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## Charles Wade Is Featured Speaker at DCBC Annual Meeting, October 27-28, 2008

Charles R. Wade will be the featured speaker for the Ministers Convocation on Monday Afternoon as well as the keynote speaker at the Monday Evening Session. Wade is recently retired as the Executive Director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He has authored *The Jesus Principle : Building Churches in the Image of Christ*, which will be the theme of the Ministers Convocation.

*The Jesus Principle* provides practical help to pastors, staff ministers, and church lay leaders to get beyond mere words to what is real. It addresses the question of what the church is and what the church should be doing. The author will share not merely theoretical ideas, but will share from actual experience how he has tested and lived out its proposals. Wade graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University and earned masters

and doctorate degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. As pastor of FBC Arlington, Texas, from 1976-1999, Wade led the congregation to become a national trendsetter in outreach and community ministry.

The Ministers Convocation begins with a Prayer Gathering at 2:00pm and the presentation by Wade at 2:30pm.

The Older Adult Ministries Convocation will also begin Monday, October 27 with lunch at 12pm The OAM theme is "Financial Management in the Later Seasons of Life." While lunch is free, a reservation is necessary. Please call 202.265.1526 to RSVP.

**Stepping Outside of the Box** is the theme for the Annual Session. Wade will speak from the theme in the Monday evening address. FBC of Washington DC will host the meeting. Located at 1328 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW, there is limited parking. The Dupont Circle Metro Redline and Metrobus are convenient. Churches are urged to car pool or bring a van load. Some parking will be available at the DCBC Baptist Building.

The annual sermon will be delivered by Ella V. Redfield, pastor of New Creation Baptist Church and DCBC Vice President. Redfield is a native of Silver Spring, MD. She was licensed and ordained by Zion Baptist Church, located in Washington DC. She holds two Theological Degrees: Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry, both from Howard University School of Divinity. Redfield is a true woman of God. She is a visionary, an effective administrator and lives in great faith!

She is a member of the Professional Advisory Committee of the National Institutes of Health Spiritual Ministries Chaplaincy Program, an instructor at the Howard University School of Divinity Continuing Education Program and co-facilitator at Wesley Theological Seminary. She is also co-author of a new book, *The Circle Of Life, Waking Up To The Ultimate Design For Our Lives*.

Redfield has created a meaningful, purposeful, and powerful ministry at New Creation and beyond, serving the people of God with grace and love. Many people have been empowered and have had life changing experiences through the preaching and teaching of Redfield who also provides precept by example.



Tuesday afternoon's *Resources for Results* will feature a panel focusing on a wide array of themes. After the panel discussion, participants will be able to follow one area in more depth. Topics include: Collaborative Results-Based Conversations/Leadership Coaching—Gary Jennings (LifeWay); Restarts, Maximizing Building Use, Preservation Trust—David Freshour (Chevy Chase) and Jeffrey Haggray (DCBC); Focus on Preserving Historical Data—Deborah Von Broekhaven (ABC); Personnel Development, Dealing with People, Staff Size, Administration—Dennis Lambert (FBC DC) and David McElveen (Fort Foote BC). A Youth Leaders In-Service Training with Ishmael R. Mitchell (St. Mary's BC) and Starlette McNeill\* (National Baptist Memorial) will also be featured.

*Congregations Cooperating in Missions*

## Center for Representative Process, Administration & Governance (CRAG)

Jeffrey Haggray, DCBC Executive Director/Minister  
Helen Mays-Jackson, DCBC President and CRAG Team Captain



### Treasures from the Earthen Vessel: Not Poor Any More

by Joseph M. Smith

DCBC Foundation Executive Director

*"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)*

After years of trying to be financially prudent and purchase only what we must have, my wife and I are finally in less stressful circumstances. Thanks to the fine stewardship of GuideStone, which sends us our pension funds; and to the compassion involved in the too-often-maligned Social Security program, which sends us our benefits; and to part-time work as Foundation Executive, as an adjunct professor, and currently as an interim pastor, we are more able to be free with our resources than ever before.

