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My Passion Is...

Hope for Haiti

By Rev. Leslie Copeland-Tune
Managing Editor

Wednesday, Feb. 3 was a particularly difficult day for Adalia Gutierrez Lee. She is a doctor and missionary for American Baptist Churches USA International Ministries who participated in a weeklong medical brigade to help victims of the earthquake that devastated Haiti on Jan. 12. Since the earthquake hit, Kristy Engel, a nurse practitioner and ABCUSA missionary, has organized medical brigades of volunteers from the U.S. to travel every week from the Dominican Republic into Haiti. During this particular week, the brigade was in one of the strongest hit areas of Port-au-Prince, the country's capital city. According to Ray Schellinger, another ABCUSA missionary who is married to Gutierrez Lee, on Feb. 3 the team treated more than 500 patients and the need was ongoing with no end in sight.

"They are seeing more infections as time goes on and other complications from inadequate food and water supplies and little medical attention," reported Schellinger in a reply to a Facebook message from DCBC inquiring about Gutierrez Lee's work in the country.

Indeed, the need is great and the response of the international faith community has risen to the occasion. Churches and humanitarian relief organizations quickly galvanized resources and began to plan for recovery and relief efforts that undoubtedly will be needed for years to come. Here at home, DCBC

CORRECTION: The printed version of the February/March 2010 issue incorrectly lists Adalia Gutierrez Lee and Ray Schellinger's last names as Schellinger-Gutierrez. Their surnames are corrected in this version. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this error may have caused.

churches have been working to provide help and hope for the people of Haiti in the aftermath of the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that ravaged Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas last month. DCBC member churches, and their congregants, have also rallied to provide help and hope for Haiti. Mark Smith from Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. departed for Haiti the last week in January as part of a team from the American Red Cross. Eglise Baptiste du Calvaire in Adelphi, Md., held a meeting on Jan. 14, just two days after the earthquake, to update its congregants—most of whom are from Haiti—on the search and recovery efforts as well as to disseminate important information about how to get in touch with loved ones. The church also began to collect cash donations and other items like bottled water, non-perishable food, medical supplies and clothing, that will be needed long-term as the efforts to rebuild Haiti continue into the foreseeable future. Eglise Baptiste du Calvaire, whose pastor is Jean St. Ulme, is one of three Haitian congregations that are members of DCBC. Dr. Fritz Olivier, pastor of Eglise Baptiste de la Foi, another DCBC Haitian congregation, was in Haiti when disaster struck. According to an e-mail he sent to Dr. Robert Cochran, DCBC Associate Executive Director, the church's school lost many students, teachers and staff as well as a seven-story building in the earthquake. In addition members of their church in Haiti



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One Faith. Many Cultures. Endless Possibilities.



*Earthquake survivors receive food and emergency care from the Baptist World Aid Rescue 24 Team
Photo Credit: Baptist World Alliance*

DCBC News

Joseph M. Smith To Serve as DCBC Interim Regional Minister

By Rev. Leslie Copeland-Tune
Managing Editor

The D.C. Baptist Convention (DCBC) has named Dr. Joseph M. Smith as Interim Regional Minister, following the recent resignation of Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, who left his post as Executive Director/Minister to become pastor of First Baptist Church of the City of Washington, D.C. Smith, 72, will serve on a half-time basis, providing overall staff support and leadership to two of the Convention's ministry center teams, the Center for Ministerial Leadership (CML) and the Center for Representative Process, Administration and Governance (CRAG), as well as consultation services to the Search Committee as efforts proceed to determine the next permanent Executive Director/Minister.

"I am pleased to be able to contribute something more to a fellowship of Baptists with whom I have been associated for nearly forty years. My heart's desire is to do all that I can to keep us vitally connected so that we are ready for the leader and the mission that the Lord has in store for the next phase of our life together," said Smith.

A graduate of the University of Louisville and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (BD, 1963, and DMin., 1975), Smith has been a campus minister in Kentucky, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, and served on the D.C. Baptist Convention staff from 1976-1986 as Director of Ministries in Higher Education. Following his tenure at DCBC, he accepted the call of Takoma Park Baptist Church in



*Dr. Joseph M. Smith, DCBC
Interim Regional Minister*



Above: Dr. Bob Albritton, pastor of Vienna Baptist Church, leads devotion before the first Town Hall Meeting, which was held at the church in Vienna, Va.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 4

Prayer for the Poor
7 p.m.

