



# BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY

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## May 2019

### Sparking Imaginations by Pam Durso



Over the years, I have repeated a manta that goes like this: **"Seeing is believing."** I am convinced that when girls see women participating as committee chairs and decision makers in their churches, when girls receive communion from a woman, 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



They recognize that they are discerning, discovering, embracing their own call to ministry because of what they saw.

In the past few months, Baptist Women in Ministry has posted photos of several very young girls, who have expressed a sense of calling, who have stood behind the pulpit to preach, and who have unlimited imaginations about where and how and when God will use them in the work of the gospel.

Ten-year-old Amelia recently preached at

sparks the imaginations of girls. Seeing is believing.

I often talk with college women, seminary students, and young ministers who tell me their stories, and most every one of them name the women ministers who inspired them. They tell me how they watched with fascination as women preached and prayed and lead, and they connect the dots.

the Academy of Young Preachers conference in Houston, and eight-year-old Yajaira was playing church a few months ago with her friends, and she stepped into her church's pulpit to be the preacher. Amelia and Yajaira have seen, and they believe. May God give us the grace to nurture and encourage the imaginations of the girls in our circle of influence.

## 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



**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.

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.

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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

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.**

**BUY SHUTTLE TICKET**

## Annual Gathering Childcare

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 12, 2019.** If you have any questions about childcare, please email Julie Long at [julielong@bwim.info](mailto:julielong@bwim.info).

**RESERVE CHILDCARE**

## 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.

## 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



**Kelly Moreland Jones**, student, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee, shares, **"I give to Baptist Women in Ministry...because I am called to support God's work in our world. I see the hands and heart of God in BWIM's vision"**

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 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:

**Tuesday, June 4, 11:00-12:00 a.m. EST--**"A Conversation about the Ministry Search Process" with **Pam Durso**. If you are currently looking for a ministry position or plan to initiate a search in the near future, join this conversation for practical helps in preparing for and living into this season of searching.

**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.

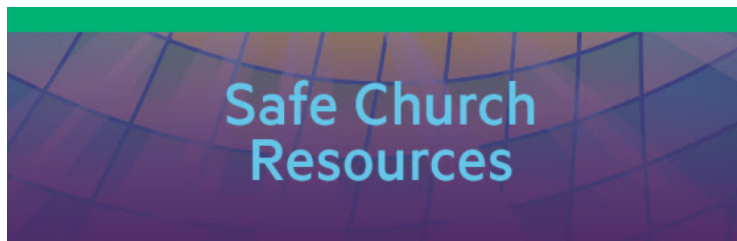
**Tuesday, September 10, 11:00-12:00 a.m. EST--** "Beyond Policies: Cultivating A Culture of Safety for Children and Youth" with special guest: **LeAnn Gardner**. LeAnn is an ordained minister, a licensed clinical social worker and regularly conducts S.A.F.E. (Sexual Awareness and Family Empowerment)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

[REGISTRATION FOR CANDIDATES](#)

[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.

*Muriel Lasater was ordained by First Baptist Church of Smithfield, North Carolina on May 5, 2019.*

[ORDINATION RESOURCES](#)

## Baptist Women in Ministry of North Carolina

### Regional Lunch

Connect with Triad-area Baptist Women in Ministry of North Carolina at THE LOOP on **Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 11:30 a.m.** The Loop is located at Thruway Shopping Center at 320 S. Stratford Road in Winston-Salem. Confirm your attendance with Ka'thy Gore Chappell at [kchappell@bwimnc.org](mailto:kchappell@bwimnc.org).



## Baptist Women in Ministry of the Heartland

Baptist Women in Ministry of the Heartland (Kansas/Missouri) will host a lunch on **Thursday, May 23, 2019** from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Cheesecake Factory in the Plaza. The address is 4701 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City.

# 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

## Center for Ministry at Millsaps College Cohort for Senior and Solo Pastors

**Center for Ministry at Millsaps College** in Jackson, Mississippi, is offering a fifteen-month cohort for southern clergywomen serving in their first solo or senior pastor role and associates who feel called to solo or senior pastor leadership in the future. The cohort will offer women an opportunity to join with an ecumenical peer group of four to six women for fifteen months. **Applications are due May 31.**

LEARN MORE HERE

## Heart Callings



Through her work at Heart Callings, **Peggy Haymes** works to help women in midlife reclaim their voices, reconnect with their hearts, and start dreaming new dreams. **Heart Callings** resources include coaching, small group and individual studies, a podcast, daily meditations, and more. Learn more about Peggy and her work at [www.heartcallings.com](http://www.heartcallings.com)

## On the Move

**Denise Aanenson** is interim pastor at First Baptist Church, Mountlake Terrace, Washington.

**Nikki Byers** is interim minister for missions at First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

**Alice Cates Clarke** is associate pastor for missions and youth at Derbyshire Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

**Stephanie Little Coyne** is chaplain at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Elizabeth Nance-Coker** is pastor at Lakeview Baptist Church in Camden

## Ordinations

**Kaylee Godfrey** was ordained by First Baptist Church on Fifth in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on April 28, 2019.

**Becky Jackson** was ordained by Northwest Baptist Church, Ardmore, Oklahoma on April 28, 2019.

**Muriel Lasater** was ordained by First Baptist Church of Smithfield, North Carolina on May 5, 2019.

**Christine Schrade-Keddy** was ordained by First Baptist Church, Westwood, Massachusetts on April 28, 2019.

**Nichole Sims** was ordained by First Baptist Church, Marble Falls, Texas on April 28, 2019.

**Lyndsay Williams** was ordained by Dayspring Baptist Church, Town and Country, Missouri on April 27, 2019.

## 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

### COLORADO

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

### 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

**Decatur**-Manager of Reference and Referral-Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

**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

### KENTUCKY

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

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

**Limestone**-Pastor-Limestone Baptist Church

### MISSOURI

**Elston**-Pastor-First Baptist Church

**Lawrence County**- Associate Pastor- Round Grove Baptist Church

**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**

**Apex**-Youth Minister-Chinese Baptist Church of NC

**Carthage**-Summer Worship/Children's Intern-First Baptist Church

**Edenton**-Youth and Children's Minister-Edenton Baptist Church

**Hamlet**-Associate Pastor of Family Ministries-First Baptist Church

**Plymouth**-Pastor-First 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 Young Adults-First Baptist Church

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

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

#### **OKLAHOMA**

**Altus**-Pastor-Emmanuel Baptist Church

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

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Aiken**-Pastor-First Baptist Church

**Piedmont**-pastor-First Baptist Church

#### **TEXAS**

**Bryan**-Pastor-Trinity Baptist Church

**Dallas**-Pastor-Garland Baptist Church

**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

**Temple**-Minister of Missions-First Baptist Church

**Victoria**-Youth Pastor-Northside Baptist Church

**Waco**-Minister to Children, Youth, and Families-Lake Shore Baptist Church

**Waco**-Associate Pastor-Calvary Baptist Church

**Winters**-Pastor-First Baptist Church

#### **TENNESSEE**

**Knoxville**-chaplain-Amedisys Hospice of Knoxville

#### **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

**Richmond**-Associate Pastor for Music and Adult Ministries-Central Baptist Church

**South Boston**-Pastor-First Baptist Church

**Springfield**-Pastor-Westwood Baptist Church

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