



## BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY

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### July 2016

## A Sabbatical and Two Funerals



On July 1, 2016, I celebrated my seventh anniversary as executive director of Baptist Women in Ministry. I am thankful every day for the blessings and joy this ministry opportunity has brought into my life. And every day I am also thankful for the BWIM Leadership Team. The members of our Leadership Team have been my best encouragers and supporters, and because of their kindness and generosity, I am now officially on a Sabbatical Leave. (I promise I wrote these words before I officially stepped away).

For the next three months—from July 16 until October 17, I will spend time resting, dreaming,

The day after Genie died, my grandmother died. Grandma had lived a long, full life, and last December, my family celebrated her 100th birthday. Grandma's death was not unexpected or unwelcomed. For the past two decades, Grandma's memory slowly slipped away, and for a good many years now, she has not remembered much at all—not even my dad. We have slowly grieved her loss.

In the last days before her death, there were lots of phone calls and family texts. On the day Genie died, my dad let us know that Grandma had only a few days left at best. But the few days turned out to be only one.

On July 15, Dad texted my three sisters and me, telling us that Grandma would most likely die within hours. I called him to check in but also to wish him a happy birthday. Dad said that he was having a most unusual birthday, sitting by Grandma's bed, holding her hand . . . waiting with her as she died. Less than two hours later he let us all know that Grandma was gone. When I talked with him later, I expressed my sadness that his mother had died on his birthday, but Dad replied, "It is a gift . . . to share the day with her."

On Monday, July 18, I will fly to Texas to celebrate the life of Lillie Robinson, my sweet grandmother, whose mind left us too soon and who is now, I trust, reunited with memories of her family, her life on the farm, her wide collection of friends, and the God she loved. I especially hope she remembers how to make her amazing hot rolls, and I hope she remembers once again all the words to "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

reading, napping, and pondering. But before I move fully into this Sabbath time, I will attend two funerals.

On July 14, my dear friend, Genie Hargrove, passed away. She had valiantly battled breast cancer since last fall, always with a smile and always with great hope. Genie was pastor of Beulah Baptist Church, near Milledgeville, Georgia, serving in that role since 2004. There are so many Genie stories that I could tell—but this one will have to do. Every Sunday morning, Genie posted encouraging messages on her pastor friend's Facebook pages "Thinking about you today as you minister." or "Praying for you today as you serve." I often discovered a message on my Facebook wall on Sundays. Genie was a brilliant encourager—not just of pastors but of everyone she met.

I visited with Genie at the hospital on Sunday afternoon, July 10—just before she was moved into Intensive Care. We talked briefly. Genie made me laugh. I held her hand. I told her how much I love her. As I started to leave, Genie's dad asked me to pray. I didn't have words really—but since she had prayed for me so often, I knew I needed to pray for her. I began my prayer, "Loving God, we don't even know how to pray right now or what to say, but we trust you. We trust you with our sister, Genie, because she has shown us how to trust you." On Sunday, July 17, I will attend Genie's funeral, trusting still in God's unending love and care for her.

I surely wasn't expecting a Sabbatical Leave that began with the deaths of two women I adore. I wasn't expecting the tears or the sadness that has swept over me these last few days. I also wasn't expecting these lessons on trusting God.

So I begin these days of rest and renewal with a sense of gratitude to God for the blessings of friendship and family, for the gift of laughter and tears, and for the deepening sense of trust in the God whose love and care is ever present.

While I am away, I want you to be assured that the work of BWIM will continue moving forward. Ashley Robinson, my executive assistant, will be overseeing the daily operation of BWIM. She has been a true gift for BWIM, and I am grateful for her willingness to step in and allow me to have this extended Sabbath. Please contact her if you have questions or need assistance ([ashleyrobinson@bwim.info](mailto:ashleyrobinson@bwim.info)).

I will return to the BWIM office on October 17. Your prayers during these next few weeks are greatly appreciated!

- Pam Durso

## BWIM's Annual Gathering Recap



*Emily Hull McGee*



The annual Baptist Women in Ministry gathering washed on June 22, 2016 at First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

A sanctuary full of over 500 worshipers sang together, led by **Ossie McKinney**, minister of music at Faith Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, and heard a powerful, prophetic sermon preached by **Emily Hull McGee**, pastor of First Baptist Church on Fifth.

