



New Year...New Opportunities...A New Thing!



Change is in the air—and we’re not referring to the changes on Capitol Hill or in the White House! The DC Baptist Convention (DCBC) has taken full advantage of this year’s theme of “Stepping Outside of the Box,” to establish a new logo and brand identity that reflects our mission, goals and objectives while encompassing the tenets of Vision 2010 and beyond. This updated “look” will give DCBC a unified visual presentation that will mirror our faith in Jesus Christ, multicultural backgrounds and unity of purpose. It has both a contemporary flair and a traditional elegance, which we hope will appeal to our member churches, partners and affiliates.

Coupled with the new logo and brand identity is a slogan that points to the vision, mission and values of DCBC: “One Faith. Many Cultures. Endless Possibilities. “One Faith,” which is reflected in scripture by Ephesians 4:5 (“One God, one faith, one baptism”), points to a spirit of unity and sharing a common goal as well as an understanding that despite different cultures and backgrounds, we serve the same God. “Many cultures” represents the diversity that exists within DCBC congregations and member churches. “Endless Possibilities” signifies the products and services DCBC can offer to our member churches, the potential that comes from church-to-church cooperation and the possibilities available to a church that clearly understands and pursues its purpose.

As we live out our ministry and mission together, we hope that this new logo, visual identity and slogan will renew our

commitment to serve God and others and to go beyond limitations to fully embrace the new thing that God will do through us!

Ministry Outside the Box Highlighted at Annual Meeting



Focused on the theme, “Stepping Outside of the Box,” the DC Baptist Convention’s Annual Meeting held the promise of new

possibilities and the excitement of gathering for fellowship, sharing, witness and worship. Approximately 200 people attended this year’s meeting, which took place Oct. 27–28, 2008 at First Baptist Church of the City of Washington, DC. Rev. Dr. Charles Wade delivered the address for the Minister’s Convocation and the Monday evening worship service. Wade is the former Executive Director of the State Baptist Convention of Texas and the author of “The Jesus Principle.” A panel discussion and individual workshops helped participants learn information directly related to their roles in their churches. The workshops featured information on leadership coaching, integrated marketing, keeping historical records, financial management, effective service for youth leaders, building use and the Preservation Trust, and personnel development and administrative issues.

In addition to these workshops, the Older Adult Ministries held a convocation prior to the start of the Annual Meeting and there was a Youth Rally on Saturday, Oct. 26 (see related articles in this issue). Offerings from the Monday and Tuesday evening services went to support NCAMO and the Baptist General Convention of Texas in its disaster relief efforts following Hurricane Ike.

The new DCBC officers : Rev. Dr. Ella Redfield, pastor of New Creation Baptist Church, President; Melvin Doxie, First Baptist Church of the City of Washington, DC, Vice President; Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, Executive Minister/Director; Dr. Robert Cochran, Associate Executive Director, DCBC; Gail Lacy, Recording Secretary; and Lashanor Doolittle, Treasurer.

Two membership changes were also announced at the Annual Meeting. A motion from the New Church Applications Committee to accept Metropolitan Outreach Ministries as a full member church of the Convention was approved while Shiloh Baptist Church of Landover, Md. withdrew its membership from the DC Baptist Convention.

The Procession of Ministries featured the important work being done by DCBC churches in the District as well as on a national and international level. DCBC member churches have been feeding the hungry, providing job training and employment opportunities, helping to build homes in the Gulf Coast, providing health screenings and information on health issues, working with youth and seniors, and providing help and encouragement to people in need at home and abroad. The DCBC churches whose ministries were featured this year included: Broadview, Covenant, First Baptist Church of the City of Washington DC, Fort Foote, Mt. Jezreel and Rivers of Joy.

Ft. Foote Baptist Church in Ft. Washington, Md. will host the next Annual Meeting Oct. 26–27, 2009. In 2010, the Annual Meeting will be held Oct. 25–26 at Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, DC.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment Passes

At the 2008 Annual Meeting, DC Baptist Convention delegates approved a change to the Constitution that would allow the Executive Committee to recommend suspension of all or a part of a member church's rights and privileges for failure to regularly contribute to the financial needs of the Convention. The Executive Board would have to vote to approve the specific restrictions on membership privileges before taking effect and the church would be given at least one month's notice before such a vote would be taken.

In passing this change to the Constitution, Convention delegates recognized the importance of continued and consistent financial support of DCBC. Suspension of privileges could have an impact on the 501(c)(3) status of member churches that are not separately incorporated but have this status extended to them through membership in DCBC. Member churches are asked to give at least \$500 annually to support the work of the Convention. For more information about making a contribution

or to find out about your church's record of giving, contact DCBC at (202) 265-1526.

Preservation Trust Established

For dwindling congregations, it can be difficult to maintain the upkeep, care and financial responsibilities of a church building. It is also a challenge for new church starts to acquire or build a church that meets their worship needs. DCBC has found a way to help churches that are in this situation and others who want to give property or assets to the continued work of building God's kingdom—The DCBC Preservation Trust. According to the law, churches that are dissolving or selling property, must dispose of their assets to another nonprofit entity with a similar mission. The DCBC Preservation Trust Corporation, which was established at the Annual Meeting, will act as "an intentional incubator" for new churches in the region as well as a source of relief for diminishing congregations who cannot properly maintain properties. The Trust will also further DCBC's goal of making "sacred" properties and spaces available to DC Baptists for generations to come.

With the establishment of the Trust, member churches and others will now be able to transfer ownership of church property and other assets to the Trust for use consistent with DCBC's mission to strengthen and expand God's Kingdom through the individual and united ministries of member churches. The Trust is being set up as a separate 501(c)(3) corporation and will acquire and preserve existing properties of churches and other financial and material assets for purposes of worship, fellowship, evangelism and community outreach.

