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Spring: The Season of Transitions by Pam Durso



For college and seminary students, the semester is quickly coming to an end. Graduation is only a few weeks away. Ministry position interviews, ordinations, and cross-country moves are on some calendars. Summer will soon be here. If you like change, this is a great time of year!

Yet change also bring sadness. We have had a bit of sadness in the BWIM office lately. Our intern of eight months, **Kevin Pranoto**, has left us to return to Waco, Texas. He will finish up a few weeks of course work and will graduate in May. We will miss him in the office for so many reasons. Kevin jumped right in, did great research and writing, taught us cool social work terms, made us laugh often, and helped us evaluate the mission and work of Baptist Women in Ministry. As he was leaving, we celebrated our time with him--with a fun lunch at Gladys Knight's restaurant (she did not make an appearance) and with some ginormous cupcakes.

More change is coming to the BWIM office. In May, we will welcome a new intern: **Kristen Pope!** Kristen is a McAfee student and currently serves as children and families ministry intern at Smoke Rise Baptist

Church in Stone Mountain. We are excited to welcome her!

The sadness of Kevin leaving and the excitement of Kristen coming has reminded me that the work Baptist Women in Ministry is one that is ever-changing. In our office, we work closely with transition--transitioning ministers, transitioning churches, transitioning ministries, transitioning students--because BWIM has long been and continues to be an organization that advocates for change, for new openness to women called by God to ministry and for new encouragement and affirmation of their gifts.

In this season of transition, I am thankful for the constant movement of God's Spirit and the renewal and change that is happening among us!

BWIM's Annual Gathering on June 22



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



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

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.

Our preacher for the morning will be **Emily Hull McGee**, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, and our worship leader will be **Ossie McKinney**, minister of music at Faith Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. **Tonya and Jeffrey Vickery** will lead our communion time.

Our worship theme this year is **GATHERING THE FRAGMENTS**. We all know about fragmented living! As ministers and as followers of Christ, we often feel scattered or broken. Join us as we remember and celebrate the grace God extends to us, healing our brokenness and creating beautiful things of our fragmented selves!

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.

During worship, BWIM will recognize and celebrate the 2016 Addie Davis Award recipients and the 2016 Church of Excellence and 2016 Distinguished Mentor.

Lunch will feature food trucks! We have a great menu selection, including vegetarian and gluten-free options.

Lunch tickets are now on sale. Buy yours early. Last year we sold out!

Tickets are \$22, and you can purchase your ticket on the [BWIM website](#).

Childcare is available during worship and lunch.
To make reservations, visit the [BWIM website](#).

Invite your friends and bring your church members! We hope to see many of you in Winston-Salem!

Workshops during CBF's General Assembly

During the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly, join **Pam Durso** on Friday, June 24 at 2:45 p.m., for a discussion of "**The State of Women in Baptist Life, 2015.**" The report will include information and analysis with regard to ordinations, theological education, and pastoral leadership, will highlight the recent gains in pastoral leadership roles, and will identify continuing places of difficulties and challenge for women as they search for and serve in ministry positions.

Another workshop will held on Thursday, June 23 at 1:30 p.m., "Gender and Ministry in Baptist Life: A Conversation about Fifty Years of Change," will highlight themes from Eileen Campbell-Reed's new book, ***An Anatomy of a Schism***. A panel discussion moderated by **Pam Durso** will feature **Eileen Campbell-Reed, Bill Leonard, Molly T. Marshall, and Emily Hull McGee**.

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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Placement Resources

Searching for a ministry position can be a full-time job. Knowing where to start can even be challenging. To help reduce some of the anxiety of the search, Baptist Women in Ministry has compiled a new resource, written by Pam Durso, which offers advice for those in search mode and provides some tips on resume writing, networking, and interviewing.

BWIM also has on its website several lists of questions from churches that have recently been through the ministry search process that those searching might want to review before the big interview. You can find all these resources the the [BWIM website](#).

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 each Monday as you prepare for the coming Sunday's worship.

In her most recent devotional, based on Acts 9:36-43, Nikki writes:

"I wonder if Tabitha went back to her sewing after Peter restored her to life? Did she have a work in progress that she could pick up and continue to completion? Did she wonder how much more good she could do, how many more acts of charity she could fit in, how many more tunics she could create?

Did she learn to see each row of stitches as a timeline stretching forward, and each individual loop of thread as a gift of love?"



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

[Read more on the BWIM blog](#)

Ordinations

Elizabeth Coates was ordained on April 10, 2016, by First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Georgia.

Carrie Houston was ordained on April 17, 2016, by First Baptist Church, Austin, Texas.

On the Move

Julia Goldie Day is associate minister for families and congregational care at Second Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

Kim Hardy is director of music at Green Valley Baptist Church, Lebanon, Virginia.

