



## BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY

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### May 2016

## A Weekend of Graduations, Ordinations, and Pentecost

by Pam Durso



*Pam Durso and Bridgette Poag at the McAfee School of  
Theology Commissioning Service on May 13.*

Last Friday and Saturday my Facebook feed exploded with graduation photos. Seemed like everyone I knew attended or participated in a seminary or college graduation ceremony. I had great fun "celebrating" these major accomplishments via Social Media. On Friday night, I had the opportunity to be one those folks at a graduation event held to honor students that I have taught at McAfee School of Theology.

McAfee has a lovely tradition of hosting a Commissioning Service the night before graduation. Graduates invite their families, and

On Sunday, I assumed that Facebook would be a much quieter place—all the graduations were over. But I forgot to factor in the ordinations. This past Sunday seemed to be THE most popular ordination Sunday of the year! By day's end, photos from nine ordination services filled my Facebook page.

In the midst of this busy weekend of recognizing and affirming life accomplishments, the church celebrated Pentecost. It seems fitting to me that graduation, ordination, and Pentecost converged for surely all three remind us that the Spirit is at work in our lives and in our world.

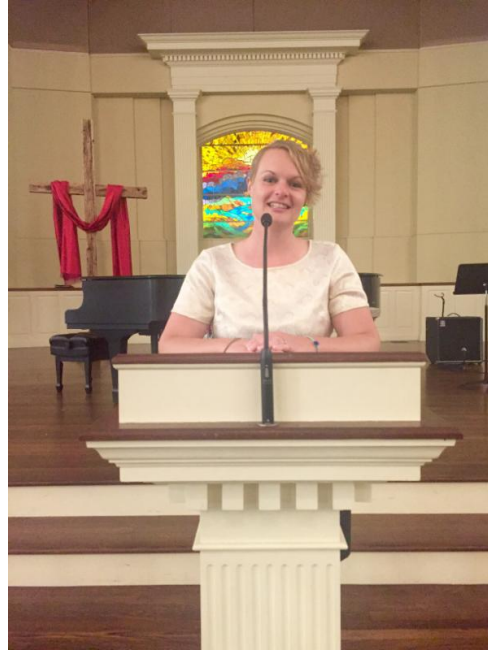
On that day of Pentecost described in Acts 2, the Spirit blew fiercely, compelling the disciples to leave the safety and comfort of their meeting room; the Spirit empowered the timid to boldly preach the gospel, the Spirit rained down gifts and dreams on young and old, women and men; the Spirit set the world on fire.

By Sunday night, my prayer for all those who were graduating, for all those who were being ordained, and for all those who were sitting in the pews on Pentecost was this: May we embrace the fiery passion and power of God's Spirit, and may we be brave enough and bold enough to live fully into all that the Spirit calls us to do and to be! Amen.

we all gather for some great food and fellowship and then move into a sanctuary for a beautiful service. The faculty members lead worship, saying prayers, reading litanies, and serving communion. During the service, each graduate is presented a chalice and paten.

My favorite part of the service happens when the last prayer is said, and all the hugging and crying and introducing family and picture taking begins. This year I met a whole host of husbands and wives, moms and dads, sisters and brothers, children, best friends, and one uncle! I love meeting student's families and seeing the pride on their faces.

I also love that so many alumni return for the service. Some of them graduated years ago, but they return to share the school's sacred moment, and I had a wonderful time catching up and hearing about their current ministries.



*Megan Pike was ordained on May 15 by Calvary Baptist Church in Waco, Texas.*

## BWIM's Annual Gathering on June 22



*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 on Fifth, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

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.

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

**Childcare** is available during worship and lunch for \$5 per child with a family cap of \$15. Please make reservations by June 6. To make reservations, visit 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, Smoke Gouda Mac N Cheez, Crispy Brussels 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 Food on Wheels** will serve Chicken and Waffles, Shrimp and Grits, and Grilled Chicken Quarters.



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

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.

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

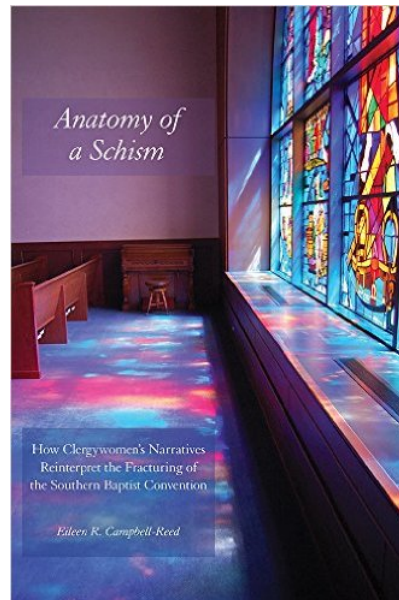
Invite your friends and bring your church members! We hope to see many of you in Winston-Salem!