But old habits die hard. And as we run from this grocery store to that one, because beans are a few cents less at that one, I protest a little by saying, "We aren't poor any more." When on Friday night, after the Sunday sermon is finished, we want to go out for dinner, and we gravitate back to the tried-and-true chain restaurant, suddenly I am tugging on her arm, suggesting a better place, and whispering, "We aren't poor any more." And when we see our friends taking cruises, buying new cars, or sporting the latest clothes, we don't become envious, but we do pinch ourselves and think about doing the same thing, because ... one more time ... "We aren't poor any more."

But then we never were poor. Not really poor. Not hungry, about to be evicted, car repossessed poor. We always had work, always had a paycheck, always had family to fall back on if critically necessary. We have stayed out of debt as much as possible, and we have taught ourselves to want less than the world tells us to want. We are not saints, but we do live modest lives and are happy ... extra happy because, "We aren't poor any more."

That means that we have come to a time in life when there is extra joy in giving. We have always tithed as a minimum. But now it becomes possible to do more than tithe, and to find those particular causes that bring joy to our hearts. Yes, our church comes first. But there are also the disease researchers, the public television providers, the various causes that ask for only a little. It's not hard to do that any more.

It makes me feel, however, that there is something more I can do that will be even finer. It reminds me that I can take the resources that have been building all these years and can make them last far beyond my years. I can give to the DC Baptist Convention Foundation and can know that my gifts will be invested and will provide income for Baptist causes for years to come. I am contributing, now, on a bimonthly basis, to DCBCF, so that I do not have to wait until I die to help this organization accomplish its task.

Maybe some of you would care to join me and become partners with the Foundation in growing its portfolio. You need not wait until you pass on, though of course we want you to consider putting us into your will. You need not be affluent enough to work with charitable trusts or other complicated tools. All you need to do is to determine, as I have, to send a check each month and watch your dollars join more than four million other dollars in generating income for the future. You are not poor any more, and you can be even wealthier in happiness with such a plan.

Gifts for the Foundation's investment portfolio can be sent to my attention, but made out to DC Baptist Convention Foundation at 1628 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, DC 20009. Or call me at 202.234.7194 if you have questions.

### The Preservation Trust Task Force

DCBC President Helen Mays-Jackson was charged with pulling together the **Preservation Trust Task Force** to review the trust concept and make recommendations to the Executive Committee and Executive Board. The committee has had two meetings and will be presenting its recommendations at the next Executive Board meeting on September 29, 2008.

The Task Force members: Helen Mays-Jackson, Mark Tottsey, Jerry Williamson, Latresa McLawhorn, Lisa McGurdy, Lashanor Doolittle, Debra Lopez, Jeffrey Haggray, Joe Smith, Connie Stinson and Mel Doxie.

### College of Prayer DC

by Yvonne Shinhoster Lamb

The College of Prayer DC, fresh from its God-inspired module on "The Prayer Saturated Church," is reveling in what God is doing in the lives of the individuals and the



Cheryl Sacks inspired and energized COP DC participants..

churches participating in this on-going training for pastors and prayer leaders. Some 30 people representing more than a dozen Washington area churches took part in the July 31-August 2 session at the National Memorial Baptist Church in Washington. They were inspired and energized by the teaching of author and national prayer leader Cheryl Sacks on the priority, principles and power of prayer.

Sacks is the author of *The Prayer Saturated Church*, a handbook for local church prayer leaders that is igniting prayer in churches nationwide, and *Prayer Saturated Kids...*

equipping and empowering children in prayer. Over three days of instruction, worship and intercession, she shared her experiences in the persistence of prayer and guided the 20 participants in how to help their churches become houses of prayer.

