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BWIM ANNUAL GATHERING

Celebrate and Worship with Baptist Women in Ministry

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020

**SECOND-PONCE DE LEON BAPTIST CHURCH
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

COFFEE HOUR at 8:30 a.m. • WORSHIP at 10:00 a.m.



MOLLY T. MARSHALL
Our Preacher



SECOND-PONCE DE LEON
BAPTIST CHURCH
Atlanta, Georgia

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.

BWIM'S 2020 ANNUAL GATHERING

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Baptist Women in Ministry will host its annual gathering on June 24, 2020, at Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. We will drink coffee and have a light breakfast and then worship together with friends old and new.

The BWIM theme for 2020 is a quote by Dag Hammarskjöld, a Swedish economist and diplomat who in 1953 was appointed as the second Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation lists his most notable achievements while serving as the world's top international civil servant as "restructuring the UN to make it more effective, creating the basis for UN peacekeeping operations, and successfully implementing his 'preventive diplomacy' in crises from the Middle East to China."

Hammarskjöld died in 1961 in a plane crash, while on a mission to mediate peace during the 1960s Congo crisis. He was posthumously awarded the Noble Peace Prize. *Markings*, Hammarskjöld's only book, was published in 1963. It is a collection of his reflections taken from diaries he kept from age twenty in 1925 until his death in 1961. Our worship theme is a quote from *Markings* pictured to the right. Artwork by Lanta Carroll of Letters by Lanta.

COFFEE HOUR

Join us for coffee at 8:30 a.m. prior to worship. We will gather in the church's fellowship hall for an informal time of conversation, fellowship, and a light breakfast. There is no charge

For all that has been,
thanks.
For all that is to come,
yes!

DAG HAMMARSKJÖLD

to attend, but a contribution of \$10 would be excitedly received.

WORSHIP

Worship on Wednesday, June 24 begins at 10:00 a.m., and Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church is located at 2715 Peachtree Rd Northeast. The preacher for our service is Dr. Molly T. Marshall, president of Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Shawnee, Kansas. Our worship leader is Dr. Ossie X. McKinney, minister of music at Providence Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.



BWIM Leadership Team: Ashton Wells, Tripp Martin, Anrya Cano, Courtney Allen Crump, Ellen Di Giosia, Jewel London, Micah Pritchett, Amy McClure, Lawrence Powers

BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY NEWS

BWIM BLOG

Baptist Women in Ministry welcomes you to read, enjoy, and share our blog. Many of our Wednesday blogs this year will reflect our theme: “For all that has been, Thanks. For all that is to come, Yes!” Our Friday blogs will for the sixth year feature our popular series: THIS IS WHAT A MINISTER LOOKS LIKE.

CLERGY SEXUAL MISCONDUCT TASK FORCE

BWIM and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship’s joint Clergy Sexual Misconduct Task Force has produced two significant resources developed for use by churches, seminaries and partnering organizations. “Safe Churches and Ministers” is an educational video that provides much-needed definitions, statistics, and stories that are designed to help churches, students, and leaders take seriously their responsibility in preventing abuse. It is accompanied by a leader guide and 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. Both videos and written resources are available at bwim.info/safechurches/.

MINISTRY SEARCH RESOURCES

BWIM offers resources and assistance both to churches searching for a minister and ministers searching for a new position. Included in the monthly newsletter is a list of current openings, and resources are provided on the website for both churches and candidates. Both churches and candidates in need of assistance may submit information, job descriptions, and resumes via BWIM’s Ministry Search Registration Forms.

COME TO THE TABLE

In September 2019, BWIM kicked off its inaugural “Come to the Table” event, inviting Baptist women ministers to gather for conversation and a meal or coffee AND to share a photo of their time around the table. During the week of September 15, nineteen “Come to the Table” events took place in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Uganda, Virginia/Washington DC, and 105 women participated! One of the events was a virtual lunch held on Zoom with women from Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Kenya, and Virginia. We hope that from these “Come to the Table” events will come new friendships, future shared meals, and good conversations!