## 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, Baptist Women in Ministry will host a workshop on **Friday, June 24 at 2:45 p.m.** 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.** 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 a 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.**



# 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 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, **"Beyond the Byte: John 14:8-17,"** Nikki wrote:

"The Bible isn't built for sound-bytes. The Bible is a tapestry of teachings, a web of wondrous acts, a cluster of cells: intimately interconnected, growing, complex and astounding.

We have conveniently accommodated the Bible to our sound-byte society.



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

It's treated as a stand-alone, a theological sound

One of our favorite bytes precedes today's reading from the Gospel of John. It's John 14:6: "Jesus answered, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" In many contemporary Christian circles, this verse is the End All Be All. Once this text is quoted in any argument—I mean, discussion—there is nothing left to say.

It's treated as a stand-alone, a theological sound byte that says everything we need to know, contains everything it takes to determine whether someone is in or out, a Christian or not. Cut and dried. Done and dusted.

Except—in the scripture, the conversation doesn't end there. It's only beginning."

[Read more on the BWIM blog](#)

## Ordinations

**Dorcus Cater** was ordained by The Church at Ponce and Highland, Atlanta, Georgia, on May 15, 2016.

**Caitlin Walsh Jackson** was ordained by Second Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, on May 14, 2016.

**Scarlett Jasper** will be ordained by Cornerstone Fellowship, Monticello, Kentucky on May 21, 2016.

**Holly Johnson** was ordained by The Church at Ponce and Highland, Atlanta, Georgia, on May 15, 2016.

**Megan Joyner** was ordained by Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, on May 15, 2016.

**Megan Pike** was ordained by Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, Texas on May 15, 2016.

**Rachel Revelle** will be ordained by Knollwood Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina on May 22, 2016.

**Molly Shoulta** was ordained by Millbrook Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina on May 15, 2016.

## On the Move

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

**Lauren Efird** is interim pastor at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, Cary, North Carolina.

**Ashley Harrington** is co-pastor of Starling Avenue Baptist Church, Martinsville, Virginia.

**Christi Hollifield** is director of children's ministry at First Baptist Church, Marion, North Carolina.

**Becca Jones** is children's minister at First Baptist Church, Wilmington, North Carolina.

**Wanda Lawrence** is pastor of Victoria Road Baptist Church, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

**Ellen Robison** is minister of worship and arts at Riverside Church, New York, New York.

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

**Heather Shockley** is minister of music at First Baptist Church, Bluefield, West Virginia.

**Megan Turner** is associate minister of student ministries at First Baptist Church, Aiken, South Carolina.

**Cheri Williams** is music director at Lynn Haven Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia.

## Pastor's Health Summit

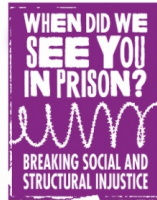
Campbell University Divinity School, in Buies Creek, North Carolina, will host a **Pastor's Health Summit on June 2, 2016**. The summit is open to pastors across North Carolina and features resources and tools helpful in addressing the health of pastors and their congregations.

Breakout sessions include topics such as dealing with grief and trauma; balancing marriage, family, and pastoral demands; incorporating good nutrition and exercise into daily life, addressing issues mental health, depression, and loneliness; and establishing financial health. Session leaders include faculty and staff from Campbell's schools of divinity, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, health

sciences, and business.

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

## 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, Pennsylvania.

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

## Women of Color in Ministry Conference

**WOMEN OF COLOR IN MINISTRY**

**MILLENNIALS & MOTHERS OF THE FAITH:**  
Women of ALL Ages and Races Working Together

**4<sup>TH</sup> WOMEN OF COLOR IN MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

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**OCT. 13-15, 2016**

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**COLLABORATING PARTNERS**

- ◆ American Baptist Seminary of the West
- ◆ Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
- ◆ Church Divinity School of the Pacific
- ◆ Pacific School of Religion
- ◆ GTU Women's Studies in Religion Program
- ◆ Star King School for the Ministry
- ◆ Institute for the Study of Asian American Christianity (ISAAC)

