



## BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY

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### June 2019

#### My Favorite Day of the Year by Pam Durso



In just a few days, Baptist Women in Ministry will host its annual worship service at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Gathering for worship as a community is always the highlight of my year, but this year will be extra special.

We will be worshipping in a historic year. 2019 is being commemorated by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History as the 400th anniversary of the Africans' arrival in what is now the United States. In 1619, a group of about twenty Africans, who had been kidnapped from their villages in what is present-day Angola and forced onto a Portuguese slave ship, arrived in Point Comfort, the English settlement that would become Virginia.

We will be worshipping on a historic day. On June 19, 1865, Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at



We are worshipping in a historic church, a church that experienced great trauma and loss following the bombing that took place there on September 15, 1963, which killed four young girls. Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, prior to the bombing and in all the years since, has raised its voice and spoken out against racial injustice.

And yes, my friends, all these significant pieces of history coming together in one place on one day makes my historian's heart beat a little faster. I anticipate the Spirit's movement among us, stirring us to unity of purpose and greater work for justice. It is no accident that our theme for 2019 is "Find For Your Voice and Use It."

I hope you are planning to join us! We will be challenged by our preacher, Carolyn McKinstry,, inspired by our worship leader, Ossie McKinney, and welcomed to the communion table by our friend, Sarah Shelton.

June 19, 2019 will be a day to remember!

Galveston, Texas, with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. The celebration of June 19 became "Juneteenth," and is the oldest known commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

Come be a part of my favorite day of the year.

## The 2019 BWIM Annual Gathering



Baptist Women in Ministry will host its Annual Gathering on **June 19, 2019**, at the historic Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Join us for coffee and conversation at 8:30 a.m. in the church's fellowship hall. Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. 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. 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



**Ossie X. McKinney** will lead our worship. Ossie is a graduate of the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She earned her Master of Divinity degree from McAfee School of Theology in 2015 and her Doctor of Worship Studies degree from Liberty University in 2018.

Ossie is the owner of the Master's Hand Music Studio in Decatur, Georgia. She has been a frequent and much-loved worship leader at BWIM events and services.

Our theme for worship this year is "Find Your Voice and Use It." During the service, we will present our two Addie Davis Awards (Leadership and Preaching), the Church of Excellence Award, and the Frankie Huff Granger Distinguished Mentor Award.

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.

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## Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour will be hosted from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. **There is no registration or cost to attend Coffee Hour.**

**BWIM will NOT host a lunch this year due to limitation in space.**

## Annual Gathering Shuttle Tickets- Final Call

Around-trip shuttle will be available from the Birmingham Convention Complex to Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. **One shuttle will depart at 8:15 a.m.** and arrive in time for Coffee Hour. **A second shuttle will leave at 9:30 a.m.** and arrive in time for worship. The shuttle will make two return trips to beginning at 12:00 p.m. **Shuttle tickets are \$12. THE DEADLINE to purchase a ticket is JUNE 14.**

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## Annual Gathering Childcare - Final Call

Childcare for the 2019 Annual Gathering will be available for children under age 6 from 9:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

**Please register by submitting payment and registration information by June 14, 2019.** If you have any questions about childcare, please email Julie Long at [julielong@bwim.info](mailto:julielong@bwim.info).

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## Addie Davis Awards

Baptist Women in Ministry is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2019 Addie Davis Awards

**Julianna Marraccino**, a student at Baylor University's George W. Truett Theological Seminary in Waco, Texas, is the recipient of the Addie Davis Award for Outstanding Leadership in Pastoral Ministry, and **Andrea Huffman**, a student at Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Shawnee, Kansas, is the recipient of the Addie Davis Award for

Excellence in Preaching.



Julianna Marraccino



Andrea Huffman

Congratulations to Julianna and Andrea! Join Baptist Women in Ministry is celebrating the gifts and callings of Julianna and Andrea at our Annual Gathering on June 19 in Birmingham, Alabama.

## Church of Excellence

Baptist Women in Ministry recognizes and honors **Baptist Church of the Covenant in Birmingham, Alabama** as the 2019 Church of Excellence.

A supporter of women in leadership since its founding in 1970, Baptist Church of the Covenant voted in 1974 for the inclusion of women in their deacon body, and in 1978, the church ordained charter member and deacon, Aline Fuselier, to the gospel ministry. In 2002, the church called Sarah Jackson Shelton as pastor, and she served faithfully for nearly seventeen years before retiring in April.



Join Baptist Women in Ministry at 10:00 a.m. at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham on **June 19** as we recognize and celebrate Baptist Church of the Covenant as the 2019 Church of Excellence.

## Frankie Huff Granger Distinguished Mentor Award

Baptist Women in Ministry recognizes and honors **Jay Kieve** as the recipient of the 2019 Frankie Huff Granger Distinguished Mentor Award.

Jay is the coordinator of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina, a position from which he has fiercely encouraged and advocated for women ministers.

Congratulations to Jay! Join Baptist Women in Ministry is celebrating this award at our Annual Gathering on June 19 in Birmingham, Alabama.