She also encouraged prayer leaders to develop a prayer shield for their pastors to protect them from the attacks of the enemy. Sacks urges churches to become more strategic about prayer. "Just as you wouldn't build a house without a blueprint, so you wouldn't build a house of prayer without a plan," she said.

Moving forward, the next College of Prayer will be held Nov. 13 to 15 at the National Memorial Baptist Church at 15th Street and Columbia Road NW. Professor Ron Walborn and his wife Wanda Walborn, both of Nyack College in New York, will offer teaching on Divine Healing. Come expecting God to move in a mighty way. For more information or to register, contact copregistrar @comcast.net



DCBC President Helen Mays-Jackson (center) joins a prayer group during the COP DC recent August College of Prayer.

## *Center for Congregational Health, Evangelism & Discipleship (CHED)*

Robert D. Cochran, Associate Executive Director  
Dan Phillips, CHED Team Captain

### **Ravensworth Baptist Church**

*by Robert D. Cochran*

The first efforts which became Ravensworth Baptist Church began in the Fall of 1956.

The Mt. Vernon Baptist Association asked Annandale Baptist Church and Bill Cumbie to help the congregation begin. Annandale Baptist Church purchased a house and sent four families to serve as the nucleus for a new congregation. The first worship service led by lay people occurred on February 10, 1957. The church grew steadily



Ravensworth Baptist Church

through the sixties and seventies in numbers far larger than it is today. Still, the congregation continues a strong identity and ministry among the neighborhoods and residents living near the Beltway off Braddock Road.

The congregation has owned only two properties across the years. The group received the first property, a house on Heming Avenue, which they later sold. The house served as the first building used for worship. The congregation bought 4.5 acres of land at their current location in March 1959, one week before constituting formally as a church. The church later built a sanctuary which it dedicated in July of 1962.

Approximately 10 years later, the congregation built an

Annex to their facilities which they named Ebenezer. Over the years the church has remodeled these facilities, modifying the structures for their current needs.

Several pastors have served the Ravensworth Baptist Church. These include J. Grady Hutchison (1957-62), Elmer S. West (1963-1967), M. Mahan Silar, Jr.(1967-1972), Deryl Fleming (1975-1991), James Lamkin (1992-1996), Howard Roberts (1998-2000) and Steven Hyde (2001-current). Along with these at least 14 ministers have served as either associates pastors or interim pastors, notable among these, C. C. Goens.

Ravensworth Baptist Church has long recognized its innovative spirit in ministry. The church has held traditional ministries such as assisting Koreans, Vietnamese and Middle Easterners, serving military families, participating in mission trips and strengthening families through child care. The Church also addressed social problems both nationally and locally, especially in the form of racism and other prejudices. The church treasures as well its library, its banners and its popular newsletter. Ravensworth Baptist Church, begun by Baptists in Virginia, in 1973 became the first church in northern Virginia to be dually aligned with the DC Baptist Convention.

## *Center for Church & Community Ministries (CCCM)*

Robert D. Cochran, Associate Executive Director  
Saw Ler Too, CCCM Team Captain

### **Older Adult Ministries**

*by Charles F. Lee*

**Celebrating Grandparents.** First there was Mother's Day, then came Father's Day, and on Sunday, September 7, Convention churches were encouraged to honor Grandparents with suggested activities on their special day of recognition – Grandparents Day.

The next week, the Convention sponsored an ecumenical **Grandparents Extravaganza**, a free information and fun event, held September 13, 2008 at the University Christian Church in Hyattsville, Md. Organized by the DCBC Older Adult Ministries Team, the all-day event was designed to reach grandparents rearing their grandchildren. Educational workshops were offered on legal and health matters, as well as storytelling. Combined with supervised activities for accompanying grandchildren that included a moonbounce, puppets, and face painting, a good time was had by all.

**Older Adult Convocation in October.** Once again, on opening day of the DCBC Annual Meeting, the Older Adult Ministries Team will host a special Convocation for the Convention's older adults. It all starts with a *lunch at noon on Monday, October 27*, at First Baptist Church of Washington DC.

