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**BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY**  
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## OUR VISION

Baptist Women in Ministry will be a catalyst in Baptist life, drawing together women and men, in partnership with God, to illuminate, advocate, and nurture the gifts and graces of women.

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## BWIM EVENTS, JUNE 13-15, 2018

### Lunch

Lunch will be served following worship. The menu is a choice of pecan crusted chicken breast with either jalapeno cream gravy or herbed chardonnay sauce OR peppercorn-molasses pork loin with bacon demiglace, served with salad, sautéed seasonal vegetable medley, and creamy barley risotto.

During lunch, you are invited to visit the Threads of Nomad exhibit, a business as mission that hires refugees to create clothing designs. They source their fabric from around the world and provide microenterprise opportunities to a variety of artisans overseas. Their exhibit features woman's clergy robe designs and stoles.

### Workshops

On Thursday, June 14, at 8:30 a.m., Baptist Women in Ministry will host a workshop during the Cooperative

Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly: "#metoo: Join the Movement, Be the Change" Through dialogue, discussion, and storytelling, Pam Durso will address the insidious, pervasive problem of sexual abuse in our society and offer practical suggestions for Baptist leaders as they seek to speak truth, offer care to victims and survivors, and lead their churches to work for change.

On Thursday, June 14 at 1:30 p.m., a workshop will be hosted by the Clergy Sexual Misconduct Task Force, which is a collaborative effort of Baptist Women in Ministry and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Pam Durso and Stephen Reeves will lead this workshop: "#churchtoo: Resourcing Your Congregation on the Issue of Clergy Sexual Abuse," and will preview a new resource for churches titled "Safe Churches and Ministers."



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From left to right: Ashley Robinson, Daniel Glaze, Jewel London, Pam Durso, Amy McClure, Deborah Reeves, Micah Pritchett, Lynn Brinkley, Carol McEntyre

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

Baptist Women in Ministry is led by a remarkable team of leaders, who give freely of their time, giftedness, and friendship in moving BWIM ahead: C. Lynn Brinkley, Scott Claybrook, Taryn Deaton, Daniel Glaze, Jewel London, Amy McClure, Carol McEntyre, Micah Pritchett, and Deborah Reeves. Lynn, Daniel, and Carol will rotate off the Leadership Team following

this gathering. Their support of BWIM and its vision has been invaluable, and their friendship has been a gift!

Joining our Leadership Team this summer are Courtney Allen, Anyra Cano, and Lawrence Powers, all of whom will bring wonderfully unique gifts to our team, and we are excited to welcome them as they begin service.



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**Rev. Dr. Cindy Bolden**  
MDiv '11, DMin '16



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# THE 2018 DISTINGUISHED MENTOR AWARD



**SHARLANDE SLEDGE**  
2018 Frankie Huff Granger Distinguished Mentor Award

Baptist Women in Ministry honors **Sharlande Sledge** as the recipient of the 2018 Frankie Huff Granger Distinguished Mentor Award.

Sharlande is the associate pastor at Lake Shore Baptist Church in Waco, Texas. She has been on the church's staff since 1985 and has served in many capacities—pastoral care, missions, worship, and spiritual formation of children and adults. For many, Sharlande is best known for her beautiful writing. She is the author of *Prayers and Litanies for the Christian Seasons*, published by Smyth & Helwys and writes for *Bearings*, a magazine of the Collegeville Institute, and for *Reflections*, a devotional guide published by Smyth & Helwys.

Throughout her ministry at Lake Shore, Sharlande has been a mentor to children, teenagers, Baylor students, and young ministers. Her *Reflections* editor and friend, Carol Younger, writes "Ministry is more than a job to Sharlande; it's entwined in her faith experience. In serving, and helping others know the joy of doing that, she knows the Love that calls, sends, and keeps us. Because she sees everyone as a potential minister with gifts to share, generations of children have traveled to places where they learned the joy of having a purpose."

The children who Sharlande mentored over the years now live and work throughout the United States. Gillian Bellinger, a teacher at Intentional Acting and a facilitator/trainer at Business Improvisations in Los Angeles, remembers "Sharlande created two mission programs for children: Helping Hands and Bridge Builders. Both groups laid a foundation for life-long friendships and cultivated an understanding of what service means." Carol Ingoldsby, director of campus life, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, writes, "Sharlande gave space for us to ask tough questions and grow more fully in our faith. I am forever grateful for Sharlande and the role she has played in shaping my life."