The Bethany House, a property currently owned and managed by DCBC, will be sold, and part of the proceeds will provide the initial investment for the Preservation Trust.

The D.C. Baptist Convention offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 19 for the observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday and on Tuesday, Jan. 20 for the Inauguration of the 44th President of the United States. The office will re-open for business on Wednesday, Jan. 21.



Please be in prayer for our nation during this time of transition.



Treasures from the Earthen Vessel: How Would You Like To Inherit THIS?!

by Joseph M. Smith, Executive Director
DC Baptist Convention Foundation

We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us" (II Corinthians 4:7)

Don't you wonder whether Barack Obama wakes up some nights and asks himself, "Do I really want this job?" With all that he originally undertook to address – the wars, terrorism, health care, tax policy, infrastructure, and all the rest – now he must deal with this economic struggle that has invaded not only the United States but much of the rest of the world. He did not create this situation; he inherited it and now must handle it. He signed on for this and asked the American people to elect him to manage it.

But he will not be the first person, nor likely the last, to inherit things both positive and negative and not really know how to manage them. Suppose you had been the executor, for example, of an estate whose provisions called for the inheritance to be spent caring for the deceased's favorite pet! There was a celebrated case just like that in recent months.

Or suppose you were the acceptance officer of a college which had been endowed with funds willed along with specific instructions that no person of a particular ethnic group should be admitted. How would you work with something that went entirely contrary to good sense and to your conscience – but you inherited it?

Oddly enough, even ordinary wills can create problems for those who are the intended heirs. Certificates in sealed bank lockboxes, unidentified bank accounts or investments, incomplete records of real property ownership – all of these things, if not properly handled, can just about make your heirs wish they had never been named in your will!

The DC Baptist Convention Foundation has a resource for you, to help you prepare not only your will but also all of the instructions that should go along with it. This booklet, prepared by the American Baptist Foundation, is free of charge, and will be delivered to you in person. Please give me a call at 202.234.7194 or email me at dcbaptistfoundation@juno.com, and we'll find a time for me to visit you with that valuable resource.

Recent Home-Goings

† **Amparo Lopez Palacios**, 69, wife of Edgar Palacios pastor of the Calvary Hispanic Baptist Church, died of lung cancer on Nov. 14 at the Washington Home hospice. She was a Mexican-born peace activist who fled El Salvador in 1989 under armed guard and then lobbied Congress to stop U.S. aid to the Salvadoran military. An article about her life and ministry was featured in *The Washington Post* and can be viewed on their website, www.washingtonpost.com.

† **Rev. Dr. Ella Pearson Mitchell**, a distinguished religious educator, renowned preacher, and celebrated author, died November 19 in Atlanta, GA. She was 91. Ella Pearson Mitchell was one half of an acclaimed ministry duo that included her husband of 64 years, Dr. Henry H. Mitchell. She was a pioneer in African-American preaching and religious education, and her reputation as a promoter and encourager of women in ministry, especially in the area of homiletics, earned her the title, "dean of African-American women preachers."

† **Rev. Harold Gray**, pastor of Lighthouse Christian Church in Bowie, died in December unexpectedly. Rev. Gray also taught at Howard University School of Divinity.

† **Lloyd Preslar**, member and former Church Administrator of First Baptist Church of the City of Washington, died December 28. A memorial service will be held at the church on Jan. 18 at 1:30 p.m.

† **Mark Wilkins**, son of Cleo Moseley at Metropolitan Outreach Ministries, died in December. Wilkins worked for the DC Police Department for 17 years and was a member of Timbrel International Ministries in Bowie.

Retirement

After 27 years in ministry and 20 years as founding pastor of the First New Horizon Baptist Church, Pastor **Wilbert L. Williams** announced his retirement. The church has named him Pastor Emeritus and Overseer. **Rev. Soammes F. Williams**, assistant pastor, has been elected pastor.

For Sale

The First Baptist Church of the City of Washington, DC is selling its 1999 El Dorado Aero-Tech 220 bus with 35,000 miles. It seats 19 persons, has a wheelchair lift and new tires. The bus is in good condition and is on the market at \$27,500. Interested parties should call Dennis Lambert at 202.387.2206, ext. 245.

The Ministers Fellowship goes on the Road!

by Starlette McNeill*

The Ministers Fellowship will “hit the road” February to May, 2009. In a planning session at the end of the year, the Ministerial Leadership Team decided to explore the relationship between seminaries and churches. Our trip will begin with a question: “What does the Church need from theological schools?” It often seems that the mission of the Church is being defined by theological schools. As seminary graduates are applying to local congregations for employment, many are missing the practical skills necessary to lead congregations. What should seminaries be offering that would better equip these leaders?

In hopes of answering these question and many others, the Ministers Fellowship will be visiting area seminaries beginning in February. Wesley Theological Seminary will host the Fellowship on February 24 and will include a chapel service, lunch, and a discussion about Wesley’s degree programs and other resources for ministers and lay leaders. Rev. Adrian Blair-Wise, Minister of Christian Spiritual Formation at Metropolitan Baptist Church and a Wesley graduate, will deliver the message. On March 24, we are tentatively scheduled to be in fellowship at Howard University’s School of Divinity. The John Leland School for Theological Studies will host us on April 28 and on May 26 we will be on the campus of Virginia Theological Seminary. We will return “home” to the Baptist Building on June 23 for a symposium, “The Church-Seminary Dialogue.” The symposium will begin at 10 am with a continental breakfast, worship, and an inspirational message. In the afternoon, there will be a panel discussion and lunch.