DISCERNMENT RETREATS FOR COLLEGE WOMEN

Each year BWIM hosts discernment events for college and seminary women. These events create intentional space for college women to reflect on God’s calling. On September 20-22, 2019, BWIM and Texas BWIM co-hosted a Discernment Retreat at Willow Meadows Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. Eighteen students and eleven leaders came together for times of worship, small group discussion, and bowling! New friendships were forged, and there were lots of tears and laughter.

MENTORING

The fourth cohort of BWIM’s Mentoring Group Program has now begun their two-year-long journey together. The 2020 cohort gathered in January for a three-day retreat at the Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman, Alabama. The year’s cohort includes five mentoring groups—one for new pastors, one for associate ministers, one for chaplains, and two for outside-the-box ministers. Each group includes one mentor and four participants. The five groups will have two more retreats and meet monthly via ZOOM with their mentors: Lynn Brinkley, Joanne Henley, Emily Hull McGee, Tambi Swiney, and Amy Stertz.

MONTH OF PREACHING

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. In 2019, 204 churches participated. Over the past thirteen years, hundreds of churches have celebrated Martha’s influence and example, and last year BWIM redreamed this emphasis and widened its circle by featuring, in addition to Martha, three other significant Baptist preachers: Ella Pearson Mitchell, Helen Barrett Montgomery, and Edna Lee de Gutiérrez. We are grateful for the 204 churches that participated and publicly voiced their support of women in ministry, stood with other Baptist churches in celebrating the calling and gifts of women, and reminded their congregations that God does indeed call women to the work of the kingdom. Resources for the Month of Preaching, including a bulletin insert in both English and Spanish, are available on the BWIM website.



LaJune White preached at Northside Baptist Church in Clinton, Mississippi on February 2 for BWIM Month of Preaching.

WITH MUCH THANKS TO BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY SUPPORTERS, 2019

INDIVIDUALS

Monthly Givers

Judy Bailey
Mary Ball
Lauren and David Bass
Jennifer Bashaw
Irene Bennett
Mary Alice Birdwhistell
Carolyn Blevins
Katie Bray
Kim Brewer
Lynn Brinkley
Katrina Brooks
Gary Burton
Katie Callaway
Anyra Cano
Shauw Chin and Paul Capps
Susan Cauley
Adam Chaney
Ruth Clowater
David and Hannah Coe
Raquel Contreras
Courtney Allen Crump
Kenny and Laura Davis
Zach and Peyton Dawes
Ali Chappell DeHay
Paula Dempsey
Scott Dickison
Ellen Di Giosia
Kim Divelbiss
Megan Doud
Melanie Dover
Gregory Dover
Robin Drake
Aubrey Ducker and
Laurie Weatherford
Alex Durso
Pam Durso
Christy Foldenauer
Pam Foster
Jeni Cook Furr
JD Granade
Sarah Greenfield
Mary Elizabeth and
Matt Hanchey
Yvonne Harold

Merianna Harrelson
Ircel Harrison
David Hawes
Jennifer Hawks
Peggy Haymes
Claire Helton
Jenny Hodge
Karlan Holik
Emily Holladay
Jim Holladay
Linsey Huggins
Jane and David Hull
Becky and Doug Jackson
Scarlette Jasper
Vickie Johnson
Bill Jones
Christine Jones
Kelly Moreland Jones
Tony Lankford
Deirdre LaNoue
Ruth Perkins Lee
Amy Lin
Jody and Julie Long
Rebecca Mathis
Amy McClure
Brittany McDonald-Null
Emily Hull McGee
Mandy McMichael
Christy McMillin-Goodwin
Julie Mendenhall
David and Sarah Murray
Kristen Muse
Pam Neal
Natasha Nedrick
Debbie Neely
Jessica Asbell Oravec
Beth and John Parker
Kristen Pope
Lawrence Powers
Kevin Pranoto
Aurelia Pratt
Micah Pritchett
Stacy Pyle
Deborah and Stephen Reeves
Brittany Riddle
Stefanie Riley