Over the years, Sharlande also mentored young ministers, including Leslie Rosencrans, minister of congregational life at Seventh and James Baptist Church, Waco, Texas. Leslie writes, "Sharlande is the one who taught me that a life in ministry would be daily finding myself 'up-to-your-neck in life' and filled with prayer in a thousand places. She reminds me again and again that no matter where I find myself, Christ is already there — in the office, in the hospital waiting room, at the graveside — and that it is our great gift to join Christ in this redemptive work."

Rachel Sciretti, associate pastor of children and youth discipleship at Hampton Baptist

Church, Hampton, Virginia, writes, "Sharlande taught me the importance of simply showing up. She said that when you make a pastoral visit, even if it is only going to be a short one, take your coat off and set your purse down. Show the person that you are fully present to them in that time."

Carol McEntyre, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbia, Missouri, writes, "Sharlande was the first female minister that I ever knew. The role seemed so natural on her. It flowed out of the core of her being. She taught me that words matter, especially in worship. Choosing just the right call to worship or confession of faith can really change how people engage in the worship service. I also learned from her the value of longevity in one place, the gift of stability. Staying at a church for a long time allows a minister to be woven into the fabric of the community."

Tracy Dunn, staff care chaplain at Cook's Children Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, writes, "Sharlande walked the road before we did. She was there to hang wreaths of encouragement on lampposts that would guide us on our way. And she packed our knapsacks full of beautiful words so that we would be fed on our journey."

For all her many years of mentoring children and adults, women and men, ministers and lay leaders, we give thanks to God for **Sharlande Sledge**.

# 2018 CHURCH OF EXCELLENCE

Baptist Women in Ministry recognizes with much gratitude **Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, Texas**, as the 2018 Church of Excellence.

Founded in 1928, Calvary is this year celebrating its ninetieth anniversary. The church's vision statement expresses well its commitments: "Calvary Baptist Church is a Christ-centered community of faith devoted to the worship of the Living God. Committed to a deeper understanding of God's word, we aspire to grow personally and communally, to become a sanctuary for all God's people, and to pour out God's love in the local and global community."

Calvary daily lives into that vision. The congregation has a community garden with forty raised beds, which provides the nearby community with an opportunity to grow their own produce. Calvary members



Mary Alice Birdwhistell

grow crops in all four seasons and distribute about 600 pounds of fresh produce each year within its neighborhood. Every week the church opens its doors for free citizenship, ESL, GED, and literary classes that are provided by McLennan Community College, and every Tuesday and Thursday, the church partners with Meals on Wheels, and church members pack and deliver meals to forty residents. Every third Sunday Calvary members lead a worship service at Hillcrest Rehabilitation Center, and each week during the school year, the congregation sends mentors to West Avenue Elementary School to read with children.

Calvary also lives into its mission by nurturing and encouraging the callings and gifts of women. In 1990, Calvary first ordained women as deacons, and in 1995, the church ordained Fran Porter to the gospel ministry. Three years later, the congregation called Julie Pennington-Russell as pastor, making Calvary the first Baptist church in Texas to have a woman pastor. Julie began her ministry in August 1998 and served faithfully and joyfully until 2007. She writes, "Calvary is one of the bravest, biggest-hearted, least pretentious, gospel-focused churches I've ever known. I experienced God

with them in ways that changed me forever."

Last year, Calvary called one of its own as pastor. Mary Alice Birdwhistell had been on the church staff since 2009, first as minister to children and then as associate pastor. In April 2017, the congregation called her as pastor. She began that new position in July. On February 11, 2018, Mary Alice was officially installed, and her beloved mentor and friend, Julie Pennington-Russell, preached the installation sermon.

Baptist Women in Ministry gives thanks for Calvary Baptist Church and is grateful for the church's consistent and faithful financial support since 2015. BWIM is also greatly appreciative of Mary Alice, who served on the BWIM Leadership Team from 2014 to 2017.

Baptist Women in Ministry celebrates Calvary's commitment to the work of the gospel, its generous and faithful support of our organization, and its affirmation of women ministers, and today with much excitement we recognize **Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, Texas**, as the 2018 Church of Excellence!