This year's Convocation will provide an enlightened discussion and helpful information for managing finances in the later seasons of life. Margaret Farthing, an attorney and expert in Elder Law, will be the featured speaker. There will be lots of resource information available. The session will begin at 1:00 p.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. You are encouraged to make reservations by calling the Baptist Building at 202. 265.1526.

## Center for Ministerial Leadership (CML)

Jeffrey Haggray, Executive Director/Minister  
Phillip Hurst, CML Team Captain

### Over and Above

Starlette McNeill  
CML Consultant

On July 31, several DCBC pastors attended a luncheon with Stephen Kirk, a self-described stewardship strategist, sponsored by the DCBC Center for Ministerial Leadership. Representing *Generis*, a stewardship and fundraising consulting firm based in Atlanta, Kirk reminded church leaders of the co-existence of vision and provision: "Where there is a vision, God gives provision. In order for the kingdom of God to advance, it must be empowered through resources," he said. He impressed upon the participants that "it's not about raising money; it's about advancing the kingdom (of God)."

Kirk also expressed the importance of stewardship as a part of the process of discipleship. He explained that giving not only advances the kingdom of God but aids in the spiritual progress of its citizens. Reading First Chronicles, chapter 29 and verses 3 and 6, he encouraged the pastors to challenge their congregations to give "over and above."

### Positions Available

**Forest Heights Baptist Church (FHBC)** is seeking a full-time pastor. Candidates must proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, teach the biblical revelation and engage in pastoral care ministries. The challenges before us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century include the discovery of the needs within its community and to design appropriate ministries to meet those needs. Through God's guidance, the church's vision is to become a REGIONAL LEADER in providing for the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the surrounding communities. (Matthew 28:19)

*About FHBC:* We were founded in 1953 as a Southern Baptist Congregation. We are a diverse congregation and cooperate with the DC Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. We are committed to *The Baptist Faith Message*, to evangelism through the worship of Jesus Christ, to discipleship, to hospitality and to pastoral care. Candidates should likewise be committed to these same principles.

FHBC will accept applications through November 30, 2008. Please send (1) a cover letter that includes a statement of interest, information about availability and salary requirements; (2) a resume; (3) three references and (4) a

sermon on CD or DVD. Respond by mail to the attention of Pastoral Search Committee, Forest Heights Baptist Church, 6371 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, Md. 20745.

An eastern Idaho Southern Baptist church whose dedicated members believe that the Bible is God's inerrant word is prayerfully seeking a nurturing and visionary pastor to lead a church body which averages 130 in worship. Send resume to **Calvary Baptist Church**, 785 First Street, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401.

The Pastor Search Committee of **Long Green Baptist Church**, 13010 Manor Road, Glen Arm Md 21057, is in the process of soliciting resumes for potential candidates for the position of Senior Pastor. Contact either by mail or by email to [PastorSearch@LongGreenBC.org](mailto:PastorSearch@LongGreenBC.org).

### Correction

Recently, *NewsBriefs* reported that Stephen Price is the new pastor at **Broadneck BC**. This was in error. Stephen is Broadneck's Interim Pastor. Presently, Broadneck is receiving resumes for pastor.

### Mark your calendars for the DCBC's Annual Youth Rally!

*Join us for* Non-stop fun, exciting games, Christian fellowship, live band, and delicious food

*When:* Saturday, October 25, 2008

*Where:* First Baptist Church of Washington DC

1328 Sixteenth Street NW

Washington DC 20036

*For more information:* Contact Starlette McNeill at 202.265.1526 or via email at [info@dcbaptist.org](mailto:info@dcbaptist.org).

