



**BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY**  
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## February 2019

### The BWIM Annual Gathering by Pam Durso



**Save the Date. Mark your Calendars.** You won't want to miss our 2019 Annual Gathering.

We will worship on June 19, 2019, at the historic Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m., and Sixteenth Street Baptist Church is located at 1530 Sixth Avenue.

The preacher for our service is **Carolyn McKinstry**. A native of Birmingham, Carolyn is a graduate of Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee. She earned her Master of Divinity degree from Samford University's Beeson Divinity School and her Doctor of Ministry degree from New York Theological Seminary.

Carolyn was at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church on the morning of September 15, 1963, when white supremacists bombed the church. Four of friends were killed in the bombing. She survived a second bomb explosion that damaged a portion of her parent's home in 1964. In recent decades, Carolyn has given her life to the work of reconciliation and forgiveness. She has shared about her experiences here in the United States and around the world, traveling to and speaking in India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, and Spain. Her memoir, *While the World Watched*, details her life growing up in Birmingham and "lessons learned" from her experiences and involvement in the Birmingham Civil Rights Movement.

For ten years, Carolyn served as president of the Board of Directors of the Sixteenth Street Foundation, Inc. whose mission was the ongoing maintenance of the historic Sixteenth Street Baptist Church facility. In 2004, Carolyn co-chaired a \$3.8 million stabilization campaign for the church. In 2013 she chaired "The Four Spirits Foundation" and raised over \$350,000 to place permanent life size sculptures in Kelly Ingram Park honoring the four girls killed in the 1963 bombing.

Ossie X. McKinney will lead our worship time, and BWIM will present its two Addie Davis Awards, the Church of Excellence Award, and the Frankie Huff Granger Distinguished Mentor Award.

Join us for coffee in the church's fellowship at 8:30 a.m. for an informal time of conversation and fellowship. Due to the constraints of space, BWIM will not host its annual lunch, but Birmingham has an abundance of great places to eat lunch!

## Support Baptist Women in Ministry



Ellen Di Giosia, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Tennessee, shares, "I give because I believe in Baptist Women in Ministry's mission to connect and network women across the Baptist world and to advocate for women at all levels of leadership throughout the world...I give to BWIM because without its encouragement and without the challenge I receive from it, I would not be a pastor today."

All the work Baptist Women in Ministry does and all the ways in which this organization contributes to the shift in Baptist culture are happening because of people like you who believe in and support our ministry and who share in our mission of affirming all those whom God has gifted for ministry. Please consider this an invitation to be part of all these good things that BWIM is doing. **Your support makes all of this possible.**

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## BWIM Month of Preaching



Baptist Women in Ministry's Month of Preaching has already been a wonderful success. We hope your church has invited a woman to preach this month—or has plans to do so!

This year BWIM is redreamed our Martha Stearns Marshall emphasis and in addition to Martha, we have featured three other significant Baptist preachers: **Edna Lee de Gutiérrez, Ella Pearson Mitchell, and Helen Barrett Montgomery.**

If you haven't registered your participation, **please fill out the form** below, including contact information for your preacher. This year BWIM will send a small gift to each February preacher.

Don't forget to email BWIM a picture of your preacher in the pulpit. We will post the pictures on Facebook and Instagram and celebrate together the preaching gifts of women. Email the picture to [pamdurso@bwim.info](mailto:pamdurso@bwim.info).

Check out our four bulletin inserts. Print them out, and share them with your church members. Introduce your congregation to four significant Baptist preaching women.

Baptist Women in Ministry invites you to remember and honor Baptist preaching women of the past and to celebrate the giftedness of Baptist woman who continue to proclaim the gospel today.

[ADD YOUR CHURCH'S INFORMATION TO THE LIST](#)

[BULLETIN INSERTS FOR THE BWIM MONTH OF PREACHING](#)

## Monthly Conversations in 2019

In 2019, BWIM will host monthly conversations via the online meeting platform Zoom. Each month's conversation will feature either a topic of interest or be intended for a particular group of women ministers. Some conversations will be educational in nature; others will offer support and networking opportunities.