Communion was led by **Tonya and Jeffrey Vickery**, co-pastors of Cullowhee Baptist Church, Cullowhee, North Carolina.

Following worship, 400 people enjoyed a fun food truck lunch.



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The food truck lunch was a fan favorite!

## 2016 Distinguished Mentor Award Ka'thy Gore Chappell

During the June 22, 2016 annual gathering, Baptist Women in Ministry recognized and honored **Ka'thy Gore Chappell**, leadership development coordinator for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina, as the recipient of the 2016 Frankie Huff Granger Distinguished Mentor Award.

For forty years, Ka'thy has faithfully lived out her calling, serving churches and Baptist institutions and organizations in North Carolina and Virginia. She has invested in the lives of countless high school and college students, seminarians, and young ministers, and is a much respected and loved mentor to many. Baptist Women in Ministry is thankful for and inspired by Ka'thy's gift of mentoring and for the love and kindness she has shared with so many teenagers, college students, and young ministers.



## 2016 Church of Excellence Hayes Barton Baptist Church Raleigh, North Carolina

With much gratitude and pride, Baptist Women in Ministry recognized and honored **Hayes Barton Baptist Church of Raleigh, North Carolina** as the 2016 Church of Excellence.

Hayes Barton has for many years affirmed the gifts and calling of women, both laywomen and women ministers, and has nurtured the faith of girls, inviting them to participate fully in the church's ministries, and has blessed and ordained women as deacons and ministers. Hayes Barton has also been a faithful and generous supporter and encourager of Baptist Women in Ministry.



Accepting the award on behalf of the church was their associate pastor, Kristen Muse.

## 2016 Addie Davis Awards

Each year since 1998 Baptist Women in Ministry has presented awards in honor of Addie Davis, the first Southern Baptist woman ordained to the gospel ministry. Addie was ordained in 1964 by Watts Street Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina.

Baptist Women in Ministry presents two awards: one for preaching and one for leadership. This year BWIM was thrilled to introduce at its annual gathering the



2016 recipient of the Addie Davis Award for Outstanding Leadership in Pastoral Ministry: **Margaret Brooks**. Margaret is a student at the Baptist Seminary in Kentucky and anticipates graduating in May 2017. She serves as the associate pastoral counselor for Cornerstone Counseling of Madison County, a non-profit, faith-based agency.

The 2016 recipient of the Addie Davis Award for Excellence in Preaching is **Elizabeth Coates**, a May 2016 graduate of Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology. In February 2016, First Baptist Church, Gainesville called Liz as associate pastor of discipleship and spiritual formation, after serving as the director of their Family Life Center for nine years.

Congratulations and blessings to Margaret and Liz!



[WATCH THE 2016 AWARDS VIDEO](#)

## 2016 Addie Davis Award Nominees

Baptist Women in Ministry receives nominations each year for the two Addie Davis Awards from seminaries affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The nominees this year were all exceptionally gifted women, and BWIM offers congratulations to the nominees and their schools!

### Outstanding Leadership in Pastoral Ministry

**Dorothy Clark**  
Duke University Divinity School

**Julie Cook**  
Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology

**Robin Drake**  
Baylor University's George W. Truett Theological Seminary

**Danielle Glaze**  
Campbell University Divinity School

**Anna Hulsey**  
Gardner-Webb Divinity School

**Kyong Eun Lee**  
Central Baptist Theological Seminary

**Rachel Revelle**  
Wake Forest University School of Divinity

### Excellence in Preaching

**Joy Alexander**  
Baylor University's George W. Truett Theological Seminary

**Paulleatha Bruce**  
Gardner-Webb Divinity School

**Mary Elizabeth Hanchey**  
Duke University Divinity School

**Desauguste Louisenie**  
Central Baptist Theological Seminary

**Judith Myers**  
Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond

**Kendra Sumler**  
Campbell University Divinity School

## 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 monthly 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.

## Ordination Resources

In Baptist life, ordination to the gospel ministry is a church's recognition of God's calling and gifting. Baptist churches are widely diverse in the process of ordination, but most Baptist churches are unified in that the service of ordination provides a time of affirmation and blessing for the minister.