To prepare for this “road trip,” on January 27, 2009, the Ministers Fellowship will meet at the Baptist Building and Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, Executive Minister/Director of DCBC will be the featured speaker. His topic will be “Anticipating Obama’s Presidency in Light of Dr. King’s Dream.”

Convocation Addresses Financial Issues for Seniors

by Charles F. Lee

Now in its third year, the Older Adult Ministries Fall Convocation again provided both inspiration and much needed information to an ever-growing Convention



Margaret Farthing
Convocation Speaker

population of seniors. Starting with lunch on the first day of the DC Baptist Convention Annual Meeting at First Baptist Church of Washington, the Convocation fed the participants with good food, great music, and critical information. Eighty-seven people filled the fellowship hall, many coming in their church buses and vans as part of their church senior citizens groups.



Gloria Grant, OAM
Consultant

Welcomed by Rev. Gloria Grant, DCBC Consultant for Older Adult Ministries, participants were treated to musical offerings from Mr. Linwood Robinson and Ms. Crista Normont, both of The People’s Community Baptist Church. The featured speaker, Attorney Margaret Farthing, an expert in Elder Law, discussed “Managing Your Finances in the Later Seasons of Life” and

addressed a wide variety of issues from estate planning to health-care decision making. The active follow-up question-and-answer session underscored the overwhelming interest in these matters.

A generous supply of supplemental information on other issues also was available at well-stocked resource information tables. The Convention appreciates



the support of organizations making their useful literature available to Convocation attendees. The Convention also expresses its appreciation to the Crothers Foundation for its grant that helped make this year’s Convocation such a success.

Church leaders interested in starting an older adult ministry or revitalizing an existing one should call Rev. Gloria Grant for assistance through the DC Baptist Convention at 202. 265.1526.

Celebrating Grandparents

by Charles F. Lee

Grandparents Day, the first Sunday in September, was observed in a variety of ways by our Convention



churches. The DCBC Older Adult Ministries Team was pleased with the response and would encourage all congregations to consider some form of recognition of this important family anchor in their calendar planning.

As pictured, this year's ecumenical Grandparents Extravaganza sponsored by the Convention and funded by the Crothers Foundation in September was well received by its attendees.

The event was a multi-faceted, all-day affair. There were informative workshops given on heart disease, cancer, and end-of-life care. Free health screenings and related information were provided by United Healthcare, together with the District of Columbia Nursing Ministry, for glucose, cholesterol,



blood pressure, and body mass index. Advice and material resources were available from a large range of exhibitors, including the National



Institute on Aging, CVS, AARP, the National Osteoporosis Foundation, the American Heart Association, the Cancer Society, and Daughter for a Day. Activities for the accompanying grandchildren included a moon bounce, puppets, and face painting.

Annual Youth Rally: A Cross Life

by Starlette McNeill*



Youth Enjoying A Game of Dodgeball

This year's Youth Rally was hosted by the First Baptist Church of Washington DC and was well attended by DCBC churches as well as other non-profit organizations. The afternoon began with a swelling of youth and

even young adults who participated in games that included Bible Jeopardy and dodge ball. After this physical and mental workout, the youth were presented with a delicious buffet. During the course of the meal, the audience was entertained by a talent show, which featured a puppet show, poetry performances, a step team, a guitar soloist, and even a choir.

But, the fun did not stop there! After the talent show, the Christian band, ACross Life, took the stage and enlivened the spirits of those in attendance with a mix of rock and traditional worship music. The audience was on its feet from the beginning of the performance but by the end, they had all crowded to the stage, many with their arms outstretched in worship.

Rev. Karen Curry, Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, coordinated the Youth Rally with DCBC staff. Churches whose youth attended included: Rivers of Joy, First Baptist Church of the City Washington, Alafia Baptist Church, Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, Metropolitan Baptist Church, as well as others. Participants in the Youth Rally received ACross Life memorabilia that included bracelets and CDs. This year's Youth Rally proved to those in attendance that you can have fun and live a cross life.

College of Prayer-DC Meets in November

by Annette James, COP President

On November 13-15, 2008, the College of Prayer-DC was held at the National Baptist Memorial Church, which completed the fourth college since beginning a year ago. Dr. Ronald Walborn, Dean and Professor at the Alliance Theological Seminary in Nyack, NY and his wife, Wanda, the Director of Spiritual Direction at Nyack College, gave presentations on Divine Healing and Spiritual Formation.



A prayer ministry training model, both instruction and practice, was held Thursday evening, referencing noted authors on healing, such as John Wimber, Charles Kraft, Francis MacNutt and others.

Attendees from several churches left the College filled with a renewed fervor to continue the work of intercession for our churches, communities, nation and the world. Several

acknowledged how much they have learned about prayer through the various Colleges.

The Rev. Kasey Jones, pastor of National Baptist Memorial Church was recognized for her invitation to hold College of Prayer modules at her church as well as her support of the COP-DC during 2008.

The College of Prayer seeks to mentor Christian leaders to reach a lost world through a revived church both inside and outside the walls of the building. The objectives are five-fold:

- to build strong, praying churches led by praying pastors who are committed to reaching a lost world through a revived church;
- to mentor pastors and prayer leaders to cultivate an inner prayer life and to lead their congregations to become a “house of prayer” for all nations;
- to build healthy, praying marriages for pastors, leaders and intercessors and to teach parents how to bless their children;
- to empower intercessors, marketplace leaders, and leaders of Christian ministry to minister transformation to their individual sectors of society;
- to disciple nations and to reach unreached peoples through these revived congregations.

The next College of Prayer-DC will be held May 14-16, 2009 at the Ft. Foote Baptist Church in Ft. Washington, Md. at the invitation of the church and its pastor, Rev. Joseph Lyles. Plan to take a day of retreat and study on the topic of “Weapons of Warfare,” which will be presented by Rev. Dr. Bernadette Glover-Williams from Perth Amboy, NJ.