Claire Helton is the minister of children at Lake Shore Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

Sharon Koh is the executive director of the American Baptist International Ministries.

Stefanie Litzler is minister to children at Shearer Hills Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas.

Lauren Jones Mayfield is associate pastor for young adults and mission at Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky.

Brittany Moultroupe is the worship director at CenterPoint Church, Concord, New Hampshire.

Amanda O'Quinn is director of family outreach at Community Heights Baptist Church, Lebanon, Virginia.

Kadileigh Seibert is children's minister at Central Baptist Church, Livingston, Texas.

Stephanie Van Leeuwen is director of children and family ministries at Freemason Street Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia.

Recent CBF Endorsed Chaplains

Amy Blevins, U.S. Navy

Lori-Jene Brazier, Saint Thomas Health, Nashville, Tennessee

Erin Walker Lysse, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Sarah Miller, Southern Care Hospice, Waco, Texas

Kimberly Morris Reid, Mary Washington Hospital, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Yoko Shigemi, AnMed Health medical Center, Anderson, South Carolina.

State and Regional BWIM News

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.

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

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

Virginia BWIM

VBWIM's annual Feast will be held **May 6, 2016** at Ginter Park Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia.

The Feast is a time for nurturing creativity and faith. Participants gather at table to enjoy a beautifully prepared meal, feast through sermons and worship, and delight in using the senses through a diverse musical experience.

For more information and to register, visit the [VBWIM website](#).

Anatomy of a Schism: New Book by Eileen Campbell-Reed

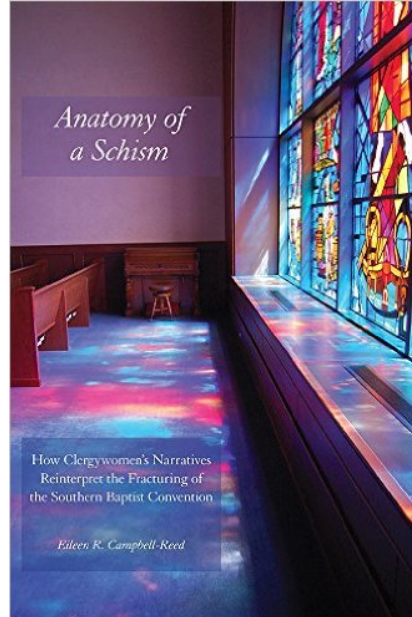
Anatomy of a Schism: How Clergywomen's Narratives Reinterpret the Fracturing of the Southern Baptist Convention by Eileen R.

Campbell-Reed will soon be released!

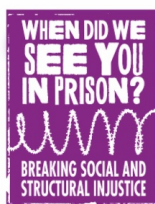
Anatomy of a Schism is the first book on the Southern Baptist controversy to place ordained women's narratives at the center of interpretation. Eileen brings her unique perspective as a pastoral theologian in conducting qualitative interviews with five Baptist clergywomen and allowing their narratives to focus attention on both psychological and theological issues of the controversy.

Eileen is associate professor of practical theology at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, in Nashville, Tennessee, and co-director of the Learning Pastoral Imagination Project, a longitudinal study of ministry.

Preorder your copy today.



Baptist Peace Fellowship



BPFNA ✦ **BAUTISTAS POR LA PAZ**
SUMMER CONFERENCE
JUNE 27 ✦ **JULY 2, 2016**
CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY ✦ **CHEYNEY, PA**

Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America Summer Conference, "*When Did We See You in Prison: Breaking Social and Structural Injustice*" will be held **June 27-July 2, 2016** at Cheyney University in Cheyney, PA.

For more information and to register, visit the [BPFNP website](#).

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

Anniston-Pastor-First Baptist Church

Birmingham-Associate Pastor-Brookwood Baptist Church

Huntsville-Minister to Children-Mt. Zion Baptist Church

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

Mobile-Pastor-Spring Hill Baptist Church

ARKANSAS

Helena-Director-Together for Hope

Little Rock-Director of Lake Nixon-Second Baptist Church

Texarkana-Bivocational Pastor-Highland Hills Baptist Church

COLORADO

Conifer-Pastor-Elk Creek Community Church

FLORIDA

Tallahassee-Interim Minister of Youth-First Baptist Church

Tampa-Youth Minister-Bayshore Baptist Church

West Homestead-Social Worker-Touching Miami with Love

GEORGIA

Atlanta-Director of Worship and Arts-Providence Missionary Baptist Church

Augusta-Ministerial Resident-First Baptist Church

Augusta-Pastor-First Baptist Church

Cartersville-Associate Pastor of Youth-Heritage Baptist Church

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

Dalton-Pastor-First Baptist Church

Forsyth-Pastor-First Baptist Church

Harlem-Minister of Youth-Harlem Baptist Church

Harlem-Pastor-Harlem Baptist Church

Lyons-Pastor-Oaks Baptist Church

Macon-Customer Service Representative-Smyth & Helwys Publishers

Macon-Editorial Production Associate-Smyth & Helwys Publishers

Monroe-Pastor-First Baptist Church

ILLINOIS

Bolingbrook-Pastor-New Hope Baptist Church

INDIANA

New Albany-Minister to Families with Youth-Culbertson Baptist Church

KENTUCKY

Brandenburg-Minister of Youth and Children-First Baptist Church

Frankfort-Student Minister-Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church