**Have you elected your delegates for the DC Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, October 27-28, 2008?**

# Vision 2010: Congregations Cooperating in Missions

## Center for Representative Process, Administration & Governance

### Stepping Outside of the Box You Can Do It! We Can Help!

*Behold I will do a new thing.* Isa. 43:19a NKJV

#### Oct 25 Saturday

3:00-8:00pm Youth Rally at FBC DC — Karen Curry

#### Oct 26 Sunday

DCBC Day in all DCBC churches

#### Oct 27 Monday Afternoon

11:30am Registration, Bookstore, and Exhibits Open

12:00pm **Older Adult Ministries Convocation**  
OAM Lunch  
1:30pm Financial Management in the Later Seasons of Life  
Margaret Farthing

#### 2:00pm Prayer Gathering

- Prayer and Worship
- For Ministerial and Prayer Leaders

Haywood Robinson & Faye Bostic

#### 2:30pm Ministerial Leaders Convocation

Facilitator: Charles Wade

- *Stepping Outside of the Box*

#### 5:00pm Recognition Dinner

- Blessing for Dinner
- Recognition of Past Presidents, Donors, & Stakeholders (Planned by MSSD Team)

#### Oct 27 Monday Evening

Presiding Helen Mays-Jackson (PABC)

#### 7:00pm Blessing of Ministries

Congregational Praise & Worship Lon Schreiber  
Special Music FBC Washington DC  
Call to Order Helen Mays-Jackson  
Welcome and Invocation Deborah Cochran

#### 7:20pm Constituting of 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting

Seating of Delegates  
Consideration of New Churches  
for Membership Euler Robinson

Church Withdrawal: Shiloh MD

Welcoming New Ministerial Leaders Colin Thorne

Adoption of Program Ella Redfield

7:30pm Special Music FBC DC

7:40pm Executive Director/Minister's Address

Jeffrey Haggray

#### 8:00pm Offering

- Promotion and Offertory Prayer Kendrick Curry
- Gathering of Offering & Special Music FBC DC

8:15pm **Keynote Address** Charles Wade

*Stepping Outside of the Box*

Benediction Guy Molock

*Convention in Recess*

9:00pm **Reception** Honoring New Ministerial Leaders  
and New Churches in Fellowship Hall

#### Oct 28 Tuesday Morning

Presiding Helen Mays-Jackson (PABC)

#### 9:30am Gathering, Registration, Exhibits Open & Continental Breakfast

(Continental Breakfast sponsored by Christian Community Credit Union)

#### 10:00am Convention at Business

10:05am Music and Worship Nolan Williams

10:15am Call to Worship Helen Mays-Jackson

10:20am Theme Interpretation Brent Walker

10:25am Invocation Essentino Lewis

10:25am *Greetings from:*

• ABC USA Deborah Von Broekhoven

• PNBC Tyrone Pitts

• SBC Gary Jennings

• Mid-Atlantic CBF Dub Pool

• Baptist Joint Committee Brent Walker

• Baptist World Alliance Neville Callam

10:45am Worship & Praise Nolan Williams

10:50am Memorial Service Derrick Harkins

11:05am *Partnership Reports:*

• DCBC Foundation Joseph M. Smith

• NCCF Sheryl Brissett-Chapman

• JBCC David Freshour

• Bethany House David Freshour

11:30am Business

• Executive Board Report Helen Mays-Jackson

- VISION 2010 Progress Report Jeffrey Haggray
- Constitution/Bylaw Amendment David McElveen
- Proposed 2009 Budget David McElveen
- Nominating Committee Report Jeffery Hill
- Election of Officers Jeffery Hill
- Confirm Executive Committee Jeffery Hill
- Date, Place & Preacher Report Ella Redfield
- DCBC Foundation Trustees Joseph M. Smith
- Miscellaneous Business

12:00pm **Blessing for Lunch** William Carrell  
 • Recognize Mission Partnerships Jeffrey Haggray

### Oct 28 Afternoon Session

Presiding Helen Mays-Jackson (PABC)