Churches affiliated with DCBC as well as other denominations are invited to send members of their prayer ministries to attend the Colleges in order to further develop their prayer ministries through the teaching of COP-DC.

NEXT COLLEGE OF PRAYER DC

Weapons of Warfare

May 14 – 16, 2009

Fort Foote Baptist Church

8310 Fort Foote Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744



Rev. Dr. Bernadette Glover-Williams, Executive Pastor of Cathedral International in Perth Amboy, NJ. She also serves as Preacher in Residence at New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Brunswick, NJ. A third generation preacher, Dr. Glover-Williams's motto is: “I am in the business of putting myself out of business.”

Required reading:

I Give You Authority by Charles H. Kraft

The Three Battlegrounds by Francis Frangipane

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

For more information contact, Pat Bolinger, COP-DC Registrar at: copregistrar@comcast.net

Ministers Fellowship: “Leading Healthy Spiritual Lives”

by Starlette McNeill*

November's Ministers Fellowship was graced with the presence of Dr. Delores Carpenter, who is currently a professor of Religious Education at Howard University's School of Divinity and a pioneer in her own right. Dr. Carpenter led pastors and lay leaders in a discussion of biblical spirituality and provided suggestions for effective Bible



study and prayer that would lead to spiritual renewal. Weaving her personal story including her call to ministry at the age of 16 with lessons from the Bible, she walked participants through the stages of ministry—from “the dark night of the soul” to the light of God's revealing truth through Scripture. Dr. Carpenter also brought books from her personal library, and shared from these works the words that had inspired her ministry and served as tools for teaching her congregation.

Her words moved throughout the room like a gentle but refreshing breeze. “Teach them what loving God means and

requires,” she told participants. By the close of her presentation, those present were both equipped and reminded anew of their love for the Word of God.

Rev. Kip Banks, pastor of East Washington Heights Baptist Church, commented, “(You) have provided a vision for Bible study for the upcoming year.”

Dr. Carpenter identified many of the problems that clergy and lay leaders face in leading a 21st century congregation and provided a prescription for leading a healthy spiritual life.

PowerPoint Presentations Available to Churches

by Robert D. Cochran

Two PowerPoint presentations featured ministries of the DC Baptist Convention to participants during the Annual Meeting on October 27–28. Rev. Benni Singleton, chairman of the Historical Committee, narrated the first of these on Monday evening at the dinner hosted by the Mission Support and Stewardship Development Committee. The second PowerPoint, “Laying Foundations,” was narrated by Robert Cochran and presented the work of two DCBC centers during the past year. These two PowerPoint presentations are available upon request through CD or hard copy. Churches of the DC Baptist Convention and their members can use these presentations as they consider the cooperative work, in both gifts and volunteers, of the Convention and what role they might play in that work. The presentations can be run by a church on its own, or it can request a DCBC staff member to be on hand for both narration and questions.

The first presentation answers the question, “What Is the Convention Doing?” This question was raised by the Mission Support and Stewardship Development Committee, chaired by Dr. Kendrick Curry, in preparation for the Annual Meeting. Dr. Curry approached the Historical Committee, chaired by Rev. Benni Singleton, asking the Committee to help answer this important question. The Historical Committee provided answers to the question by comparing the work of the present-day DCBC to that of Baptist associations across history. The work of DCBC over the past year is highlighted in terms of: building and maintaining fellowship, developing leadership, interpreting the community’s needs, encouraging laity and clergy, providing safety, and shared efforts in mission. Churches

can use the presentation in a one-night program to discover how the DCBC currently fulfills these historic needs.

The second presentation, “Laying Foundations,” helps people discover the work of two DCBC centers and their teams, the Center for Church and Community Ministries and the Center for Congregational Health, Evangelism and Discipleship. These centers focus on the work of local churches within the DC Baptist Convention and their members. Viewers discover strong elements of the ministries of these Centers as well as facets developed this year. Church members, through reflection, can find avenues for both growth as believers and service in the name of Christ, noting also how God is using DC Baptists even now.

For more information on these presentations or to schedule their use within your church, call 202. 265.1526 and speak to a DCBC staff member.

Navigating the Winds of Change

by Paul A. Clark, Clergy Coach and Intentional Interim Pastor

John Talbot, noted church consultant, observed there are two times in the life of a church when dynamic and systemic changes are possible. One is when the church building burns down! Re-dreaming a future without a church fixed in place opens the doors and windows of creative thinking. Another time is during a pastoral change, the time between the times. While consulting and planning with churches, I have found that pastoral change provides a great opportunity for congregations. There is an unparalleled opportunity for historical reflection, for transformative “healing” and for the creation of a new and hopeful future with God.

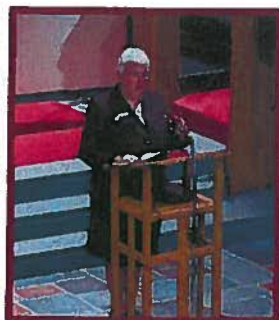
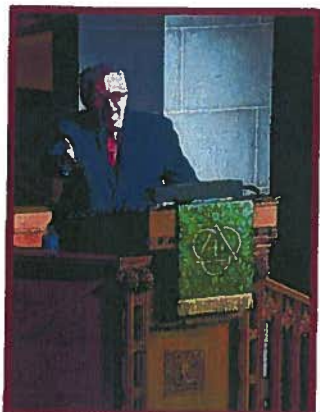
The work of a church with an intentional interim pastor offers the church an occasion for reflection about future change and growth. Preparation to call a pastor, allows a church to search for God’s preferred mission.