## Support Baptist Women in Ministry



**Katrina Brooks**, youth pastor, Madison Heights Baptist Church, Madison, Virginia, and campus pastor at Lynchburg College, shares **"I invest monthly at BWIM because advocating, connecting and networking matter. Ministers living into their pastoral identity matter. Blessing, mentoring, and coaching the next generation matters. I invest in BWIM . . . because BWIM matters."**

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.

[GIVE to BWIM](#)

# BWIM Summer Book Club

Join us for an online discussion on **Thursday, July 18th at 2:00 p.m. EST** of **Brene Brown's** newest book, **Dare to Lead**, with discussion led by **Marjorie Avent**. Marjorie is an ordained minister, life coach and certified Daring Way facilitator (based on the research of Brene Brown). Participants are encouraged to read the book in preparation for the conversation.

This video conference discussion will be held via the Zoom platform and will be limited to those who register using the [online form](#). Instructions for connecting to the call will be emailed out to those who have registered the week before the call. The conversation will be recorded.



[REGISTER HERE](#)

## 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. Sign up to below participate. Instructions for connecting to the call will be sent out the week prior to the conversation.

### Conversation Topics and Dates

**Thursday, July 18, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST** - "BWIM Book Club: *Dare to Lead* by Brene Brown" with discussion led by **Marjorie Avent**. Marjorie is an ordained minister, life coach and certified *Daring Way* facilitator (based on the research of Brene Brown). Participants are encouraged to read the book in preparation for the conversation.

**Thursday, August 22, 11:00-12:00 a.m. EST**--"A Conversation about Public Advocacy" with special guests **Melissa Rogers** and **Sister Carol Keehan**. Melissa Rogers previously served as special assistant to President Barack Obama and executive director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and is currently a visiting professor and practitioner-in-residence at the Wake Forest University Divinity School. Sr. Carol Keehan, a Daughter of Charity, is president and CEO of the Catholic Health Association of the United States and has provided extraordinary leadership in advancing the national discussion on health care.

**Tuesday, September 10, 11:00-12:00 a.m. EST**-- "Beyond Policies: Cultivating A Culture of Safety for Children and Youth" with special guest: **LeAnn Gardner**. LeAnn is an ordained minister, a licensed clinical social worker and regularly conducts S.A.F.E. (Sexual Awareness and Family Empowerment) Seminars for parents and congregational leaders.

**Wednesday, October 16, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST**--"A Conversation with Those Ministering While Care-Giving," with special guests **Renee Purtlebaugh**, **Sarah Stewart**, and **Kerri Thompson**. Renee is associate pastor to children and their families at Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky. Sarah is pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Kerri is a social worker and therapist in private practice in Macon, Georgia.

**Thursday, November 14, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EST**—"A Conversation about Ministry Transitions: Preparing to Leave and Leaving Well" with special guest **Zoricelis Davila**. Zoricelis is a bilingual psychotherapist at Puerta de Esperanza: Bilingual Counseling & Psychotherapy (Door of Hope), Fort Worth, Texas.

[SIGN UP FOR A MONTHLY CONVERSATION](#)

## 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.**

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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[REGISTRATION FOR CHURCHES](#)

## 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.

*Elizabeth Miller Villegas was ordained by First Baptist Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina on June 2.*

[ORDINATION RESOURCES](#)

# Sacred Heart Monastery

## Women at the Wellsprings



For four years now, Baptist Women in Ministry has enjoyed a beautiful friendship with the sisters at **Sacred Heart Monastery** in Cullman, Alabama. Annually, BWIM's Mentoring Group Program cohort gathers at the monastery for its three-day retreat. This week we are happy to announce that a new program will soon begin at the monastery: **Women at the Wellsprings**.

This program is designed to assist women pastoral leaders serving in congregational settings discover a rhythm of prayer and develop spiritual practices for sustaining and thriving in ministry. The program will draw together a community of twenty women ministers from various denominations and from across the southeast. It will afford them space and time to explore the ways in which the rhythm of prayer and monastic spirituality that is integral to monastic communities can be used to nurture women pastoral ministers personally in their role as pastoral leaders within their congregations. The program will also include focused content in areas pertinent to pastoral leadership.

During five eight-day sessions over two and a half years, the women will engage in theological, scriptural and experiential reflection in addition to simply having time to rest, renew, and experience community with other women ministers. Sponsored by the Benedictine Sisters of Cullman, Alabama, and funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., Women at the Wellsprings will allow the spiritual resources of the monastic tradition to be plumbed for the contributions they can make to strengthening spiritual resiliency in women pastoral leaders and helping them thrive in their congregational settings.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

## On the Move

**Jill Crainshaw** is vice dean for faculty development and academic initiatives at Wake Forest School of Divinity, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

**Colleen DeGraff** is minister to families with children at The Church at Ponce and Highland, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Cindy Folendore** is minister with community at Hardwick Baptist Church, Hardwick, Georgia.