#### Resources for Results

##### Plenary Session

1:30pm Praise & Worship  
 Theme Interpretation Debra Scott  
 Prayer Victor Oke  
 1:45pm Panel Discussion Moderator — Joseph M. Smith  
 2:30pm **Panel Participants & Seminars**  
 • Collaborative Results-Based Conversations/  
 Leadership Coaching Gary Jennings  
 • Restarts, Maximizing Building Use,  
 Revitalization, Preservation Trust  
*Jeffrey Haggray & David Freshour*  
 • Focus on preserving historical data in the midst  
 of the changing church *Deborah Von Broekhoven*

- Personnel development, dealing with people,  
 staff size, administration  
*Dennis Lambert & David McElveen*
- Integrated Marketing for Congregations *Jill Snell*
- Youth Leaders In-Service  
*Ishmael R. Mitchell & Starlette McNeill\**  
 Facilitator: Karen Curry

4:15pm Move to Fellowship Hall

### Oct 28 Evening Sessions

4:30pm **Convention-wide Celebration Banquet**  
 Welcome and Blessing Helen Mays-Jackson  
 Special Music Chin Baptist Church  
 President's Address  
 Dinner  
 Special Music  
 6:00pm Closing Prayer/Move to Sanctuary

#### Evening Session

6:15pm Praise & Worship New Creation BC  
 Invocation  
 6:30pm Procession of Ministries  
 7:00pm Special Music New Creation BC  
 7:10pm Commission 2008-2009 Officers, Centers  
 DCBC Staff & Team Leadership  
 7:20pm New President's Remarks  
 7:30pm Special Music New Creation BC  
 Offertory Response to Human Need David McElveen  
 Convention Sermon Ella Redfield  
 8:25pm Benediction Arie L. Mangrum  
 8:30pm Adjourn Helen Mays-Jackson

### Key Speakers

Charles Wade (Monday Ministers Convocation and Monday Evening Keynote Speaker)  
 Margaret Farthing (Older Adult Ministries Convocation)  
 Ella Redfield (Pastor New Creation BC — Tuesday Evening Convention Sermon)  
 Joseph M. Smith, Panel Moderator (DCBC Foundation Executive Director — Tuesday Afternoon Plenary Session)

### Musical Inspiration

First Baptist Church of the City of Washington DC ♦ New Creation BC

### Meals — Menu and Reservations

#### Monday OAM Lunch

*Assorted Cold Sandwiches (Turkey, Ham & Roast Beef), Chips, Cookie, and Beverages*

#### Monday Evening — \$10.00

*Grilled Chicken Breast with Dijon Sauce, Rice Pilaf, String Beans, Dinner Rolls, Dessert and Beverages*

#### Tuesday Lunch — \$7.50

*Assorted Cold Sandwiches (Turkey, Ham & Roast Beef), Chips, Cookie, and Beverages*

#### Tuesday Banquet — \$10.00

*Tilapia Almondine or Roasted Chicken (must RSVP entree choice), Rosemary Potatoes, Spring Mixed Vegetable, Dinner Rolls, Dessert and Beverages*  
*Vegetarian selections available ONLY by advanced reservation.*

### Paid Reservations are due by October 17, 2008

Mail to: DCBC • 1628 Sixteenth Street NW • Washington DC 20009

**Childcare available by reservation only — RSVP by October 17, 2008**





## Family Vacation Centers on Missions and Serving

by Sue Sprenkle

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (ABP) — Four families packed a church van and headed on summer vacation. Although they only drove a few hours to Kansas City, Kan., this was no ordinary vacation for these Missourians. This vacation was about sharing God's love through mission projects.

"What more can you ask for? You get to have fun and tell people about Jesus at the same time," 8-year-old Matthew Black said. "It makes you have such a joy in your heart. I'd do it again — any time, any place."

Black and his family joined more than 100 other volunteers at FamilyFEST, a hands-on missions opportunity for families sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union July 21-26. The volunteers, ranging in age from 4 to 72 and representing 10 states, did everything from painting and construction to servant ministries to backyard Bible clubs in the Kansas City area.

