-First 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
Oak Ridge-Pastor-First Baptist Church

TEXAS

Denton-Pastor-Southmont Baptist Church
Fort Worth-Pastor-University Baptist Church
Giddings-Pastor-First Baptist Church
Henrietta-Minister of Music/Senior Adults-First Baptist Church
Kerrville-Minister of Adult Discipleship-Trinity Baptist Church
Lamesa-Minister of Music and Worship-First Baptist Church
Levelland-Associate Pastor of Family Enrichment-Second Baptist Church
Marble Falls-Pastor-Fellowship Baptist Church
Munday-Pastor-First Baptist Church
Plainview-Minister to Children and Preschool-First Baptist Church
Plano-Pastor-First Baptist Church
San Antonio-Pastor-Northeast Baptist Church
San Antonio-Pastor-Covenant Baptist Church
San Antonio-Minister of Music-Shearer Hills Baptist Church
Shallowater-Pastor-First Baptist Church
Sherman-Minister of Music-First Baptist Church
Victoria-Pastor-Northside Baptist Church

VIRGINIA

Alexandria-Senior Pastor-Groveton Baptist Church
Buchanan-Pastor (part-time)-Cedar Bluff Baptist Church
Chase City-Pastor-Bethel Baptist Church
Crozet-Pastor-Hillsboro Baptist Church
New Kent-Associate Minister of Education and Worship-Corinth Baptist Church

Richmond-Associate Pastor for Global Missions-Bon Air Baptist Church
Richmond-Pastor-Chamberlayne Baptist Church
Roanoke-Minister of Youth-Bonsack Baptist Church
Rockville-Pastor-Berea Baptist Church
Ruckersville-Pastor-Spring Hill Baptist Church
Suffolk-Pastor-Holland Baptist Church
Vinton-Minister of Children and Family Life-Vinton Baptist Church
Williamsburg-Pastor-Walnut Hills Baptist Church

WEST VIRGINIA

Charleston-Pastor-Charleston Baptist Temple
Huntington-Pastor-Fifth Avenue Baptist Church

WASHINGTON, DC

Pastor-Nineteenth Street Baptist Church

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