**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, WACO, TEXAS**  
2018 Baptist Women in Ministry Church of Excellence



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 ADDIE DAVIS NOMINEES**

# THE 2018 ADDIE DAVIS AWARDS



*Scarlette Jasper*



*Kristen Pope*

Since 1998, Baptist Women in Ministry has recognized exceptional Baptist women seminar-ians through the presentation of the Addie Davis Award for Outstanding Leadership in Pastoral Ministry and the Addie Davis Award for Excellence in Preaching. The awards are an affirmation of all the women nominated as well as recognition of the award recipients, but the awards are also an acknowledgement of the unique gifts, voices, and strengths of all women.

The 2018 recipient of the Addie Davis Award for Outstanding Leadership in Pastoral Ministry is **Scarlette Jasper**, who will graduate from Baptist Seminary of Kentucky in May 2019. Scarlette's call to ministry began as a young child, but she had no one with whom to share her sense of calling.

In 1986, Scarlette married Brian Jasper, and her new mother-in-law soon became her spiritual mentor. Scarlette professed her faith in 1987, was baptized, and began serving in multiple roles at her church. Despite her active involvement in church ministries, she felt as if there was more for her to do so she volunteered and held leadership positions in local, state, and national non-profit organizations, including the March of Dimes,

the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Habitat for Humanity, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, United Way, the American Cancer Society, Central Kentucky Blood Center, and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Scarlette fulfilled her call to ministry through her work with these organizations. She did not realize that there were other options for her as a woman. Eventually, her experience with non-profits led her to found and direct two new organizations: a full-time school and tutoring program for children with learning differences and a homeless shelter and medical hospitality house.

After twenty-seven years of service, Scarlette's imagination of her calling was stretched. Her son, a pastor of a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship church, and her family encouraged her to explore her call through missions, and in April 2014, she founded a third non-profit, Olive Branch Ministries, in order to serve the homeless, the poor, incarcerated, and neglected population in the South-Central region of Kentucky. Olive Branch Ministries provides Bible studies along with assistance, shelter, clothing, food, and financial literacy for many who are in crisis. In

June 2014, Scarlette was commissioned by CBF as field personnel, and in August of that year, she enrolled as a student at Baptist Seminary of Kentucky, in order to prepare herself more fully to minister to those her community.

In May 2016, Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship in Monticello, Kentucky, ordained Scarlette to the gospel. At Cornerstone, she participates in worship leadership, teaching, offering pastoral care, leading outreach efforts, and establishing youth programs.

G. Wade Rowatt, senior professor of pastoral care and counseling at BSK, writes, Scarlette "is not only a leader, she is growing leaders from within the community she serves. She works to change the context as well as assist those who suffer. Her warm, caring and honest approach draws people to her ministry center for help."

The recipient of the 2018 Addie Davis Award for Excellence in Preaching is **Kristen Pope**, a May 2018 graduate of McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta and the minister of faith development at First Baptist Church of Rome, Georgia.

The daughter of a Baptist pastor, Kristen fought her calling to congregational ministry well into her seminary experience, but opportunities to preach helped her to listen more closely to God's calling. In 2016, Kristen preached her



first sermon on Martha Stearns Marshall Sunday at Pintlala Baptist Church, Pintlala, Alabama. Kristen now embraces preaching as a vulnerable, empowering opportunity to share in the faith journey of those in the pew.

Robert N. Nash, professor of missions and world religions at McAfee, writes of Kristen: "She possesses that rarest combination of intellect, spiritual depth, commitment to study and research, and pulpit presence and delivery style that makes for a true pulpiter."

Kristen's award-winning sermon, "Descending the Mountain," is based on the transfiguration of Jesus found in Mark 9:2-9. In this sermon, preached at First Baptist Church, Rome, in February 2018, just prior to Lent and on Martha

Stearns Marshall Sunday, Kristen proclaimed, "This season as we prepare to descend the mountain into the valley of Lent, we have to suspend our knowledge of the good that is to come so that we take time to experience God's presence in the deepest valley of our Christian faith story. Jesus has to die, and humanity carries out the death sentence... We can't change the story of what is to come. And if we are paying attention, our hearts will break, for the first time or for the seventy-fifth time over the sacrifice made for our sake. And though we know who Jesus is, we put away our hallelujahs for now, and we listen to the story as if hearing it for the first time. We lean into God's presence in the valley as we await the glorious day we know is coming when we have our hallelujahs back again."