With rising gas prices, Gena Brown said her family knew they would need to stay close to home this year. So, four families — almost half of their small church in Richland, Mo. — decided to pool their vacation money and do something as part of God's work. Brown admits that she was not sure how taking young kids would work on a mission trip. "I was afraid they'd get bored or tired," she said. "But they've loved every second of this. The older kids are already talking about what we can do back home for mission projects in our own community. "That's exactly what we had hoped for," she continued. "We wanted to open the kids' eyes, as well as our own, to God's will for us to serve others and share his love."

Twenty-one members of Osawatomie (Kan.) Baptist Church took vacation time as well to cross the state line into Missouri and repair a church. Melissa Cooke, an Osawatomie member, said her congregation decided to participate in FamilyFEST as a way to "give back" what they've received.

Almost a year ago, floods flowed through the Kansas town. Soon after, volunteers came to assist. Cooke said volunteers helped at the church, and the church served as a host site. "Those volunteers were a good example of service to us. They planted the missions seed in our congregation," she said."

When FamilyFEST came to our area, we knew it was the perfect opportunity for us to give back.

The appeal of this particular missions trip was that it was aimed for families. Cooke's three children worked alongside her and her husband, Brian, throughout the week. Eleven-year-old Shelby Cooke and her dad joined the youth group to paint hallways and stairwells. "Dad, I bet the church people are surprised when they see this," Shelby said, while

painting the stairwell a vibrant red. "I think they will feel loved just like we felt loved."

Many FamilyFEST projects centered around fixing old church buildings or giving them a facelift. Donnie Simpson, director of missions for the Kansas City, Kansas, Baptist Association, said projects such as these are vital for small churches. "Ministering to our churches is vital. There are not a lot of Baptist churches in this area ... and they can use all of the encouragement they can get," Simpson explained.

"Many of these small churches don't have the resources or manpower to paint or do door-to-door visitation." Just by interacting with church members, FamilyFEST volunteers offered encouragement and blessings. The volunteers did things the churches only dream of being able to do," Simpson added.

## 2008 Baptist Hymnal Makes Official Debut

by Polly House

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—The new 2008 Baptist Hymnal made its official debut during a morning worship Aug. 8 at LifeWay Christian Resources' home office in Nashville, Tenn., and again that evening at the city's renowned Schermerhorn Symphony Center.

The 2008 Baptist Hymnal is published by LifeWay Worship, the music area of LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

LifeWay President Thom S. Rainer said, "Two and a half years ago [LifeWay Worship director] Mike Harland came into my office and talked about a plan and a vision of creating a new hymnal and a new Worship Project that would help churches craft their worship experiences. I sensed that it was truly a God thing. Today, we have reason to celebrate God's goodness with the dedication of this new hymnal."

Harland led in the singing of the first hymn in the new hymnal, *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, then introduced a number of hymn writers and composers on hand for the debut, including Buryl Red and Keith and Kristyn Getty.

Red, of New York City, was the music writer of *In Remembrance*, one of the songs included in the hymnal from the LifeWay – published musical *Celebrate Life*. He said the text of the song "calls us to remember the past, observe the present and commit to the future."

"When I saw the words to that song, the music came to me immediately," Red said. "I'm honored and blessed to have been able to be involved with writing and composing that song [with Ragan Courtney]."

Introducing the Gettys, Harland called them, along with their co-writer Stuart Townend, "some of the most anointed hymn writers today."

The Gettys, originally from Ireland but now living in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, have been a part of the creation of the new Baptist Hymnal and the upcoming Worship Project since its inception.

Keith Getty said, "It's been such an honor to be involved and our thanks to all who've worked on this whole project. It's our goal to write hymns with two purposes—to honor God and to bring generations together through singing these songs of worship."