Lee Ritchie
Sara Robb-Scott
Charity Roberson
Jennifer Rygg
Robin Sanbothe
Tiffany Brown Seaford
Stephanie Shaffer
Alan Sherouse
Rachel Sherron
Abby and Justin Sizemore
Tamara Smathers
Carolyn Staley
Anna Kate Stephenson
Laura Stephens-Reed
Sarah Stewart
Maria Stinnett
Meredith and James Stone
Tambi Swiney
Cheryl Tarter
David Tew
Amanda Tyler
Gala Van Eaton
Alena Vaughn
Meg Lacy Vega
Tonya and Jeffrey Vickery
Charles Watson, Jr.
Doug and Pat Weaver
Ashton Wells
Stacie Whalen
Courtney Willis
Belinda Wisdom

Annual Givers

Clyde Adams III
Jann Aldredge-Clanton
Loyd and Libby Allen
Nancy Ammerman
Robin Anderson
Patricia Ayers
Tricia Baldwin
Harold Bass
Carrie Bearden
Caroline Bell
Jack Bodenhamer
Edward Bolen
Fred Bonginovanni and
Dee Bratcher

Phyllis Boozer
Nancy Brock
Ann and Kent Brown
Caralie Nelson Brown
Bob Browning
Charles and Diane Bugg
Marilyn Buhling
Bethany Busby
Terri Byrd
Eileen Campbell-Reed
Susan and Tony Cartledge
Ka'thy Gore Chappell
Preston Clegg
Reba Cobb
Karen Coe
Gary Cook
Jim and Susan Crumpler
Taryn Deaton
David Dellinger
Ruth Demby
Rebecca Dixon
Amanda Ducksworth
Bob and Teresa Ellis
Jerry Faught
Amy Joyner Finkelberg
John Finley
Sue Fitzgerald
Darryl Footman
Robert Fox
Kelly Fredericks
TJ Geiger
Bruce Gentry
Chris George
Daniel Glaze
Danielle Glaze
Michael Grace
Libby Grammer
Deborah Haag
Dell Hagwood
Janice Hale
Kate Hanch
Lydia Barrow Hankins
Eddie and Judy Hare
Daniel Headrick
William Craig Henry
Diane Hill

Bianca Robinson Howard
Cynthia Insko
Craig Janney
Amy Jennings
Jennifer Jindrich
Libby Johnson
Matthew Johnson
Charlene Kelley
Shelia Klopfer
Melissa and Richard Kremer
Kathryn Kreutzer
Laura Levens
James Livingston
Deborah Loftis and
David Fauri
Jewel London
Nora Lozano
Cy Lynch
Jane Lyon
Nina Maples
Terry and Joan Maples
Molly T. Marshall
Adell and Jerry Martin
Gloria and Phill Martin
Tripp Martin
Melody Maxwell
Rebecca Husband Maynard
Emmanuel McCall
Carol McEntyre
Ossie McKinney
Karen Anderson McLain
Helen Moore-Montgomery
Carrie Nault
Carrie Nettles
Deena Newman
Julie Pennington-Russell
Roger Pittard
Bill and Ruth Pitts
LeDayne Polaski
Morgan and Peggy Ponder
Summer Rice
Judy Booth Richman
Helen Riley
Mac and Lorita Robinson
Anthony Mark Roza
Helen Ruchti
Bruce and Linda Salmon
Ellen Sechrest
Nancy Sehested
Janie and Rob Sellers
Paula Settle
Kathy Shereda
Bill Shiell
Molly Shoulta-Tucker
Kelly Sizemore
Caroline Smith
Meagan Smith
Brittany Stillwell