We give thanks for the gifts and ministry of **Scarlette Jasper** and **Kristen Pope**, the 2018 recipients of BWIM's Addie Davis Awards.





# PREACHING FOR THE FIRST TIME

by Maria Robertson



MARIA ROBERTSON

*Don't forget to breathe.  
Can the choir behind me see my knees shaking?  
Was that an "Amen" I just heard?  
Whatever you do . . . do not say "um."  
That joke was funnier in my head.  
Please, God, help me pronounce this  
Greek word correctly!*

These were just some of the thoughts that crossed my mind while I was preaching for the very first time. My first sermon was preached during Martha Stearns Marshall Month at First Baptist Church, Jasper, Georgia. Unfortunately, the questions, doubts, and fears that accompanied me while I preached did not conclude when my sermon ended.

The congregation was more than encouraging, grateful, and affirming of me and the sermon, but I could not help but worry about what my peers, professors, and even complete strangers would think once they listened to the recorded version of my sermon. Even I was curious! I had never heard or seen myself speak in front of a group of people before. All I knew for certain was that public speaking petrified me. When I finally listened to myself in the recording my first thought was: Is that what my voice actually sounds like? Am I always that soft-spoken? I knew I would never have a booming, tear-jerking, or awaken-the-drowsy-non-caffeinated-attendee kind of voice, but I also was not sure if my voice was that of preacher.

Lies trickled into my mind like an annoying leaking pipe. Was I articulate enough? Gospel-centered enough? Profound enough? (I know what you're thinking . . . humble yourself a little bit Maria) I like to make myself feel better by saying that it is society's fault for encouraging perfection and the church's fault for not normalizing women in church leadership roles. I have no doubt that some of my fear was due to these crippling norms, but I wonder what my experience would have been like had I grown up with more female pastor role models.

Whether it is your first time preaching or the 100th, the truth is that presenting the good news, being vulnerable enough to share what has been placed on your heart, and then being able to articulate these things in a meaningful and truthful way should not be taken lightly. In the days and weeks to follow my first sermon, I wrestled with my own identity as a female preacher, minister, and chaplain. I struggled with how to courageously allow God's goodness to be expressed through me; particularly through the power of my own voice whether it was heard from behind the pulpit or elsewhere. After reflecting on the experience as a first-time preacher, I realized a few important lessons:

**Celebrate yourself:** There is a first time for everything. Accomplishing something you never imagined doing before should be celebrated. Allow yourself to feel empowered by the experience, to believe you belong where you have been called, and to trust that what you have to say matters.

**Humble yourself:** Consider the possibility that maybe you need to hear the message more than "the people in the pew." Remember that a few altar steps and a wooden box do not magically make us closer to God or more superior to the congregation.

**Check yourself:** Preaching and ministering to others is hard work. It's hard because it directly impacts the lives and well-being of others. We shouldn't take it lightly. Deliberate prayer and accountability should be exercised regularly, no matter what role you find yourself in.

**Free yourself:** Whatever is said or done . . . relax. Rest in the promise that God's goodness stretches far beyond our mere words and actions.

*Maria Robertson is a third-year student at McAfee School of Theology and a CPE resident at Northside Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. She preached her first sermon at First Baptist Church, Jasper, Georgia.*

## BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY'S 2018 MENTORING PROGRAM COHORT



The 2018 BWIM Mentoring Group cohort gathered in January for a three-day retreat at the Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman, Alabama. This cohort has five groups — two for new pastors, two for associate ministers, and one for outside-the-box ministers. Each group has one mentor and four participants, and they meet monthly via ZOOM. This year's mentors are Taryn Deaton, Bianca Robinson Howard, Carol McEntrye, Kristen Muse, and Sarah Shelton.