**Danielle Glaze** is pastor at First Baptist Church, Teachey, North Carolina.

**Rozanna Goocey** is minister of music at Knollwood Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

**Jennifer Rutter** is associate pastor at Tellico Village Community Church, Tellico Village, Tennessee.

**Anna Kate Stephenson** is associate pastor of children and their families at First Baptist Church, Orangeburg, South Carolina.

## Ordinations

**Holyn Ivy-Bogert** was ordained by Garfield Park Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana on June 2.

**Jana Dye** was ordained by College Park Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina on May 19.

**Muriel Lasater** was ordained by First Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina on May 5.

**Kathleen O'Goley** was ordained by Second Baptist Church, South Hadley, Massachusetts on May 19.

**Cheryl Tarter** was ordained by NorthHaven Church, Norman, Oklahoma on May 5.

**Demetrea "Meechie" Williams** was ordained by Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama on May 26.

**Elizabeth Miller Villegas** was ordained by First Baptist Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina on June 2.

# 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.*

## FLORIDA

**Jacksonville**-pastor-Riverside Baptist Church

## GEORGIA

**Alpharetta**-Youth Pastor-Johns Creek Baptist Church

**Athens**-Associate Pastor/Director for Older Adults-Milledge Avenue Baptist Church

**Cartersville**- Associate Pastor for Youth/Families and Outreach-Heritage Baptist Church

**Gwinnett County**-Palliative Care Chaplain-Gwinnett Medical Office

**Macon**-Associate Pastor of Children and Congregational Life- First Baptist Church of Christ

**St. Simons Island**-Minister to Children and Families-First Baptist Church

## ILLINOIS

**Springfield**-Worship and Family Ministries Director-Central Baptist Church

## KENTUCKY

**Lexington**-Minister to Children-Versailles Baptist Church

**Paducah**-Minister of Music-Immanuel Baptist Church

## LOUISIANA

**Baton Rouge**-Minister of Spiritual Formation and Worship-University Baptist Church

## MARYLAND

**Arnold**-Student Minister-College Parkway Baptist Church

## MICHIGAN

**Detroit**-Pastor-Second Baptist Church

## MISSOURI

**Miller**-Associate Pastor of Children and Worship-Round Grove Baptist Church

**Tiff City**-Pastor-Buffalo Creek Baptist Church

## NEW MEXICO

**Hagerman**-Pastor-First Baptist Church

## NEW YORK

**New York**-Minister of Worship and Arts-Riverside Church

## NORTH CAROLINA

**Erwin**-Pastor-First Baptist Church

**Kannapolis**-Minister of Children-First Baptist Church

**Lincolnton**-Minister of Children and Family Life-First Baptist Church

**Louisburg**-Ministerial Pastor-Hickory Rock Baptist Church

**New Bern**-Associate Pastor for Youth and Family Life - First Baptist Church

**Newton**-Pastor-Trinity Baptist Church

**Pendleton**-Pastor-Roberts Chapel Baptist Church

**Raleigh**-Pastor-Swift Creek Baptist Church

**Shelby**-Pastor-First Baptist Church

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

**Statesville**-Minister of Youth and ndYoung Adults-First Baptist Church

**Weaverville**-Director of Church a Community Ministries-First Baptist Church

**Winston-Salem**-Pastor-Ardmore Baptist Church

**Winterville**-Pastor-Winterville Baptist Church

## OKLAHOMA

**Altus**-Pastor-Emmanuel Baptist Church

**Norman**-Associate Coordinator Residency-CBF Oklahoma

## SOUTH CAROLINA

**Piedmont**-pastor-First Baptist Church

## TEXAS

**Bryan**-Pastor-Trinity Baptist Church

**El Paso**-Executive Director-El Paso Baptist Association



**Irving**-Pastor-Ben Washington Baptist Church  
**Levelland**-Associate Pastor of Youth-Second Baptist Church  
**Perryton**-Pastor-First Baptist Church  
**San Antonio**-Director for Doctor of Ministry Program-Logsdon Seminary  
**San Antonio**-Pastor-Covenant Baptist Church  
**Temple**-Minister of Missions-First Baptist Church  
**Victoria**-Youth Pastor-Northside Baptist Church  
**Waco**-Minister to Children, Youth, and Families-Lake Shore Baptist Church

#### TENNESSEE

**Knoxville**-Chaplain-Amedisys Hospice of Knoxville  
**Knoxville**-Associate Minister of Worship and Arts-Central Bearden

#### VIRGINIA

**Chesapeake**-Minister for Family Ministry and Media-Churchland Baptist Church  
**Hampton**-Youth Pastor-Hampton Baptist Church  
**Kenbridge**-Pastor-Kenbridge Baptist Church  
**Palmyra**-Family Minister-Effort Baptist Church  
**Richmond**-Associate Pastor for Music and Adult Ministries-Central Baptist Church  
**South Boston**-Pastor-First Baptist Church  
**Springfield**-Pastor-Westwood Baptist Church

**Alliance of Baptists**-Communications Specialist (remote position)

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