Meg Thomas-Clapp
Phillip Thompson
Bill and Leta Tillman
Jakob Topper
Kristen Tucker
Terri Vancil
Brent and Nancy Walker
Cecilia Walker
Naomi Walker
Natalie Webb
Raquel Webb
Rebekah White
Jean Willingham
Ann and David Wilson
Cassandra Wilson
Jeremy Wright
Charles and Judy Yarbrough

CHURCHES

Monthly Givers

Grace Baptist Church, Richmond, VA
Lamberth Memorial Baptist Church, Roxboro, NC
Milledge Avenue Baptist Church, Athens, GA
Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, MS

Annual Givers

Auburn First Baptist Church, Auburn, AL
Baptist Church of the Covenant, Birmingham, AL
Beulah Baptist Church, Devereux, GA
Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, KY
Calvary Baptist Church, Asheville, NC
Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, TX
Church Without Walls, Houston, TX
First Baptist Church, Austin, TX
First Baptist Church, Dalton, GA
First Baptist Church, Greenville, SC
First Baptist Church, Greenwood, SC
First Baptist Church, Gretna, VA
First Baptist Church, Madison, NC
First Baptist Church, Morganton, NC
First Baptist Church, Pendleton, SC
First Baptist Church, Richmond, VA
First Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
First Baptist Church of Christ, Macon, GA
Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, Cary, NC
Hayes Barton Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC
Highland Park Baptist Church, Austin, TX
Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, TN
Millbrook Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC
NorthHaven Church, Norman, OK
Northside Baptist Church, Clinton, MS
River Road Church, Richmond, VA
Royal Lane Baptist Church, Dallas, TX
Second Baptist Church, Liberty, MO
Watts Street Baptist Church, Durham, NC

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Baylor University's Truett Seminary
Campbell University Divinity School
Central Baptist Theological Seminary
Duke University Divinity School
Gardner Webb University School of Divinity
Hardin-Simmons University's Logsdon Seminary
Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology
Northern Baptist Seminary
Wake Forest University Divinity School

GIFTS MADE IN HONOR OR MEMORY

Beulah Baptist Church, Devereux, GA,
in honor of Jacqueline Burkhart
Taryn Deaton, *in honor of Pam Durso*
Julie Pennington-Russell, *in honor of Becky Brooks Jackson*
Julie Pennington-Russell,
in honor of Christy McMillin-Goodwin
Julie Pennington-Russell, *in honor of Sarah Stewart*
Julie Pennington-Russell, *in honor of Jenna Sullivan*
Paula Settle, *in honor of Lou Emma Adkisson*
Paula Settle, *in honor of Becky Neil Albritton*
Paula Settle, *in honor of Nikki Hays*
Paula Settle, *in memory of Anne Neil*
Paula Settle, *in honor of Leah Reed*
Paula Settle, *in honor of Becky Smith*

ALL THE PHOTOS

*2020 BWIM
Mentoring Cohort*



*Amy Stertz, Emily Collins, Kaylee Godfrey,
Ali Chappell DeHay, Kim Brewer*



*Emily Hull McGee, Molly Shoulta Tucker, Emily
Holladay, Danielle Bridgeforth, Sabrina Smith*



*Demetria Williams, Raquel Webb, Joanne Henley,
Bethany Busby, Allison Rogers*



*Tambi Swiney, Jenny Hodge, Linsey Addington,
Heather Franklin*



*Margaret Harvey, Regina Johnson, Lynn Brinkley,
Johanna Kelley, Mallory Herridge*



2019 Discernment Retreat



2019 Come to the Table – Atlanta, Georgia



Lynn Brinkley and Pam Durso

Good things have already been happening for Baptist Women in Ministry in 2020. On January 15, Lynn Brinkley joined the staff as our full-time associate director. Lynn comes to us from Campbell University Divinity School, where she has served since May 2007 as director of church, alumni, and student relations. She has also been an adjunct instructor, teaching in both Campbell University's Divinity School and the Christian Studies Department. Lynn earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in May 2014, a Master of Divinity degree from Campbell University Divinity School in May 2008, a Master of Science degree from the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga in May 1997, and a Bachelor of Science and Sociology degree from North Carolina State University in May 1992.