Louisville-Pastor-Buechel Park Baptist Church

Louisville-Minister to Youth-Highland Baptist Church

Louisville-Youth Pastor-Mount Everest General Baptist Church

LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge-Pastor-Broadmoor Baptist Church

Lake Providence-Director-Together for Hope

Pineville-Children's Minister-First Baptist Church

Ruston-College Minister-First Baptist Church

MISSOURI

Chillicothe-Campus Pastor-The Baptist Home

Columbia-Music/Worship Leader-Parkade Baptist Church

Columbia-Pastor-Memorial Baptist Church

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

Foley-Bivocational Pastor-Foley Baptist Church

Gainesville-Pastor-First Baptist Church

Kansas City-Pastor of Missions and Communications-Holmeswood Baptist Church

Kansas City-Bi-Vocational Pastor-Grace Baptist Church

Savannah-Minister of Students-First Baptist Church

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

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Hanover-Pastor and Campus Minister of Dartmouth College-Trinity Baptist Church

NEW YORK

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

NORTH CAROLINA

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

Butner-Associate Pastor-First Baptist Church

Candler-Pastor of Student Life and Community Engagement-Hominy Baptist Church

Cary-Associate Chaplain-Glenaire Retirement Community

Elon-Minister of Music-First Baptist Church

Goldsboro-Minister of Music-First Baptist Church

Greensboro--Pastoral Residency with Community Ministry Focus-First Baptist Church

Hickory-Church Administrator-First Baptist Church

Mebane-Associate Pastor for Worship-First Baptist Church

Raleigh-Chaplain-Meredith College

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

Lindsey--Youth/Worship Pastor-Calvary Baptist Church

SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia-Pastor-Eau Claire Baptist Church

Greenville-Chaplaincy Residency Program-Greenville Health System

Pendleton-Pastor-First Baptist Church

Spartanburg-Minister with Families-Fernwood Baptist Church

York-Pastor-First Baptist Church

TENNESSEE

Murfreesboro-Coordinator-Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Nashville-University Minister-Belmont University

TEXAS

Argyle-Associate Pastor of Worship-First Baptist Church

Borger-Pastor to Families with Children-First Baptist Church

Brownwood-Director of Ministry Guidance-Howard Payne University

Coleman-Youth Pastor-First Baptist Church

College Station-College Minister-First Baptist Church

Dallas-Pastor-Royal Lane Baptist Church

Elmendorf-Pastor-Elmendorf Baptist Church

Friendswood-Pastor-First Baptist Church

Henrietta-Minister of Music/Senior Adults-First Baptist Church

Kerrville-Minister of Adult Discipleship-Trinity Baptist Church

Lubbock-Minister of Youth-Indiana Ave Baptist Church

Nacogdoches-Pastor-First Baptist Church

Onalaska-Pastor-First Baptist Church

Plainview-Minister to Children and Preschool-First Baptist Church

Plano-Pastor-First Baptist Church

Ralls-Full-time Minister of Music/Associate 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

VIRGINIA

Arlington-Associate Pastor for Worship-Memorial Baptist Church

Blacksburg-Minister of Youth and Communications-Blacksburg Baptist Church

Broadus-Pastor-Broadus Memorial Baptist Church

Buchanan-Pastor (part-time)-Cedar Bluff Baptist Church

Charlottesville-Pastor-Broadus Memorial Baptist Church

Franklin-Youth, Children, and Music Minister-Sycamore Baptist Church

Goochland-Interim Pastor-Goochland Baptist Church

Mechanicsville-Director of Family Life Ministries-Walnut Grove Baptist Church

Newport News-Kairos Collegiate/Young Adult Minister-Christopher Newport University

Richmond-Associate Pastor for Global Missions-Bon Air Baptist Church

Richmond-Pastor-Chamberlayne Baptist Church

Richmond-Pastoral Resident-First Baptist Church

Richmond-Pastor-River Road Baptist Church

Ruckersville-Pastor-Spring Hill Baptist Church

Vinton-Minister of Children and Family Life-Vinton Baptist Church

Waynesboro-Minister to Families and Children-First Baptist Church

Williamsburg-Pastor-Walnut Hills Baptist Church

Wise-Kairos Collegiate/Young Adult Minister-University of Virginia

WASHINGTON, DC

Pastor-Calvary Baptist Church

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