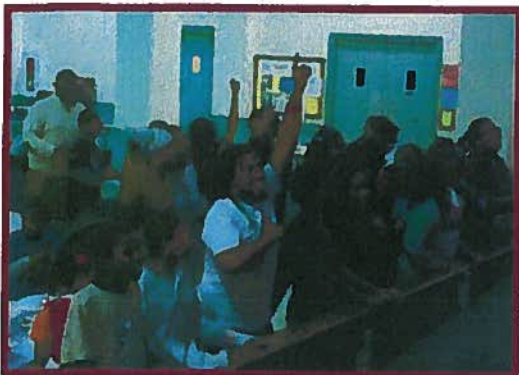
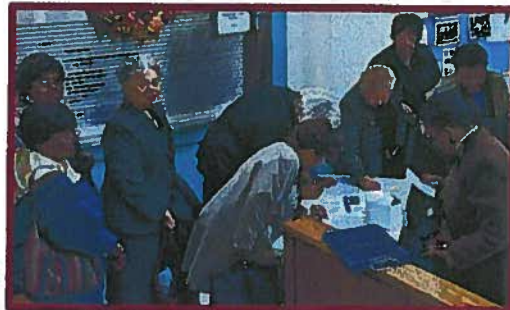
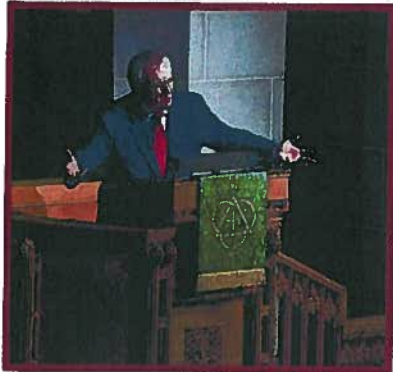
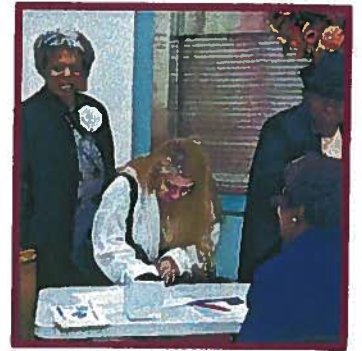
What Can a Congregation Do During an Intentional Interim Period?

A church seeking a pastor might call an intentional interim pastor if it desires to:

- Seek to overcome a stagnant or declining congregation;
- Follow a long term pastorate of twelve years or more, preparing carefully to call another long term pastor;
- Study carefully and address the challenge of a changing surrounding community;

Annual Meeting in Pictures





- Heal any internal divisions and to address community differences;
- Create a vision and mission statement that reflects an exciting future with God;
- Plan for the expansion of your outreach ministry;
- Provide for Team Building with the church staff, or
- Provide training and support for the Pastoral Search Committee.

The Intentional Interim provides a seedbed to plant the acorn that will grow into God's giant oak tree.

Questions for Local Church Study and Reflection

Every church at some time will journey through an interim period—a time between times when a church is without a pastor. The best time to plan ahead is before you get into a situation where you need to have planned ahead. I recommend that you study to answer the following questions:

1. How many pastors has your church had over the last twenty years? How long were their tenures and what were the circumstances of their departures?
2. What is the most significant accomplishment that an interim period might bring to your congregation? Identify the issues to be discussed and the problems that need to be solved. What one important thing might you church accomplish during an interim period?
3. What two or three items from the list of needs for an Intentional Interim Pastor do you consider worthy of church conversation? When can this conversation begin? How will the congregation know of this initiative?
4. If your church needed to talk with an Intentional Interim Pastor, what would you want to ask about and what would you want the interim candidate to consider?

The Importance of Local Church History

by Robert D. Cochran

Dr. Deborah Van Broekhoeven, Executive Director of the American Baptist Historical Society, led DC Baptists in a discussion about the challenges they face in preserving local church histories. The seminar, "Preserving Historical Data in the Midst of the Changing Church," was held in the library of the First Baptist Church of the City of Washington during the Annual Meeting of the DC Baptist Convention. Standing appropriately before the archives of the First Baptist

Church of the City of Washington DC, Dr. Van Broekhoeven listened to the challenges before local archivists and historians of Baptist life. She then responded to questions, using their challenges to give her input and insights to participants. Approximately 25 individuals attended the seminar.

Dr. Van Broekhoeven stated that historians should maintain a balance in their efforts to preserve a church's history. In areas, like Washington, there is opportunity to study and learn of the Baptist witness across decades and even centuries. Still, there are facets in the contemporary life of Baptists that need preservation. Certainly, historians should concern themselves and their churches with celebrations of past events, but they should also be involved in preserving current ones. Some of this can be done through photography, but historians need to consider changing technologies as they preserve historical data in digital forms. Dr. Broekhoeven emphasized, too, the importance of keeping the basic records of church life, such as the minutes, attendance records and baptismal records. Though these may seem mundane, these basic documents of Baptist life will help generations of Baptists in the future. Many such documents, charting the lives of congregations, form a large part of the holding of the American Baptist Historical Society in their new center on the Mercer University campus in Atlanta.

Dr. Broekhoeven also made available several handouts to participants in the seminar. These handouts sketch aspects of Baptist life that need preservation, and they give guidance to some of the work of local church historians and archivists.

The Historical Committee of the DC Baptist Convention will continue to help church historians and archivist to explore their work by inviting Dr. Pamela Durso of the Baptist History and Heritage Society to lead another seminar on Saturday, June 20, 2009.