**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](#)

## 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

**Mountain Brook**-Executive Pastor-Brookwood 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

## **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  
**Dalton**-Pastor-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

## **INDIANA**

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

## **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-Buedel Park Baptist Church  
**Louisville**-Minister to Youth-Highland Baptist Church  
**Louisville**-Youth Pastor-Mount Everest General Baptist Church  
**Louisville**-Pastor-Okolona Baptist Church  
**Midway**-Student Minister-The Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church  
**Morehead**-Associate Pastor-First Baptist Church  
**Owensboro**-Pastor-Third Baptist Church  
**Shepherdsville**-Minister of Children and Youth-First 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**

**Boonville**-Music and Youth Pastor-First Baptist Church  
**Centralia**-Pastor-Antioch Baptist Church  
**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  
**Burgaw**-Pastor-Burgaw Baptist Church  
**Candler**-Pastor of Student Life and Community Engagement-Hominy Baptist Church  
**Canton**-Pastor-Canton First Baptist Church  
**Cary**-Associate Chaplain-Glenaire Retirement Community  
**Charlotte**-Minister of Music-Myer's Park Baptist Church  
**Charlotte**-Minister of Music-Sardis Baptist Church

**Durham**-Minister of Discipleship and Children-Durham Memorial Baptist Church  
**Edenton**-Associate Pastor-First Baptist Church  
**Elon**-Minister of Music-First Baptist Church  
**Goldsboro**-Minister of Music-First Baptist Church  
**Greensboro**-Pastoral Residency with Community MinistryFocus-First Baptist Church  
**Hamlet**-Minister of Education and Youth-First Baptist Church of Hamlet  
**Kernersville**-Minister of Church Life-First Baptist Church  
**Lillington**-Pastor-Lillington Baptist Church  
**Marble Springs**-Youth Minister-Marble Springs Baptist Church  
**McLeansville**-Youth Pastor-New Bessemer Baptist Church  
**Mebane**-Associate Pastor for Worship-First Baptist Church  
**Mt. Airy**-Pastor-Antioch Baptist Church  
**Raleigh**-Minister to Children (part-time)-Macedonia Baptist Church  
**Raleigh**-Minister to Youth (part-time)-Macedonia Baptist Church  
**Raleigh**-Chaplain-Meredith College  
**Richlands**-Pastor-Bethany Baptist Church  
**Stoneville**-Pastor-Stoneville Baptist Church  
**Wade**-Pastor-Wade Baptist Church  
**Wilmington**-Minister to Children-First Baptist Church

## **OKLAHOMA**

**Lindsey**-Youth/Worship Pastor-Calvary Baptist Church

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Columbia**-Pastor-Eau Claire Baptist Church  
**Columbia**-Minister to Families-St. Andrews Baptist Church  
**Easley**-Children's Minister-First Baptist Church  
**Greenville**-Chaplaincy Residency Program-GreenvilleHealth System  
**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  
**Elmendorf**-Pastor-Elmendorf Baptist Church  
**Friendswood**-Pastor-First Baptist Church  
**Henrietta**-Minister of Music/Senior Adults-First Baptist Church  
**Lubbock**-Minister of Youth-Indiana Ave Baptist Church  
**Nacogdoches**-Pastor-First Baptist Church  
**Onalaska**-Pastor-First Baptist Church  
**Plano**-Pastor-First Baptist Church  
**Ralls**-Full-time Minister of Music/Associate Pastor-First 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  
**Collinsville**-Associate Pastor of Families and Youth-First Baptist Church  
**Culpeper**-Senior Adult Minister/Chaplain-Culpeper Baptist Church  
**Franklin**-Youth, Children, and Music Minister-Sycamore Baptist Church  
**Fredericksburg**-Youth Pastor-Ferry Farm Baptist Church  
**Goochland**-Interim Pastor-Goochland Baptist Church  
**Lynchburg**-Pastor-College Hill Baptist Church  
**Mechanicsville**-Pastor-New Highland Baptist Church  
**Mechanicsville**-Director of Family Life Ministries-Walnut Grove Baptist Church  
**Midlothian**-Pastor-Tomahawk Baptist Church  
**Milford**-Minister to Students and Families-Salem Baptist Church  
**Newport News**-Kairos Collegiate/Young Adult Minister-Christopher Newport University  
**Newport News**-Pastor-North Riverside Baptist Church  
**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  
**Wise**-Kairos Collegiate/Young Adult Minister-University of Virginia

**WASHINGTON, DC**  
**Pastor**-Calvary Baptist Church

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