The conversations will include special guest speakers and will be limited to 10 participants. Advance registration is required, and instructions for connecting to the call will be sent out individually to those who register.

### Conversation Topics and Dates:

**Tuesday, March 12, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST** – "A Conversation with Retired Women Ministers," Special Guest: Kathy Manis Findley

**Tuesday, April 2, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST** – "A Conversation about Living with Illness while Ministering," Special Guests: Courtney Allen, Dorisanne Cooper, and Molly Brummett Wudel

**Tuesday, May 7, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST** – "A Conversation for Sexual Abuse Survivors," Special Guest: Nina Maples

**Tuesday, June 4, 11:00-12:00 a.m. EST** – "A Conversation for Candidates about the Ministry Search Process" with Pam Durso

[SIGN UP FOR A MONTHLY CONVERSATION](#)

## The 2019 BWIM Blog

BWIM theme this year is "**Find Your Voice and Use It.**" We will use the same theme for the annual gathering, the new monthly Zoom conversations, and the BWIM blog.

The blog features the popular "THIS IS WHAT A MINISTER LOOKS LIKE" interviews on Fridays, and the Wednesdays blogs include stories about women and girls who are finding their voices.

Be looking for stories about first preaching experiences. Add your story to the conversation by posting about your own first time preaching and using the hashtag **#myfirsttimepreaching**.

Also be watching for stories about girls who are finding ways to use their voices in ministry within their own churches and communities. If you know of a girl whose story needs to be told, please contact Julie Long at [julielong@bwim.info](mailto:julielong@bwim.info) with information.

## Clergy Sexual Misconduct Task Force Releases New Resources

The Clergy Sexual Misconduct Task Force, a joint partnership between Baptist Women in Ministry and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, have released two significant resources developed for use by churches, seminaries, and partnering organizations. "**Safe Churches and Ministers**" is an educational video that introduces this tough topic and provides much-needed definitions, statistics, and stories that are designed to help churches, students, and leaders take seriously their responsibility in preventing abuse. The video is accompanied by a leader guide and a discussion guide and is available in both English and Spanish.

**"Clergy Sexual Abuse Prevention Recommendations for Churches"** is a collection of prevention guidelines and documents intended to prompt congregations to create their own policies, procedures, processes and covenants. This resource will assist churches in holding clergy and lay leaders accountable and will prepare churches to respond appropriately if abuse is reported. (This resource will be available in Spanish soon.)

**Both videos and written resources are available at [www.cbf.net/safechurches](http://www.cbf.net/safechurches).**

The following organizations supported the production of this video: Garland School of Social Work at Baylor University, CBF of Arkansas, CBF of North Carolina, CBF of Florida, CBF of South Carolina, CBF of Georgia and Fellowship Southwest. Producing these resources has not been easy work, and there is yet more to do.

The release of these two resources marks an important milestone in the work of the Task Force and we are committed to continue forward in our efforts. We ask that you pray for the task force as we keep working to bring attention to and educate those in our Baptist circles about clergy sexual abuse.

## Ministry Search Resources

**Baptist Women in Ministry offers resources and assistance both to churches searching for a minister and ministers searching for a new position.**

Numerous churches reach out to BWIM, asking for resumés, recommendations, and information about potential ministry candidates, and the BWIM staff responds to each request and provides assistance. The BWIM staff also provides search help to numerous candidates, both women and men, coaching them on resume preparation, interviewing and negotiating skills, and serving as a connecting point between many of the candidates and search committees. **Churches and candidates in need of assistance may now submit information, job descriptions, and resumes online via BWIM's Ministry Search Registration Forms.** BWIM's assistance is provided as a ministry, and there are no fees for these services.