Riverside Baptist Church
6801 I Street, SW
Washington, D.C.

Thursday, March 11

Older Adult Ministries Meeting
Noon

Baptist Building
1628 Sixteenth Street, NW
Washington, D.C.

Sunday, March 14

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Tuesday, March 16

Prayer Service for Haiti
7 p.m.

Trinity Baptist Church
1900 Beechwood Road
Hyattsville, Md. 20783-2814

Saturday, March 20*

"The Power of Forgiveness"
10 a.m. to noon

Johanning Baptist Community Center
4025 Ninth Street, SE
Washington, D.C.

**rescheduled from Feb. 13*

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday

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Washington, D.C., to serve as its senior pastor. After retiring from the pastorate in 2004, he became part-time Executive Director of the D.C. Baptist Convention Foundation, a sister organization to the Convention, a post from which he retired at the end of 2009.

According to Rev. Dr. Ella Redfield, DCBC past President and chair of the Search Committee, "We are so pleased that Dr. Smith will serve as Interim Regional Minister. His breadth of knowledge and experience in D.C. Baptist life is a valuable resource for us and his help will benefit DCBC immensely during this time of transition."

In addition to providing interim pastoral leadership or sustained preaching services to nine Baptist churches in the Washington metropolitan area, Smith has also frequently taught Baptist Polity at Wesley Theological Seminary in the District. He has been involved with several D. C. Baptist, American Baptist, and Southern Baptist organizations, and recently completed three terms as a trustee of John Leland Seminary in Arlington, Va.

Smith and his wife, Margaret, are the parents of two adult children, Bryan E. Smith (Jacqueline) and Karen S. Rondeau (Don), and they have three grandchildren. They are members of Montgomery Hills Baptist Church, where Margaret serves as a deacon, a trustee, and the coordinator of the Garden Team, and where Joe is organist, midweek Bible study teacher, and a volunteer Associate Pastor.

Search Committee Seeks Input from DCBC Constituents

As part of the search process for a new Executive Director/Minister for the D.C. Baptist Convention, the Search Committee has taken several steps to make sure all DCBC constituents have an opportunity to express their opinions about the characteristics the next Executive Director/Minister should have. Several town hall meetings were scheduled to bring DCBC constituents together to pray and to share their views regarding the type of person to be called to lead the organization. The town hall meetings began at Vienna Baptist Church in Vienna, Va. on Wednesday, Jan. 27. Three simultaneous town hall meetings were scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 3 at Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church (Washington, D.C.), Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church (Silver Spring, Md.) and Village Baptist Church (Bowie, Md.) but had to be canceled due to inclement weather. The Search Committee also organized a special meeting for all DCBC constituents on Thursday, February 25 at 7 p.m. at Montgomery Hills Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Md. The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss survey results that have been received up until that point (the deadline to complete the survey is March 1), encourage feedback and input and hear about issues or concerns that DCBC constituents may have.

The survey form is available online at www.dcbaptist.org/enews_briefs.php. The survey can be completed electronically by clicking on the link to the survey. A copy of the survey can also be printed out and mailed or faxed to DCBC at 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009, 202.667.8258 (fax). For more information about the search process, the special meeting or the survey, call the DCBC office at 202.265.1526 or email info@dcbaptist.org. DCBC invites participation from all of its constituents as it continues the discernment process and prepares to make this important decision about the future of the Convention.

'Discerning the Next Phase of our Future'

By Dr. Joseph M. Smith, Interim Regional Minister

When I first came to do ministry in the Washington area, nearly forty years ago, I encountered and became involved with an entity unlike any I had ever experienced. It was a Baptist organization, but it was open to cooperation with other believers. It was a state convention, but it acted a good deal like an association. It was connected with the old familiar Southern Baptist Convention, but it was also connected with the American Baptist Churches, a group largely unknown to me. I had not known anything like this was possible.

More than that, this fellowship brought together churches whose membership was exclusively Caucasian and churches whose membership was entirely African-American, plus some others whose language was other than English. There were even a few churches, in those long-gone days, where the membership was racially mixed – truly innovative for this Kentucky-born boy!