LifeWay Presents Leadership Coaching

by Robert D. Cochran

Gary Jennings, the LifeWay representative who works as a liaison with the DC Baptist Convention, was one of the featured seminar leaders recently at the Annual Meeting of the DC Baptist Convention. About 25 people attended the 90-minute session entitled, "Collaborative Results-Based Conversations—Leadership Coaching." Other LifeWay representatives also attended the DCBC Annual Meeting,

including Bill Lynn, manager of the LifeWay Christian Store in Springfield, VA.

Leadership coaching is a departure from the more programmatic efforts of denominational groups in the past. The coach will work with either individuals or groups to help them think through the processes which they feel will work best in their environment. In such conversations, the coach stands as a neutral, outside observer of the planning process. Further, the coach may assist those working in the developing process, evaluating the effort and suggesting additional techniques and methods that may make the process easier. Jennings offered to help DC Baptists who participated in the seminar by serving as a coach using Collaborative Results–Based Conversations.

LifeWay and its predecessor, the Baptist Sunday School Board, have been partners with the DC Baptist Convention since the origins of the Columbia Baptist Association. Jennings has been the LifeWay regional representative working with DCBC for the past three years. Jennings hopes both to use “Collaborative Results–Based Conversations” with the DCBC to help strengthen local discipleship ministries as well as to develop ways to reach people for Christ in other major metropolitan areas of the United States.

Almost Perfect

by Gloria Jenkins, Church Resources & VBS Consultant

It may be hard to believe with temperatures hovering around freezing, but it is time to start preparing for this year’s Vacation Bible School. To that end, several members of DCBC, including Associate Director Dr. Robert Cochran, attended LifeWay’s Vacation Bible School Institute in Ridgecrest, North Carolina in January to find out more about VBS themes and materials for the coming year.

Last fall, DCBC hosted an event to celebrate the ministry



that went forward during last year’s Vacation Bible School activities as well as to share ideas for this year. The atmosphere was filled with excitement, the food was delicious, and

overflowing in abundance at the “Blessed Pot” event held at

the Baptist Building on September 27, 2008. Thousands of children attended Vacation Bible Schools in DCBC churches this past summer and all the workers were invited to celebrate at the “Blessed Pot.” (It’s blessed because you bring it.) Nine DCBC churches participated: Rivers of Joy, First Baptist of the City of Washington DC, First Baptist of Camp Springs, Agape, Forest Heights, Mt. Gilead, Iglesia de Washington, Metropolitan, and Sharon Bible Fellowship.

Gail Lacy and Gloria Jenkins decorated the room based on the LifeWay theme “Outrigger Island.” Carol Ann Prather of Forest Heights got things off to an energetic start, demonstrating some of the VBS action songs.

Lena Kyle was the keynote speaker, but others were eager to share their success stories too. Virgie Martinez of Agape told how they worked all year to set up their VBS and ended their VBS with a picnic. Clarence Kyle presented a CD of Forest Heights’ VBS photos. Arneice Berry shared the way VBS at Mt. Gilead involved the whole church. A worker from Rivers of Joy told of finding joy in teaching VBS for the first time.

AND we had fun!!! Hula Hoop and Limbo contests were highlights of the afternoon. Rev. Marion Criddle, pastor of Rivers of Joy, won the limbo contest. Each director of VBS received a Certificate of Appreciation and a rose. Gloria Jenkins thanked the VBS Team, which consisted of Robert & Debbie Cochran, Marion Criddle, Anthony & Vanessa Hudson, Gail Lacy, and Margarita Pinto, for their diligent work at the April VBS Training.

It was a wonderful way to celebrate VBS. In fact it would have been a perfect day if all of the churches who are members of the DC Baptist Convention were in attendance. We look forward to the opportunity to share and celebrate the successes of more DCBC churches following this year’s VBS. For information or resources to enhance your Vacation Bible School this year, feel free to contact DCBC at (202) 265–1526.

National Ministries Representative Visits

by Robert D. Cochran

Four DCBC–related ministers, each working to start a new congregation within the DC Baptist Convention, met during September with Thomas Johnson of New Church Planting, National Ministries of the American Baptist Churches USA.

The four met with Rev. Johnson at the Marriott Conference Center at the University of Maryland at College Park. Included were Rev. Eric David of West Hyattsville Baptist

DC Baptist Convention
Church Mission Giving
 For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2008