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**Be sure to check out the many resources and blogs available to you on [BWIM's Ministry Search Resources Page](#).**

["Finding a Ministry Position: Tips for the Journey"](#) by Pam Durso

[Searching for the Called](#) a downloadable resource by **Laura Stephens-Reed**

["Clergy Resume Checklist"](#) by **Craig A. Janney**

["Negotiating Clergy Compensation with Fair-mindedness"](#) by **Craig A. Janney**

[Questions for the Candidate](#)

[Questions for the Candidate, Congregation, and Committee](#)

## Ministry Photo Mondays

## Share your best ministry photos with BWIM!

This year, Baptist Women in Ministry will share one photo each Monday to highlight the ministries of Baptist women. The photo will be shared on BWIM's Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages.

Submit your photo and a short caption to [pamdurso@bwim.info](mailto:pamdurso@bwim.info). **If children are included in the photo, please have parental permission before submitting.**

## Ordination Resources



Baptist Women in Ministry has gathered ordination resources that can help with the planning of an ordination service. Those resources include litanies, poems, blessings, responses, and charges, all used in previous ordination services. We hope these resources will be helpful to you.

*Kadeisha Bonsu was ordained by Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, Cary, North Carolina on January 20, 2019.*

ORDINATION RESOURCES

## Texas Baptist Women in Ministry



Texas Baptist Women in Ministry will host their annual conference on **February 22, 2019** at Hardin-Seminary University's Logsdon Seminary in Abilene, Texas.

**Ellen Di Giosia**, pastor of First Baptist Church Jefferson City, Tennessee, will be the plenary speaker.

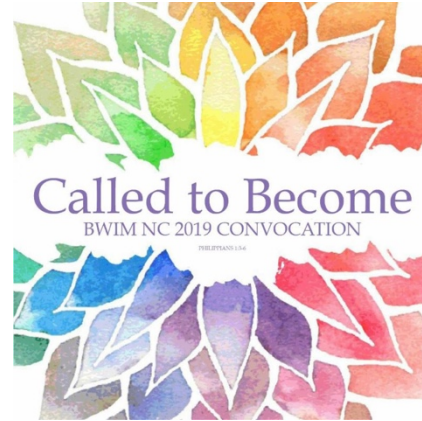
[Join the Facebook event here.](#)

Baptist Women in Ministry of North Carolina

## SAVE THE DATE: BWIMNC CONVOCATION

The 2019 Baptist Women in Ministry of North Carolina CONVOCATION will be held on **Friday, March 29, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:45 pm at First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina.**

Come for "**supper on the lawn**," catered by Stamey's BBQ (vegetarian options included), and stay for worship in the church sanctuary. The convocation will include an annual BWIM NC update, award ceremony for the Anne Thomas Neil Award and the Church Award. The worship proclaimer is **Ka'thy Gore Chappell**, executive director, BWIM NC, and music will be led by **Christian McIvor**, minister of music and worship, College Park, Greensboro, North Carolina. Registration information coming soon!



## Baptist Women in Ministry of South Carolina

### Annual Gathering

Join Baptist Women in Ministry of South Carolina for their fourth annual gathering at Aiken First Baptist Church, Aiken, South Carolina on **April 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.**

The vespers service will provide an opportunity to worship together, reflect on the past year in BWIM SC life, and look forward to another year of learning and growing together.

## On the Move

**Jenni Chilton** is minister of children at Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

**Betty Clement** is minister of music at Second Baptist Church, Petersburg, Virginia.

**Melissa Fallen** is senior pastor at Glen Allen Baptist Church, Glen Allen, Virginia.

**Val Fisk** is the pastoral resident for college and young adult ministry at Central Bearden, Knoxville, Tennessee.

**Jane Gibbons** is executive minister for program and ministry development at American Baptist Churches of Ohio.

**Linda Northup Moore** is pastor at Cross Mills Baptist Church, Charlestown, Rhode Island.

**Suzii Paynter** is ministry co-director at Pastors for Texas Children, Fort Worth, Texas.

**Jennifer Davis Rash** is president and editor and chief at The Alabama Baptist.

**Ellen Secrest** is manager of mission engagement for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Decatur, Georgia.