The Nashville Praise Symphony accompanied the evening event, led by Camp Kirkland, a Christian musician, educator, arranger and orchestrator from Franklin, Tenn. The Tennessee Baptist Men's Chorale, under the direction of Wayne Causey, sang a variety of sacred selections and served as the lead worship choir for the evening.

LifeWay employees and guests at the Schermerhorn Center joined in singing a range of hymns from the new Baptist Hymnal, including songs of collective worship, modern hymnody and a gospel medley. Worship leader Travis Cottrell led a medley of contemporary worship songs and Harland closed by leading the congregation in a dedicatory hymn: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*.

"If the recognition of this project only brings honor and attention to us, it's not what we hoped," Harland said. "It's all to point people to God."

Polly House is a corporate communications specialist with LifeWay Christian Resources. For more information about the new Baptist Hymnal and the upcoming Worship Project, go to [www.lifewayworship.com](http://www.lifewayworship.com).

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS)** — The following are some recent press releases:

- The Board of National Ministries seeks nominations for ministry awards to be presented at the American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA) 2009 Biennial, June 26-28, in Pasadena, Calif.
- Just in time for the fall election season, National Ministries offers resources for American Baptists who want to align the votes they cast in November with their Christian faith and values.
- The West Virginia Baptist Convention, in partnership with National Ministries, is sponsoring a discipleship conference, "Live It! Keeping in Step with the Holy Spirit," on Saturday, November 8, 2008.

For further information, call 1.800.ABC.3USA.

**Missions Volunteers** WMU SBC has a request for someone to serve at Ricks Institute in Liberia. Ricks has asked for someone to stay at least two weeks. If we can help supply additional information or assistance, please contact Jean Cullen, Ministry Consultant WMU at 205.991.4096.

*Position:* Music/Handbell teacher needed to train middle and high school students to read music notation and ring handbells at Ricks Institute in Liberia. Four complete octaves of Schulmerich Hand bells along with basic supplies are on-site. The teacher will live in a modest guest house on the Ricks Campus. Ricks Institute is a Christian School located about 16 miles east of the Monrovia, the capital of Liberia. To learn more about Ricks, please visit [www.ricksonline.org](http://www.ricksonline.org).

### Position Available

*Stroke Research Navigator (Research Assistant)* – a position for PROTECT DC (Preventing Recurrence of Thromboembolic Events through Coordinated Treatment in District of Columbia) program is available.

*Qualifications* – preferred have an associate degree or certificate program in a health profession in nursing, health aide, previous work/volunteer experience with a community based/grassroots type organization. Interest in research and health education highly desired. Ability to work well independently and as part of a team. Has familiarity with the DC area. Needs to be comfortable with traveling to the homes of patients and following procedures to ensure his or her personal security. Must be organized and detail-oriented; friendly and outgoing; good communication skills. Candidates must have proficiency in use of PC and knowledge of PC software programs including Windows, MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.), Internet and email.

*To Apply:* Submit your resume, cover letter and note where you learned about this position. Send via postal mail: Deonna Farr, MPH CHES, NRH – Neuroscience Research Center, 102 Irving St NW, Rm 1301, Washington DC 20010 or [Deonna.E.Farr@medstar.net](mailto:Deonna.E.Farr@medstar.net). No phone calls.

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I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth,  
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## Missionary Deborah Scott to Speak

SBC International Missionary to Middle America and Caribbean Deborah Scott will speak at the District of Columbia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting.

Scott was born in Washington DC. She received her bachelor of arts degree from Washington Bible College in Lanham, Maryland and master of arts degree in religious education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

She served as a home missionary with the North American Mission Board in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, working in college campus ministry from 1985-89. She was the director of follow-up, discipleship and personal evangelism at Glenview Baptist Church, Ponce, Puerto Rico from 1990-96.

During 1998-2000, Scott served Central Baptist Church in Bladensburg, Md. as a church planter.

From 2000-2003, Scott served as a church planting and strategy coordinator in Panama. In February 2004, she was transferred as a church planter to Mexico.



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