Lynn is no stranger to BWIM. From 2015 to 2018, she served on Baptist Women in Ministry's Leadership Team, and during her time on the team helped create the Mentoring Group Program and was an early mentor for the program. Lynn will serve as a mentor for the 2020-2021 cohort of the program, and as the new associate director, she will oversee the Mentoring Program, expand its reach, and enhance its content. She will also oversee the College Discernment Program and the Month of Preaching Emphasis and will lead in visioning and implementing new BWIM adventures. Lynn will continue to live in North Carolina, to teach as an adjunct at Campbell, and to serve as associate minister at First Baptist Church in Fayetteville.

I am excited about Lynn joining the staff. She has so many gifts as a leader, preacher, writer, and mentor! Her warmth, joyful enthusiasm, and endless energy will energize our work, and her experience with college and seminary students and her connections with Baptist denominational organizations will help

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by Pam Durso

expand BWIM's circles of influence and strengthen our work. I am thrilled that she said 'yes' to this new ministry calling, and I am thrilled to have opportunity to work closely with her in continuing to expand the ministries of our organization.

BWIM has also been living into the good news we received from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. In 2018, BWIM was granted more than \$450,000 as part of the Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Thriving in Ministry Initiative. With this generous award for our Mentoring Program, BWIM has expanded the one-year program to two years, added two additional retreat gatherings for each cohort, provided more substantial training and resources for mentors, and reshaped and deepened the content of our program so that it addresses the ever-changing needs of new and young ministers, assists them in dealing with the challenges of isolation and loneliness, and encourages the incorporation of healthy spiritual, emotional, and physical practices. Our fully-funded 2020 cohort gathered in January in Cullman, Alabama at the Sacred Heart Monastery. The cohort has five mentoring groups with twenty mentees and five mentors. The five groups include one for pastors, one for associate pastors, one for chaplains, and two for outside-the-box ministers.

Ali Chappell DeHay, a mentee in the associate pastor's group, said of her experience at Sacred Heart: "The time and space with a group of kindred spirits was just the right thing for me in this chapter of my life. I laughed, cried (multiple times—who's surprised?), met new friends, and hugged some old ones. There are few women who feel the way I do about youth ministry, and it was refreshing to meet Kaylee Godfrey who loves the joys of youth ministry as I do and can also understand why the tough days are tough. . . . I will be a part of this cohort for the next two years, and I can't wait to continue swapping stories and sharing life with these wonderful Baptist women ministers."

For all that is to come in Baptist Women in Ministry's new season, we give thanks to God!

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A CHURCH THAT GIVES

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

Northside Baptist Church in Clinton, Mississippi was founded in 1969 by sixty-three charter members. The late 1960s were a time of upheaval in the state and nation, and Northside distinguished itself as a church that welcomed “any person regardless of economic, social, cultural, or racial background.”

The church grew in the 1970s, built a sanctuary and children’s building, and called a full-time pastor. In 1980, after a year-long period of study and deliberation, Northside amended its constitution so that women could be elected as deacons. Despite the loss of a few members over the decision, the church elected its first woman deacon that November.

In 1993, Susan Meador joined the church staff as minister of youth and later became associate pastor. She continues to serve in that role in 2020 and is the congregation’s longest-tenured minister. The church ordained her to the gospel ministry in 2000. In March 2018, Northside called Courtney Stamey as pastor.

Baptist Women in Ministry gives thanks for Northside Baptist Church and is grateful for the church’s consistent and faithful support since 2011. BWIM is also greatly appreciative of Courtney, who participated in BWIM’s first mentoring cohort in 2017.

Northside’s support and ongoing contribution makes possible BWIM’s work of advocating, connecting, and networking. Your church can be a supporter. Give online at www.bwim.info/give or send in a contribution to Baptist Women in Ministry, P.O. Box 941294, Atlanta, GA 31141-1294.

