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The Most Wonderful Time of the Year by Pam Durso



For most people, Christmas is the "most wonderful time of the year." But not me. Don't get me wrong, I love celebrating Christmas with my family and my church. I love the anticipation of Advent and singing those much loved Christmas carols. But even so, Christmas is not my favorite time of the year. Instead my "most wonderful time" is the BWIM Annual Gathering—which is coming soon, very soon, NEXT WEEK soon!

Baptists from across the country, across the world even, will be coming together in North Carolina. On Wednesday, a whole host of them will be part of Baptist Women in Ministry's Annual Gathering at First Baptist Church on Fifth in Winston-Salem. Let me assure you . . . this is a gathering you do NOT want to miss. We will have great preaching, amazing music, a beautiful weaving of creativity throughout our worship time, AND food trucks. The weather is predicted to be beautiful and . . . warm. We will have shaded and indoor spaces ready for lots of fun lunch table conversations.

In a season of life that is all too full of shadows and fear, violence and pain, the BWIM gathering offers us the time and space to be with friends, old and new, to worship our God surrounded by people with love, to pray together and weep together, and hold on tight to each other. The annual gathering for me is always a reminder that I am not alone in this world or in this work. And I don't ever have to feel alone.

So come next Wednesday and join us in Winston-Salem for worship and lunch—and join us for this "most wonderful time of the year" as we stand surrounded by friends and fellow pilgrims.

Hope to see you there!

Pam Durso

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.

Our Annual Gathering is one week away! On Wednesday, June 22, 2016 we will meet at First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem, North Carolina for worship and lunch.

Our preacher for the morning will be **Emily Hull McGee**, pastor of First Baptist Church on Fifth, 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**. Worship begins 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.

First Baptist Church is located at [501 West Fifth Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101](#). Directions from the hotel to the church may be found [here](#).

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

Lunch tickets are \$22. You can purchase your ticket on the [BWIM website](#).

Lunch will be served following the worship service, and this year, we have three fun food trucks from which lunch goers can choose. **Street Spice** offers two entrees, Middle Eastern Falafel (vegetarian) and Brazilian Churrasco Steak, and three sides, Smoked Gouda Mac N Cheez, Crispy Brussel Sprouts, and Street Spice Fries. **Taco Green-Go** has three Incred-A-Bowl entrees: Vegetarian Tacos (gluten free), Southern Pork Tacos, and Island Chicken Tacos, and **Comfort Foodon Wheels** will serve Chicken and Waffles, Shrimp and Grits, and Grilled Chicken Quarters.

The food trucks will be parked on Spruce Street, and lunch seating is available in Kelly Auditorium and in the church's breezeway. There are no reserved tables and will be no program during lunch.

Baptist Women in Ministry will NOT provide transportation. Car-pooling is encouraged and appreciated. If anyone departing from the Sheraton Greensboro has extra room available in their vehicle and is willing to carpool, please contact Ashley Robinson at ashleyrobinson@bwim.info.

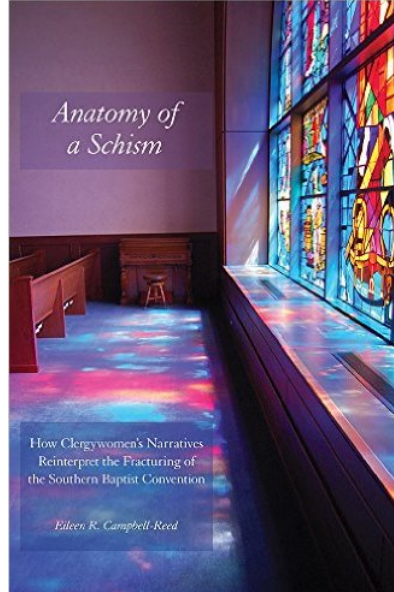
Invite your friends and bring your church members! We hope to see many of you in Winston-Salem!

Book Signing during the BWIM Gathering

Baptist Women in Ministry will host a book signing during the Annual Gathering lunch, featuring **Eileen Campbell-Reed** and her new book **Anatomy of a Schism: How Clergywomen's Narratives Reinterpret the Fracturing of the Southern Baptist Convention**. The book signing will take place in the Kelly Auditorium.

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.



Workshops during CBF's General Assembly

During the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly, BaptistWomen in Ministry will host a workshop on **Friday, June 24 at 2:45 p.m. in Grandover East**. Join **Pam Durso** for a discussion of the newly published "**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 for women ministers, and will identify continuing places of difficulties and challenge for women as they search for and serve in places of service.

Two other CBF workshops have BWIM connections. "**Gender and Ministry in An Anatomy of a Schism**" will be held on **Thursday, June 23 at 1:30 p.m. in Grandover East**. This workshop will feature a panel discussion moderated by **Pam Durso** and the panelists include **Eileen Campbell-Reed, Bill Leonard, Molly T. Marshall, and Emily Hull McGee**.

"**Creating Safe Spaces: Addressing and Responding to Clergy Sexual Misconduct**," featuring presentation by **David Pooler**, associate dean for baccalaureate and graduate studies at Baylor University's Diana R. Garland's School of Social Work, will be held on **Friday, June 24 at 1:30 p.m. in Bear Creek Room**.

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.

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, **"Questions and an Answer: Psalm 42, 43,"** Nikki wrote:

"Can we live without the answers? Can we allow ourselves to be reassured by the questions alone?"