### GIFTS IN HONOR OF MSM PREACHERS

With much thanks to those who contributed to BWIM in honor of their MSM preachers:

Ball Camp Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, in honor of **Merci Kelly**

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First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, in honor of **Sarah Parker**

First Baptist Church, Greenwood, South Carolina, in honor of **Anna Burch**

First Baptist Church, Griffin, Georgia, in honor of **Katie Pasch and Sarah Murray**

First Baptist Church, Lexington, North Carolina, in honor of **Meagan Smith**

First Baptist Church, Madison, North Carolina, in honor of **Jan Walsh**

First Baptist Church, Morehead, Kentucky, in honor of **Lauren McDuffie**

River Road Church, Baptist, Richmond, Virginia, in honor of **Linda McKinnish Bridges and Libby Grammer**

Royal Lane Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, in honor of **Irie Session**

Smoke Rise Baptist Church, Stone Mountain, Georgia, in honor of **Jessica Prohitt**

Williamsburg Baptist Church, Williamsburg, Virginia, in honor of **Kelley Doyle**



# MARTHA STEARNS MARSHALL

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AL	Auburn	Cross Road Baptist Church	Joan Harrell	GA	Rome	North Broad Baptist Church	Terri Mayes	NC	Charlotte	St. John's Baptist Church	Martha Kearse	SC	Pendleton	First Baptist Church	Jennifer Rygg
AL	Birmingham	Baptist Church of the Covenant	Eileen Campbell-Reed	GA	Roswell	First Baptist Church	Jessica Asbell	NC	Cullowhee	Cullowhee Baptist Church	Jessica Williams	SC	West Columbia	New Hope Christian Fellowship	Merianna Harrelson
AL	Heflin	Heritage Baptist Church	Terri Byrd	GA	Snellville	Cornerstone Church	Kenza Gumbs	NC	Durham	Watts Street Baptist Church	Diane Eubanks Hill	TN	Cookeville	Providence Baptist Church	LuAnne Prevost
AL	Jacksonville	First Baptist Church of Williams	Terri Byrd, Laura Stephens-Reed	GA	Stone Mountain	Smoke Rise Baptist Church	Jessica Prophitt	NC	Durham	Yates Baptist Church	Leigh Curl, Ruby Fulbright	TN	Jefferson City	First Baptist Church	Mitra Sarshuri
AL	Montevallo	University Baptist Church	Victoria Lawson	GA	Stone Mountain	Mountain View	Mamie Oliver	NC	Elkin	First Baptist Church	Heather Macy	TN	Knoxville	Ball Camp Baptist Church	Merci Kelly
AL	Pintala	Pintala Baptist Church	Diana Farrell White	ID	Boise	Community Fellowship		NC	Fayetteville	First Baptist Church	Stephanie Bohannon	TN	Knoxville	First Baptist Church	Pam Neal
AL	Tuscaloosa	Woodland Forest Baptist Church	Mary An Wilson	IL	Northbrook	Agape Korean Baptist Church	Mary Yangsook Ahn	NC	Forest City	First Baptist Church	Ka'thy Gore Chappell, Wanda Kidd	TN	Memphis	Second Baptist Church	Dianne Young
AR	Jonesboro	Magnolia Road Baptist Church	Carolyn Staley	KS	Lawrence	First Baptist Church	Bethany Ruhl	NC	Graham	First Baptist Church	Whitney Edwards Russell	TN	Murfreesboro	First Baptist Church	Diane Lipsett
AR	Little Rock	New Millennium Church	Teresa L. Smallwood	KS	Liberty	Second Baptist Church	Robin Sandbothe	NC	Greensboro	First Baptist Church	Sarah Parker	TN	Nashville	Glendale Baptist Church	Drew Bongiovanni
AR	Little Rock	Pulaski Heights Baptist Church	Cindy Goza	KS	Shawnee	Central Seminary	Debra Sapp-Yarwood	NC	Grover	First Baptist Church	Christy Holiday, Jennifer Jennings	TN	Nashville	Immanuel Baptist Church	Elizabeth Anne Nordgren Lovell, Tambi Swiney
AR	Little Rock	Second Baptist Church	Julie Pennington-Russell	KS	Lawrence	First Baptist Church	Bethany Ruhl	NC	High Point	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	Kelley Kennedy	TN	Nashville	Immanuel Baptist Church	Elizabeth Anne Nordgren Lovell, Tambi Swiney