Because careful planning and preparation can add depth and richness to that time of worship, Baptist Women in Ministry has gathered resources meant to assist in the planning of an ordination service. Those resources may be found on the **BWIM website** and include litanies, poems, blessings, responses, and charges, all used in previous ordination services. We hope these resources will be helpful to you.

## 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 variety of resources to help those who are in search mode, including:

**"Finding a Ministry Position: Tips for the Journey"** by Pam Durso

**"Questions for the Candidate"**

**"Questions for the Candidate, Congregation, and Committee"**

More resources are coming soon. If you have suggestions or have found a helpful resource, please email Pam Durso at [pamdurso@bwim.info](mailto:pamdurso@bwim.info).

## Monday Devotions

Each Monday Baptist Women in Ministry post a devotion written by our friend, **Nikki Finkelstein-Blair**. The 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 lectionary devotional, **"Advent in July: Joy,"** Nikki wrote:

"So we can pray in the words Jesus taught his disciples—taught all of us—and we can pray in the way he taught us: as a generous host and a persistent neighbor, leaving no stone unturned, asking our hallowed Parent for the simple needs of this day.

"Teach us to pray," the disciples requested. He taught, and we are still learning. In every word we utter, in every way we walk, we learn."



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

[Read more on the BWIM blog](#)

## Ordinations

**Judith Myers** will be ordained by Ginter Park Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia on August 7, 2016.

## On the Move

**Louise Barger** is interim pastor at First Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio.

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

**Diane Touch** is pastor of First Baptist Church, Huntington, Indiana.

## Leading Women Save the Date: April 26-28, 2017

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Baptist Women in Ministry will host **Leading Women**, a three-day gathering that will include conversation, worship, leadership development, and networking opportunities and will be held **April 26-28, 2017**, at First Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Join us in celebrating the influence and voices of women from across the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship movement. All women, laity and clergy, are welcome.

## Women in Ministry Conference

A Women in Ministry (WIM) Conference sponsored by Cynthia L. Hale Ministries will be held **September 19-22, 2016**, at the Westin Atlanta Airport in Atlanta, Georgia.

The conference will be an inspiring, powerful, and informative week of coaching, developing, and mentoring for professional women serving in ministry. The theme for this year is "What Does the Lord Require? Exploring the Tension of Doing Ministry in Changing Times!"

The registration deadline is August 15, 2016. For additional info and to register, [visit their website](#).

## Women of Color in Ministry Conference

**The Fourth Annual Women of Color in Ministry Conference** will be held **October 13-15, 2016**, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Emeryville, California, and will feature national Asian American, African American, and Hispanic women leaders and preachers.

Workshops include:

"Financial Literacy and Retirement Planning for Millennials and Older Women Clergy"

"Living into Your Identity as a Leader Step by Step"

"Balancing Spiritual and Physical Well-Being and Family"

"Bivocationalism and the New World of Work in Ministry"

"Branding and Social Media: Why Many Women Clergy Do Not Exist"

**The registration fee is \$150.00.** For more

information, visit the [Women of Color in Ministry website](#)



The poster features the Women of Color in Ministry logo at the top, which includes a stylized figure of a woman with arms raised. Below the logo, the text reads: "MILLENNIALS & MOTHERS OF THE FAITH: Women of ALL Ages and Races Working Together". The main title is "4<sup>TH</sup> WOMEN OF COLOR IN MINISTRY CONFERENCE". The dates "SAVE THE DATE OCT. 13-15, 2016" are prominently displayed in large, bold letters. Below the dates, there are four columns of information: "HILTON GARDEN INN" (San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge, (510) 658-9300), "AMAZING SPEAKERS and Workshops Women Clergy Need", "INFO: womenofcolorinministry@gmail.com", and "WEBSITE: www.womenofcolorinministry.org". At the bottom, a section titled "COLLABORATING PARTNERS" lists several organizations: American Baptist Seminary of the West, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, GTU Women's Studies in Religion Program, Institute for the Study of Asian American Christianity (ISAAC), Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Pacific School of Religion, and Star King School for the Ministry.