Churches	DCBC - 65%: Coop - 35%			100% Designated					YTD Total Gifts
	Unified Coop	SBC Coop	ABC Unified	PNBC Designated	DCBC Designated	SBC Designated	ABC Designated	Misc.	
Agape Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,294	\$ 2,481	\$ -	\$ 1,429	\$ 5,204
Agape Bible Christian Fellowship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 850	\$ 300	\$ 175	\$ -	\$ 1,325
Alafia Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 560	\$ 640	\$ 130	\$ 360	\$ 1,690
Antioch Baptist Church/DC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
Broadneck Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,979	\$ -	\$ 2,233	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 5,512
Broadview Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,813	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,313
Brookland Union Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80	\$ 1,080
Calvary Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,750	\$ -	\$ 12,050	\$ 5,965	\$ 31,765
Calvary Burmese Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,037	\$ -	\$ 3,008	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,045
Chevy Chase Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,800	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 6,000
Chin Baptist Mission Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000
Christian Family Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800
Clifton Park Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,346	\$ 826	\$ -	\$ 5,172
Commonwealth Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 468	\$ -	\$ 366	\$ -	\$ 834
Covenant Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,833	\$ 1,767	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900	\$ 4,500
Dayspring Community Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600
East Washington Heights Baptist	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,426	\$ 3,026	\$ 240	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,592	\$ 10,284
Emmanuel Spanish Baptist Church	\$ 540	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60	\$ 720
First Baptist Church of Washington	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,250	\$ 3,590	\$ 9,002	\$ 9,714	\$ 38,556
First Baptist Church/Camp Springs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 955	\$ 3,135	\$ 1,150	\$ 15,240
First Baptist Church/Front Royal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,284	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 203	\$ -	\$ 2,487
First Baptist Church/Gaithersburg	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,570	\$ -	\$ 45,408	\$ 20,221	\$ 79,199
First Baptist Church/Hyattsville	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,625	\$ 240	\$ 2,865
First Baptist Church/Silver Spring	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,602	\$ -	\$ 24,463	\$ -	\$ 6,659	\$ 534	\$ 33,258
First Baptist Church/Upper Marlboro	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 922	\$ 38,446	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,368
First Baptist Church/Wheaton	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
First Temple Hills Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ 1,035	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,035
Forest Heights Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,990	\$ 4,440	\$ -	\$ 2,801	\$ 12,231
Fort Foote Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 86,488	\$ 9,890	\$ -	\$ 2,868	\$ 99,246
Fort Washington Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,600	\$ 4,888	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,488
Getsemani, Iglesia Bautista	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,069	\$ -	\$ 1,068	\$ 348	\$ 3,485
Greenbelt Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400
Heritage Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 4,800
Hilldale Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,118	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 10,418
Hillcrest Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
Holy Comforter Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
Iglesia Bautista De Washington	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400
Israel Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,298	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,298
Kingdom Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200
Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 672	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80	\$ 752
Metropolitan Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Metropolitan Outreach Ministries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 180	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 180
Montgomery Hills Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,500	\$ -	\$ 14,915	\$ 5,256	\$ 36,670
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250
Mt Airy Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600
Mt Carmel Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
Mt Gilead Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,100
Mt Jezreel Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Mt Vernon Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,100	\$ 1,188	\$ -	\$ 900	\$ 7,188
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700
National Baptist Memorial Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 419	\$ 5,250	\$ 706	\$ 3,974	\$ 3,567	\$ 13,916
Nations United Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,775	\$ 21,968	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,743
New Creation Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 250	\$ 1,450
Nineteenth Street Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 450
Paramount Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 7,784	\$ 15,628	\$ 4,783	\$ 12,940	\$ 44,135
Purity Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
Ravensworth Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,139	\$ -	\$ 2,543	\$ 508	\$ 12,190
Renaissance Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200
Ritchie Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400
Rivers of Joy Bible Fellowship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
Riverside Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Saint Mary's Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Saint Matthews Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,750
Second Baptist Church of Washington NW	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500

Churches (continued)	DCBC - 65%: Coop - 35%				100% Designated				YTD Total Gifts
	Unified Coop	SBC Coop	ABC Unified	PNBC	DCBC Designated	SBC Designated	ABC Designated	Misc.	
Shiloh Baptist Church - DC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200
Takoma Park Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,155	\$ -	\$ 4,630	\$ 2,432	\$ 19,217
Temple Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,650	\$ 2,850
The People's Community Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000
Trinity Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,524	\$ 13,736	\$ -	\$ 382	\$ 23,641
Twainbrook Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 876	\$ 5,465	\$ 667	\$ -	\$ 7,008
University Baptist Church/College Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,027	\$ 67	\$ 8,244	\$ 7,343	\$ 29,681
Vienna Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,000	\$ -	\$ 11,603	\$ -	\$ 27,603
Village Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,250
Washington Plaza Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 600
West Hyattsville Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 700	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,200
Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church	\$ 3,292	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5	\$ 573	\$ 505	\$ 4,375
Zion Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
Sub-total	\$ 3,832	\$ 2,035	\$ 20,041	\$ 5,278	\$ 352,539	\$ 127,038	\$ 136,978	\$ 88,375	\$ 736,116

Missions and New Starts	DCBC - 65%: Coop - 35%				100% Designated				YTD Total Gifts
	Unified Coop	SBC Coop	ABC Unified	PNBC	DCBC Designated	SBC Designated	ABC Designated	Misc.	
Church of Restoration, The	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100
Clinton Korean Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600
Faith Shepherd Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150
Falam Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
First Haitian Baptist Congregation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 200
Glory Baptist Church (Korean)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200
Lai Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,205	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 9,205
Lighthouse Christian Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100
Olive Branch Community Church, Inc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200
Peniel Evangelical Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450
Power House Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100
Word and Spirit Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
Word for Life Church Ministries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 186	\$ 686
Sub-total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,205	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 1,186	\$ 13,491

TOTAL	\$ 3,832	\$ 2,035	\$ 28,246	\$ 5,278	\$ 356,539	\$ 127,088	\$ 137,028	\$ 89,561	\$ 749,608
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Misc Column: Gifts for NCAMO, JBCC, BWA, BJCPA, CBF, Bapt Sr Adults & National Ctr Children & Families

Non-Contributing Churches

3 Strands Community Church
 Agape Life Ministries inc.
 Avant Memorial Baptist Church
 Bethel Baptist Church
 Brazilian Baptist Church
 Brookmont Baptist Church
 Canaan Baptist Church
 Capitol Hill Baptist Church
 Carmody Hills Baptist Church
 Central Baptist Church
 Church in Bethesda
 Cresthill Baptist Church
 Eglise Baptiste Du Calvaire

Fellowship Baptist Church
 First Baptist Church/Georgetown
 First Baptist Church/Southeast Washington
 First New Horizon Baptist Church, The
 Georgetown Baptist Church
 Hahnuri Baptist Church
 Johenning Temple of Praise
 Mt Hebron Baptist Church
 New Jerusalem Baptist Church
 New Samaritan Baptist Church
 Parker Memorial Baptist Church
 Rehoboth Baptist Church
 Resurrection Baptist Church

Saint Paul Baptist Church
 Second Baptist Church SW
 Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church
 Spirit Of Peace Baptist Church
 Temple Missionary Baptist Church
 Third Baptist Church
 United Baptist Church
 University Baptist Church/Baltimore
 Upper Room Baptist Church