AR	Van Buren	Rena Road Baptist Church	Megan J. Pike	KS	Liberty	Second Baptist Church	Robin Sandbothe	NC	Lexington	First Baptist Church	Arnetta Beverly, Pam Durso, Meagan Smith	TX	Abilene	Logsdon Chapel	Meredith Stone
CT	Wilton	Wilton Baptist Church	Caroline Smith	KS	Shawnee	Central Seminary	Debra Sapp-Yarwood	NC	Lexington	First Baptist Church	Kathryn Ktul	TX	Abilene	Logsdon Chapel	Jessica Watson
DC	Washington	First Baptist Church	Tracy Hartman	KS	Shawnee	Central Seminary	Debra Sapp-Yarwood	NC	Lexington	First Baptist Church	Jan Walsh	TX	Austin	First Baptist Church	Carrie Houston
FL	Daytona Beach	Central Baptist Church	Alice Horner Nelson	KY	Bloomfield	Trinity Baptist Church	Lisa Zahalka	NC	Louisburg	Hickory Rock Baptist Church	Tiffany Seaford	TX	Brownwood	Union Presbyterian Church	Melody Maxwell
FL	Jacksonville	Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church	Claire Kermitz Chinn	KY	Danville	Lexington Avenue Baptist Church	Amanda Standiford	NC	Madison	First Baptist Church	Mary Thomas Kaylor	TX	Coppell	Valley Ranch Baptist Church	Amy Wilkins
FL	Lakeland	Beacon Hill Fellowship	Joyce Cleary	KY	Danville	Lexington Avenue Baptist Church	Amanda Standiford	NC	Mocksville	First Baptist Church	Phyllis Elvington, Haven Parrott	TX	Dallas	Royal Lane Baptist Church	Irie Session
FL	Orlando	Church on the Drive	Marlo Wright	KY	Frankfort	Living Faith Baptist Fellowship	Allison Rodgers	NC	New Bern	First Baptist Church	Erin Robinson Hall, Ashley Robinson	TX	Elm Mott	First Baptist Church	Victoria Garza
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FL	Tallahassee	Tallahassee Fellowship	Candace McKibbin	KY	Lexington	Central Baptist Church	Rachel Childress, Laura Levens, Toya Richards, Crystal Shepherd	NC	Raleigh	First Baptist Church	Jennifer Garcia Bashaw, Donna Battle	TX	Harker Heights	Trinity Baptist Church	Alicia Zorzoli
FL	Tampa	Bayshore Baptist Church	Tammy Snyder, McKenzie Kennedy	KY	Lexington	Central Baptist Church	Emily Holladay	NC	Raleigh	Forest Hills Baptist Church	Kristen Muse	TX	Lubbock	Second Baptist Church	Meredith Stone
GA	Americus	Fellowship Baptist Church	Kristen Pope	KY	Louisville	Broadway Baptist Church	Morgan Fritz	NC	Raleigh	Hayes Barton Baptist Church	Camille Loomis	TX	Round Rock	Peace of Christ Church	Brittany Graves
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GA	Athens	Milledge Avenue Baptist Church	Lee S. Ritchie	KY	Louisville	Crescent Hill Baptist Church	Linda Barnes Popham	NC	Raleigh	St. John's Baptist Church	Elizabeth Jones Edwards	TX	San Antonio	Woodland Baptist Church	Kirsten Hancock
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GA	Atlanta	Northside Drive Baptist Church	Caitlyn Cook-Furr, Martha Dean, Anna Kate Wilson	KY	Louisville	Highland Baptist Church	Lesa Dae	NC	Rutherfordton	First Baptist Church	Carol Ann Hoard, Missy Smith	TX	Sidney	Sidney Baptist Church	Jordan Pitman
GA	Atlanta	Northside Drive Baptist Church	Anna Kate Wilson	KY	Middlesboro	Ridgewood Baptist Church	Kristy Bay	NC	Shelby	First Baptist Church	Cecelia Beck, Ka'thy Gore Chappell, Elisabeth Edmonson Cothran, Alice Cullinan	TX	Waco	Calvary Baptist Church	Emily Davis
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## CLERGY SEXUAL MISCONDUCT TASK FORCE

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Each year BWIM hosts discernment events for college women. These events create intentional space for college women to reflect on God's calling. In September 2017, BWIM and Campbellsville University co-hosted a Discernment Retreat in Kentucky for thirty-one college women, and February 9-11, 2018, BWIM hosted twenty-four college women at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church in Athens, Georgia.