**Ashley Somers** is children's minister at Macedonia Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina.

## Ordinations

**Barbara Jane Barker** was ordained by First Baptist Church, Clemson, South Carolina on January 20, 2019.

**Kadeisha Bonsu** was ordained by Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, Cary, North Carolina on January 20, 2019.

**Anyra Cano** was ordained by Iglesia Victoria En Cristo, Fort Worth, Texas on January 19, 2019.

**Rachel Jones** was ordained by First Baptist Church, Plano, Texas on January 27, 2019.

**Sarah Macias** was ordained by Royal Lane Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas on November 4, 2018.

**Brittany McDonald-Null** was ordained by First Baptist Church, Columbia, Missouri, on February 17, 2019.

**Robin Priddy** was ordained by First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas on January 20, 2019

**Candace Tyler** was ordained by Grace Hills Baptist Church, Appomattox, Virginia on January 20, 2019.

**Teruco Tynes** was ordained by Peachtree Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia on January 20, 2019.

## Smyth & Helwys February Sale

During the month of February, Smyth & Helwys is celebrating Baptist Women in Ministry by offering a bundle of books by women in ministry for \$25. Each book can be purchased individually for \$5. Books include *Five Hundred Miles* by **Lauren Brewer Bass**, *With Us in the Wilderness* by **Laura A. Barclay**, *Faith Postures* by **Holly Sprink**, *Place Value* by **Katie Sciba**, and *Preacher Breath* by **Kyndall Rae Rothas**.

[PURCHASE BOOKS HERE](#)

## Baptist Seminary of Kentucky



Join Baptist Seminary of Kentucky for the annual Hinson Lectures on **March 4, 2019 from 10:30 am - 3:00 pm** at the Georgetown College Conference Center, Georgetown, Kentucky.

**Dr. Beth Allison Barr** will be lecturing on "Biblical Womanhood" as well as "Paul and Women." Learn more and register at the link below.

[REGISTER](#)

## Three Minute Ministry Mentor

**Eileen Campbell-Reed** is an academic entrepreneur whose vocational joy comes through engaging in sacred, redeeming, and liberating work that includes teaching, mentoring, coaching, writing, and research. Eileen offers resources such as consulting, coaching, and leadership for retreats and conferences. Visit Eileen's new website to learn more about her new project **Three Minute Ministry Mentor**, which offers weekly videos to support ministers in their work.



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## 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.*

### ALASKA

**Anchorage**-Minister of Praise and Worship-Grandview Baptist Church

### ALABAMA

**Birmingham**-Minister to Students-Vestavia Hills Baptist Church

**Trussville**-Minister to High School Students-First Baptist Church

### ARKANSAS

**Little Rock**-Minister to Students and Families-Second Baptist Little Rock

**Little Rock**-Executive Director-Lake Nixon Ministry

**Mountain Home**-Youth Pastor-East Side Baptist Church

### COLORADO

**Colorado Springs**-Youth Pastor-First Baptist Church (part-time)

### GEORGIA

**Atlanta**-University Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual and Religious Life-Emory University

**Haddock**-Minister of Youth-Haddock Baptist Church

**Lyons**-Pastor-The Oaks Baptist Church

**Plains**-Pastor-Maranatha Baptist Church

### INDIANA

**Greencastle**-Associate Pastor of Youth and Families-First Baptist Church

**Shelburn**-Associate Pastor-First Baptist Church

### KENTUCKY

**Corbin**-Associate Pastor to Youth-First Baptist Church

**Frankfort**-Minister of Students-First Baptist Church

**Georgetown**-Pastor-Faith Baptist Church

**Louisville**-Minister to Children-St. Matthews Baptist Church

### MAINE

**St. George**-Pastor-Port Clyde Baptist Church

### MICHIGAN

**Limestone**-Pastor-Limestone Baptist Church

### MISSOURI



**Elston**-Pastor-First Baptist Church  
**Lawrence County**- Associate Pastor- Round Grove Baptist Church  
**Liberty**-Pastoral Residency-Second Baptist Church  
**St. Louis**-Minister with Families-Third Baptist Church