Non-Contributing Missions & New Starts*

Balm in Gilead
 Beloved Community Church
 Christ Our Shepherd House of Worship Ministries
 Deaf Baptist Church of Washington
 Disciples of Christ Baptist Church
 Emmanuel Eritrean Church
 Evangelical Missionary Church
 Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church
 Liberation Temple, The

Lion of Judah Community Baptist Church
 Pavilion of God Baptist Community
 Redeemed Christian Worship Center
 Redeemed Life Christian Center
 Salem Gospel Ministries
 Buenas Nuevas de Salvacion
 Calvary Hispanic Baptist Mission
 Clifton Park Baptist Church Hispanic Mission
 Didem Chin Baptist Church

Eglise Baptiste de La Foi
 Greenbelt Vietnamese Baptist Church
 International Christian Church
 Korean Baptist Church Of Faith
 Mision Bautista Hispana-Hyattsville
 Mission Internationale Pour La Grande Molsson
 Nations United Alexandria Campus
 New Life Congregation
 Primeira Igreja Batista Gaithersbur

*Some give through their affiliated church

Church, Rev. Donald Kelley of Olive Branch Community (Laurel), Rev. Guy Molock of a new congregation, Beloved Community and Rev. Orlando Bego who is working to begin a new congregation. The group spoke individually of the challenges in their ministries, and Rev. Johnson responded to them, pointing to ways that they might meet the challenges. Rev. Johnson also suggested additional help available through New Church Planting's website and in their publications.

Rev. Johnson asked to be included in at least one session of the New Church Starting course when it begins June 26, 2009. He hopes to use one of the sessions to get feedback from students in the course about their experiences in starting new churches in this region.

Letters to the Editor

Dear DCBC,

We thank God for the many expressions of kindness from our churches and partners in ministry following the devastation of hurricanes Dolly and Ike. However, I do not know of any gift that means more to me personally than this \$5,000 contribution from the DC Baptist Convention. I know the challenges you face reaching out to the poor and unchurched of one of our nation's most important cities and recognize this gift is a sacrifice.

By the grace of God we will attempt to use this gift wisely. We are equally grateful for your prayers. As you know the aftermath of these storms has created great challenges for many of our churches and they will need our prayers for months to come.

It is a privilege for the BGCT to partner with the DC Baptist Convention. As our nation faces this period of transition, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

In Christ's Hope,

Randel Everett, Executive Director

Baptist General Convention of Texas

Dear DCBC,

Thank you for your gift of \$5,000 to help with expenses for our disaster relief efforts. For photos and updates, check the internet at www.bgct.org.

In cooperation with the Texas Baptist Men we have responded to those in need after the series of hurricanes that devastated Texas, Louisiana, and Alabama as well as the Tsunami of Southeast Asia. Recently our volunteers have

ministered to those devastated by flooding in Mexico and Texas. Expenses for these responses are always an act of faith, and God has always been faithful as we are obedient to Him. Please be in prayer for the volunteers who have responded to God's invitation to be a part of His work. Also, remember to pray for the many victims affected by disaster.

With your contribution to disaster relief, you are partnering with us in the Gospel through food preparation and distribution, childcare, clean up, and counseling. We appreciate the much-needed monetary donations, and we welcome your participation in the many aspects of disaster relief.

Sincerely,

Bill Arnold, President

Texas Baptist Missions Foundation

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**Contact Tanya Bender Henderson, Ph.D.
tibhenderson@gmail.com
or call 202.527.0511 to register or for more information.**

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Saturday, January 24, 2009

10:00 AM - Noon



Johanning Baptist Community Center
4025 9th Street SE
Washington DC

Facilitator: Dr. Duncan McIntosh, FBC Silver Spring

A seminar for lay persons to discover gifts God has given them to establish or to strengthen local church ministries.

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DC Baptist Convention

Learning Center Forum presented by the
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DC Baptist Convention

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Saturday, February 14, 2009

10:00am - 12noon

DC Baptist Convention
1628 16th Street NW, Washington DC 20009

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Video, Bible Study, & Discussion

Facilitators: Robert Cochran, DCBC and
John Kohl, University Baptist Church

Make reservations at 202-265-1526.

Private Music Lessons

If you've always wanted to try music lessons, here's your chance! We have some fantastic musicians ready to provide private music lessons at Calvary Baptist Church—voice, piano, even strings. Contact Cheryl Braham at cbranham@calvarydc.org or 202.347.8355 ext 136 for tuition and admission information.

As of January 1, 2009, the new mileage reimbursement rate is 55¢ per mile.



The 2009 DCBC Calendar of Activities has a new look and features pastors from member churches sharing about their passion for ministry and what

motivates them. A complimentary copy has been sent to all of our member churches. Additional copies may be obtained for \$10 each by calling 202.265.1526 or by email at info@dcbaptist.org.

MINISTRY PROFILE

The Center for Ministerial Leadership is compiling a Professional Registry of DCBC ministers. The Professional Registry, which will provide information on area pastors and ordained clergy and their ministry specialties, will be a resource DCBC member churches and lay leaders can use looking for speakers, workshop leaders and staff support. To be included in the Professional Registry or to find out more information, contact Rev. Starlette McNeill at 202. 265.1526 or ministry.leaders@dcbaptist.org.

NEWS BRIEFS GOES ONLINE

Beginning in January, DCBC's monthly newsletter, "News Briefs," will be sent to member churches and other subscribers via an e-newsletter. Copies of the e-newsletter and updates will also be available on the website. Hard copies will be sent out upon request. If you would like to receive the new e-newsletter or would like to continue to receive hard copies, contact DCBC at 202. 265.1526.

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