## The 21st York-Hall Women's Preaching Annual

Wayland Baptist Theological Seminary will host the 21st York-Hall Women's Preaching Annual on **November 28-December 2, 2016** at the Sheraton Four Seasons Hotel in Greensboro, North Carolina.

The theme is "Every Hero Has Herstory!" Confirmed preachers, presenters, and personalities include Pam Durso, Marissa R. Farrow, Bernadette Glover, Joel Gregory, John Harris, Carolyn Ann Knight, Thomasine Reid, Sophia Steibel, and Deshawnda Williams.

Early Bird Registration is \$125 through August 20. General Registration is \$200.00. For more information [visit their 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**-Executive Pastor-Brookwood Baptist Church  
**Huntsville**-Minister to Young Adults-First Baptist Church  
**Huntsville**-Student Ministry Residency-First Baptist Church  
**Jacksonville**-Minister of Music, Family, and Children-First Baptist Church of Williams  
**Mobile**-Pastor-Spring Hill Baptist Church

### ARKANSAS

**Little Rock**-Executive Director, Lake Nixon Ministry-Second Baptist Church

### CALIFORNIA

**Anaheim**-Pastor-Anaheim Baptist Fellowship  
**Oakland**-Church Business Manager-Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church

**FLORIDA**

**Jacksonville**-Minister to Students-Deermeadows Baptist Church

**Orlando**-Professor of Theology-Asbury Theological Seminary

**Tallahassee**-Senior Pastor-First Baptist Church

**GEORGIA**

**Augusta**-Pastor-First Baptist Church

**Augusta**- Business Administrator- First Baptist Church

**Augusta**- Interim Children's Director- First Baptist Church

**Cartersville**-Youth/Associate Pastor-Heritage Baptist Church

**Claxton**-Pastor-First Baptist Church

**Dalton**-Pastor-First Baptist Church

**Forsyth**-Senior Pastor-First Baptist Church

**Gainesville**-Chaplain-Gentiva Hospice

**Jefferson**-Minister of Children and Families-First 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

**KENTUCKY**

**Bowling Green**-Minister of Music-First Baptist Church

**Brandenburg**-Minister of Youth and Children-First Baptist Church

**Carlisle**-Pastor-First Baptist Church

**Elizabethtown**-Youth and Families Minister-Living Faith Baptist Fellowship

**Georgetown**-Associate Pastor of Children and Family Ministries-Georgetown Baptist Church

**Jefferson**-Minister of Children and Families-First Baptist Church

**Louisville**-Pastor-Okolona Baptist Church

**Louisville**-Pastor-Buechel Baptist Church

**Louisville**-Youth Pastor-Mount Everest General Baptist Church

**Midway**-Student Minister-Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church

Morehead-Associate Pastor-First Baptist Church

**Owensboro**-Pastor-Third Baptist Church

**LOUISIANA**

**Baton Rouge**-Pastor-Broadmoor Baptist Church

**MAINE**

**Westbrook**-Pastor-First Baptist Church

**MISSOURI**

**Gainesville**-Pastor-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

**NORTH CAROLINA**

**Boiling Springs**-Associate Pastor for Music and Adults-Boiling Springs Baptist Church

**Burgaw**-Pastor-Burgaw Baptist Church

**Cary**-Associate Chaplain-Glenaire Retirement Community

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

**Canton**-Pastor-First Baptist Church

**Charlotte**-Minister of Music-Myers Park Baptist Church

**Clayton**-Pastor-White Oak Baptist Church

**Durham**-Minister of Discipleship and Children-Durham Memorial Baptist Church

**Durham**-Interim Director of Child Development Center-Yates Baptist Association

**Edenton**-Associate Pastor-First Baptist Church

**Elizabethtown**-Christian School Administrator-Elizabethtown Baptist Church

**Elkin**-Associate Pastor-First Baptist Church

**Elon**-Senior Pastor-Elon First Baptist Church at Morgan Place

**Goldsboro**-Minister of Music-First Baptist Church

**Greenville**- Director of Youth Ministries-First Free Will Baptist Church

**Hamlet**-Minister of Education and Youth-First Baptist Church

**High Point**-Minister of Students and Missions-Emerlywood Baptist Church

**Kernersville**-Minister of Church Life-First Baptist Church

**Lenoir**-Student Minister-College Avenue Baptist Church

**Locust**-Minister to Children and Youth-First Baptist Church

**Marble Springs**-Youth Minister-Marble Springs Baptist Church

**Mebane**-Associate Pastor of Worship-First Baptist Church

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