We have all heard the so-called answers that well-meaning Christian friends and families and pastors sometimes give, and the truth is, those answers don't make us feel any better. If anything, they make us feel worse because we "should" feel better! They usually include some version of "God won't give you anything you can't handle." Maybe we've even tried to offer those answers ourselves, when we've been at a loss for words, when our friends and families and parishioners have come to us with tears in their eyes and "Why?" on their lips."



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

[Read more on the BWIM blog](#)

Ordinations

Kimberly Lindeman was ordained by Triangle Baptist Church, Triangle, Virginia, on May 29, 2016.

J. Daynette Shead was ordained by First Baptist Church and First Chin Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina on May 15, 2016.

On the Move

Janet Cleland is minister of children, families, and outreach at First Baptist Church, Athens, Georgia.

Beverly Edwards is minister of music at May Memorial Baptist Church, Powhatan, Virginia.

Lisabeth Gustafson is pastor of First Baptist Church, Winstead, Connecticut.

LeAnn Gunter Johns is part-time hospice chaplain with Hospice Care Options, Macon, Georgia.

Erin Petersen is interim college minister at Northstar Church, Blacksburg, Virginia.

Laura Ross is children's pastor at First Baptist Church, Ashland, Virginia.

Meredith Summers is women's and singles pastor at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas.

Women of Color in Ministry Conference

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- ◆ 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
- ◆ Star King School for the Ministry

Save the date for the Fourth Annual Women of Color in Ministry Conference.

The conference will be held **October 13-October 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](http://www.womenofcolorinministry.org)

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 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

GEORGIA

Augusta-Pastor-First Baptist Church
Cartersville-Youth/Associate Pastor-Heritage Baptist Church
Dalton-Pastor-First Baptist Church
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
Plains-Pastor-Plains Baptist Church
Rome-Pastor-First Baptist Church

ILLINOIS

Chicago-Executive Director-Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists

KENTUCKY

Brandenburg-Minister of Youth and Children-First Baptist Church
Elizabethtown-Youth and Families Minister-Living Faith Baptist Fellowship
Frankfort-Student Minister-Forks of Elkhorn 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-First Baptist Church

LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge-Pastor-Broadmoor Baptist Church
Ruston-College Minister-First Baptist Church

MAINE

Westbrook-Pastor-First Baptist Church

MISSOURI

Boonville-Music and Youth Pastor-First Baptist Church
Columbia-Music/Worship Leader-Parkade Baptist Church
Chillicothe-Campus Pastor-The Baptist Home
Gainesville-Pastor-First Baptist Church
Kansas City-Pastor of Missions and Communication-Holmeswood 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

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
Cary-Youth and Children's Ministries Director-Westhigh Church
Candler-Pastor of Student Life and Community Engagement-Hominy Baptist Church
Canton-Pastor-First Baptist Church
Charlotte-Director of Children's Ministry-Forest Hill 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-Minister of Music-First Baptist Church
Enfield-Pastor-White Oak Missionary Baptist Church
Goldsboro-Minister of Music-First Baptist Church
Greenville-Chaplaincy Residency Program-Greenville Health System
Hamlet-Minister of Education and Youth-First Baptist Church
Kernersville-Minister of Church Life-First Baptist Church
Lenoir-Student Minister-College Avenue Baptist Church
Lillington-Pastor-Lillington 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

Oakboro-Associate Pastor of Youth and Children-Red Cross Baptist Church
Raleigh-Associate Pastor of Families-Tabernacle Baptist Church
Raleigh-Chaplain-Meredith College
Richlands-Pastor-Bethany Baptist Church
Rose Hill-Pastor-Evergreen Baptist Church
Rutherfordton-Minister of Youth and Outreach-First Baptist Church
Sims-Pastor-Nobles Chapel Baptist Church
Stoneville-Pastor-First Baptist Church
Wilmington-Minister to Children-First Baptist Church
Wilmington-Pastor-Temple Baptist Church
Wilson-Associate Pastor-First Baptist Church
Winston-Salem-Community Minister-Northwest Baptist Church
Winston-Salem-Associate Pastor-Ardmore Baptist Church
Winston-Salem-Programs Manager-Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina

OKLAHOMA

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

PENNSYLVANIA

Germantown-Pastor-Grace 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
Lake View-Pastor-Bear Swamp Baptist Church
Greenville-Chaplain Residency Program-Greenville Health System

TENNESSEE

Nashville-University Minister-Belmont University

TEXAS

Aspermont-Pastor-First Baptist Church
Austin-Senior Pastor-First Baptist Church
Bagwell-Pastor-Leesville Baptist Church
Conroe-Pastor-Riverpointe Baptist Church
Dallas-Minister to Children and Families-Northway Christian 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-Pastor-West Shores Baptist Church
Van Horn-Pastor-First Baptist Church

VIRGINIA

Alton-Pastor-Alton Baptist Church
Blacksburg-Minister of Youth and Communications-Blacksburg 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
Richmond-1-2 year Residency-First Baptist Church
Richmond-Pastor-River Road Baptist Church
Waverly-Pastor-Waverly Congregational Christian Church
Waynesboro-Minister to Families with Children-First Baptist Church
Wytheville-Senior Pastor-Wytheville Baptist Church

WASHINGTON, DC

Pastor-Calvary Baptist Church

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