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

**Apex**-Youth Minister-Chinese Baptist Church of NC  
**Carthage**-Summer Worship/Children's Intern-First Baptist Church  
**Charlotte**-Associate Minister of Faith Formation and Outreach, Myers Park Baptist Church  
**Charlotte**-Interim Executive Director-Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America/Bautistas por la Paz  
**Clayton**-Pastor of Student Ministries-White Oak Baptist Church  
**Clayton**-Pastor-First Baptist Church  
**Edenton**-Youth and Children's Minister-Edenton Baptist Church  
**Franklinton**-Minister to Children and Youth-Franklinton Baptist Church  
**Goldsboro**-Minister to Students and Families-Rosewood First Baptist Church  
**Hamlet**-Associate Pastor of Family Ministries-First Baptist Church  
**Hickory**-Pastor-First Baptist Church  
**New Bern**-Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Life-First Baptist Church  
**Plymouth**-Pastor-First Baptist Church  
**Raleigh**-Pastor-Swift Creek Baptist Church  
**Raleigh**-Youth Minister-McCullers Community Baptist  
**West Jefferson**-Music Ministry Director-First Baptist Church  
**Wilmington**-Minister to Students-First Baptist Church  
**Winston-Salem**-Pastor-Ardmore Baptist Church  
**Winston-Salem**-Interim Minister for Missions-First Baptist Church on Fifth (part-time)  
**Winston-Salem**-Interim Minister for Discipleship-First Baptist Church on Fifth (part-time)  
**Winston-Salem**-Interim Minister for Youth-First Baptist Church on Fifth (part-time)  
**Whitaker**-Pastor-Fishing Creek Baptist Church

#### **RHODE ISLAND**

**North Scituate**-Pastor-North Scituate Baptist Church

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Aiken**-Associate Minister in Education and Administration-First Baptist Church  
**Anderson**-Pastor-Boulevard Baptist Church  
**Charleston**-Pastor-Providence Baptist Church  
**Orangeburg**-Associate Pastor to Students and Families-First Baptist Church  
**Orangeburg**-Associate Pastor to Children and Families-First Baptist Church

#### **TENNESSEE**

**Memphis**-Associate Minister-Second Baptist Church

#### **TEXAS**

**Andrews**-Worship Pastor-First Baptist Church  
**Cameron**-Minister of Worship/Children/Youth-First Baptist Church  
**Carlton**-Pastor-Carlton Baptist Church  
**Dallas**-Associate Director (Internship Program-Perkins School of Theology)  
**Dallas**-Pastor-Garland Baptist Church  
**Gilmer**-Minister to Students-First Baptist Church  
**Hallsville**-Pastor-First Baptist Church  
**Lubbock**-Student Pastor-Highland Baptist Church  
**O'Donnell**-Minister of Youth/Discipleship-First Baptist Church  
**Perryton**-Pastor-First Baptist Church  
**Waco**-Associate Pastor-Calvary Baptist Church  
**Winters**-Pastor-First Baptist Church

#### **VERMONT**

**Lincoln**-Pastor-United Church of Lincoln

#### **VIRGINIA**

**Emporia**-Youth Minister-Main Street Baptist Church  
**Fredericksburg**-Worship Arts Pastor-Ferry Farm Baptist Church

**Hampton**-Youth Pastor-Hampton Baptist Church  
**Kenbridge**-Pastor-Kenbridge Baptist Church  
**Mechanicsville**-Family Ministries and Media Coordinator-Walnut Grove Baptist Church  
**Newport News**-Pastor-Immanuel Baptist Church  
**North Chesterfield**-Pastor of Students-Huguenot Road Baptist Church  
**Richmond**-Minister of Youth and Missions-Derbyshire Baptist Church  
**South Boston**-Pastor-First Baptist Church  
**Springfield**-Pastor-Westwood Baptist Church

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