**North Wilkesboro**-Pastor-First Baptist Church

**Raleigh**-Associate Pastor of Families-Tabernacle Baptist Church



**Raleigh**-Chaplain-Meredith College  
**Raleigh**-Associate Chaplain-Springmoor Retirement Community  
**Richlands**-Pastor-Bethany Baptist Church  
**Rose Hill**-Pastor-Evergreen Baptist Church  
**Sims**-Pastor-Nobles Chapel Baptist Church  
**Smithfield**-Pastor-Sharon Baptist Church  
**Wake Forest**-Minister to Children and Families-Wake Forest Baptist Church  
**Wilmington**-Pastor-Temple Baptist Church  
**Winston-Salem**-Associate Pastor-Ardmore Baptist Church  
**Winston-Salem**-Programs Manager-Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina  
**Winston-Salem**-Chaplain-Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries

#### **OKLAHOMA**

**Bartlesville**-Worship Pastor-Highland Park Baptist  
**Lindsay**-Youth/Worship Pastor-Calvary Baptist Church

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Columbia**-Minister to Families-St. Andrews Baptist Church  
**Columbia**-Pastor-Eau Claire Baptist Church  
**Easley**-Children's Minister-First Baptist Church  
**Greenville**-Chaplain Residency Program-Greenville Health System  
**Greenville**-Minister to Families-Augusta Road Baptist Church  
**York**-Pastor-First Baptist Church

#### **TENNESSEE**

**Maryville**-Senior Pastor-First Baptist Church  
**Murfreesboro**-Field Coordinator- Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Tennessee  
**Nashville**-Senior Pastor-Crievewood Baptist Church  
**Nashville**-Senior Pastor-Woodmont Baptist Church

#### **TEXAS**

**Aspermont**-Pastor- First Baptist Church  
**Austin**-Senior Pastor- First Baptist Church  
**Bagwell**-Pastor- Leesville Baptist Church  
**Conroe**-Pastor- Riverpointe Baptist  
**Dallas**-Pastor-Royal Lane Baptist Church  
**Jewett**-Pastor- First Baptist Church  
**Kingwood**-Pastor- Woodridge Baptist Church  
**Lubbock**-Minister of Youth- Indiana Avenue Baptist Church  
**Queen City**-Worship Leader- First Baptist Church  
**New Braunfels**-Music Minister- First Baptist Church  
**Sandia**-Associate Pastor- West Shores Baptist Church  
**Van Horn**-Pastor- First Baptist Church

#### **VIRGINIA**

**Blacksburg**-Minister of Youth and Communications-Blacksburg Baptist Church  
**Charles City**-Associate/Youth Pastor- Samaria Baptist Church  
**Charlottesville**-Senior Pastor- Broadus Memorial Baptist Church  
**Collinsville**-Associate Pastor of Families and Youth- First Baptist Church  
**Culpeper**-Senior Adult Minister/Chaplain- Culpeper Baptist Church  
**Franklin**-Minister of Music, Youth, and Children- Sycamore Baptist Church  
**Lynchburg**-Senior Pastor- College Hill Baptist Church  
**Manakin-Sabo**-Interim Pastor- Goochland Baptist Church  
**Mechanicsville**-Senior Pastor- New Highland Baptist Church  
**Milford**-Minister to Students and Families- Salem Baptist Church  
**New Kent**-Pastor- Hopewell Baptist Church  
**Newport News**-Associate Pastor of Student Ministries- Orcutt Baptist Church  
**Richmond**- Minister of Music- Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church  
**Richmond**-1-2 year Residency- First Baptist Church  
**Richmond**-Pastor- River Road Baptist Church  
**Virginia Beach**-Senior Pastor-King's Grant Baptist Church  
**Waynesboro**-Minister to Families with Children- First Baptist Church

#### **WASHINGTON, DC**

**Pastor**-Calvary Baptist Church

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