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BWIM sponsored the first Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching in 2007! That year, 54 churches participated and invited a woman to preach during February. This year 207 churches participated. Martha Month is an opportunity for churches to publicly voice their support of women in ministry, to be counted with other Baptist churches in celebrating the calling and gifts of women, and to remind their congregations that God does indeed call women to the work of the kingdom.

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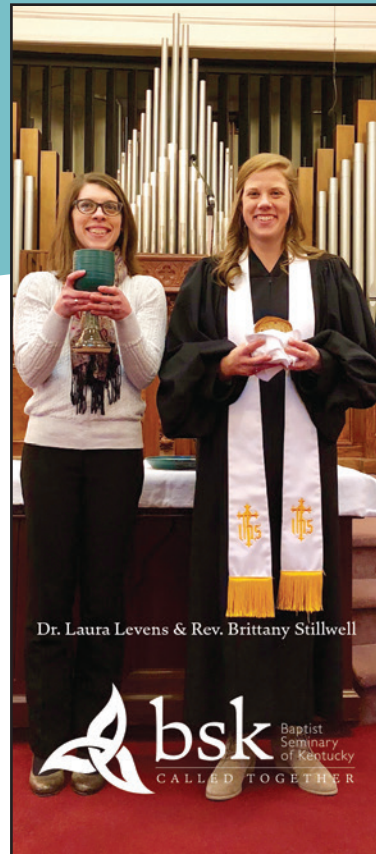


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## SEEING IS BELIEVING

by Pam Durso

A few years ago I was listening to NPR and got drawn into a story about an extraordinarily gifted female golfer, Se Ri Pak. I am not a golf fan and don't usually listen to golf stories, but this one captured my imagination.

Daniel Coyle was reporting on Pak's recent retirement from the LPGA tour and her Hall-of-Fame career. Pak's success began in 1998 with her win at the U.S. Women's Open. She was a twenty-year-old rookie. While the win was significant, what was truly remarkable was the influence of that win. Numerous Korean and Korean-American women golfers who were on the LPGA tour in 2016 pointed to Pak's incredible win at the 1998 U.S. Open as the day they became interested in golf.

One of those women, Tiffany Joh, is now thirty-one years old and in her seventh year on the tour. On the day that Pak made history by winning the U.S. Open, Joh was a twelve-year-old girl, one who had never touched a golf club or played a round of golf. But that day when she turned on her television, Joh saw a young Korean woman playing golf and doing it really well. So well in fact, the television announcers believed that Pak was in contention to win the trophy. But then Pak made a horrible shot. Her ball landed on the edge of the water. Instead of taking a drop, Pak took her shoes off and waded in. Standing in the water, she made a beautiful shot—and she went on to win the tournament.

Twelve-year-old Tiffany Joh watched in fascination as this young woman who looked like her made history—and that was the day that Joh asked her father for golf clubs and asked if she could start playing. Seeing Pak achieve a victory, hearing the crowd cheer this young woman to victory, watching an Asian woman take a risk gave Joh the courage to believe that she too could play golf, that she too could take risks, that she too could win.

And Joh wasn't the only one watching that day. In 2016, when Se Ri Pak retired, the number one women's golfer in the world was Lydia Ko. The Olympic gold medalist in the summer of 2016 was Inbee Park. Six other women on the LPGA tour in 2016 were Korean or Korean-Americans. They were all between the ages of seven and twelve when Pak won that U.S. Open. They ALL watched the coverage of that win that day, and they saw the possibilities.

Seeing a woman, a young woman with familiar features, watching as she overcame disaster, and hearing the cheers of the crowd as she held up the trophy gave young Asian girls the courage to dream, to believe, and to pursue new goals. Seeing a woman succeed stirred their imaginations and allowed them to believe in themselves. **Seeing is believing.**

The same is true for girls in the church. When girls see women participating as committee chairs and decision makers in their churches, when they receive communion from a woman deacon, when they listen as a woman preaches from the pulpit, when they hear women praying and reading scripture, girls are inspired to dream, to believe, to pursue. They are freed to explore and discover their own gifts—they are freed to hear God's calling and to live out that calling. Seeing women minister and lead in the church sparks the imaginations of young girls. **Seeing is believing.**

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