I speak, of course, of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention. From what I saw in 1971 we have grown and matured in many ways, adding yet more Baptist connections, affirming yet more language congregations, and embracing multicultural congregations all across the region. We have a glorious history to celebrate, and must in so doing celebrate the leadership of extraordinarily capable Executive Director-Ministers – Rufus Weaver, Chandler Stith, James Langley, Jere Allen, and Jeffrey Haggray. Each has brought distinctive styles and contributions to our life together.

Now we are engaged in discerning the next phase of our future. What God has wrought is prelude to what God wants yet to do through us. I have been asked to serve as Interim Regional Minister to provide leadership while we search for our next Executive. I feel privileged to have this opportunity, and want to share briefly what I hope to accomplish.

One mandate is to provide support, encouragement, and counsel to the rest of the Convention staff, all of whom are working almost non-stop these days. I will try to carry some of their load and to provide coordination for their efforts.

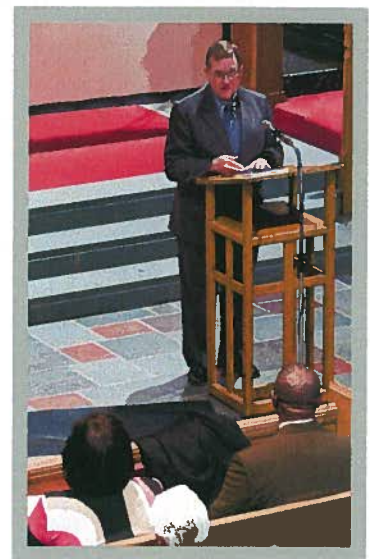
A second concern will be to offer resources to the DCBC Center for Representative Process, Administration, and

Governance. That means I will do my best to keep the organizational structure of the Convention alive and well, supplying information, encouragement, and ideas.

The third responsibility will be to work alongside the DCBC Center for Ministerial Leadership team to provide counsel, insight, resources, and encouragement for the pastors and staff ministers of our churches. I will be available to consult with search committees or to offer help when there are relationship problems in the churches.

I have served on the Convention staff, have been a senior pastor, have worked as an interim pastor, and have led the DCBC Foundation. And yet I am aware that I have not "seen it all", nor do I know it all. At the age of 72, I may not have the energy I once had, even to do a half-time job. But I do pledge to you to be attentive, prayerful, resourceful, and, above all, passionate about the cause of Christ here in the nation's capital. As energy permits and the Spirit leads, I will connect with as many of our churches' leaders as possible over the next several months, hoping not only to offer encouragement but also to cement the ties that bind our churches and our people together, so that when a permanent Executive is found s/he may find a community committed to a powerful Christian witness.

I hope that you will pray both with me and for me for the days ahead.





Looking Back to Move Forward

By Ellen S. Teague

Executive Director, D.C. Baptist Convention Foundation

This article was written by Ellen Sims Teague when she served as President of the D.C. Baptist Convention in 1993. As Teague—who became the Executive Director of the D.C. Baptist Convention Foundation on Jan. 1—works to move the Foundation forward to realize new possibilities, we thought it would be interesting to take a look back at her thoughts about the Foundation more than 10 years ago.

We've all known people who worked behind the scenes to do the work but never got the credit. Our churches couldn't get along without them; neither could our D.C. Baptist Convention. But are you aware that there is also an institution that works behind the scene to assist individuals, churches and our convention?

The District of Columbia Baptist Convention Foundation was established in 1940 through the efforts of three concerned Baptist leaders: Charles B. Austin, pastor of West Washington Baptist Church (now Georgetown), John E. Briggs, pastor of Fifth Baptist Church (now Riverside), and William W. Everett, layman at First Baptist Church, D.C. It is funded by immediate gifts of cash and property and through trusts and bequests.

The Foundation exists for "benevolent, charitable, religious and missionary purposes." Over the years, the Foundation has assisted nearly 50 seminary students and has provided scholarship grants exceeding \$595,000. In addition, the Foundation provides financial assistance to D.C. Convention professional staff for continuing education and training. Within the past four years alone, the Foundation has provided approximately \$90,000 as grants in support of the convention's programs and facility; \$40,000 has been pledged toward the operation budget of DCBC in 1993.

Unique scholarship funds are provided by separate trust funds administered by the

Foundation. Over the past 18 years, the Graeff Memorial Fund has provided approximately \$56,600 in financial assistance to children of missionaries serving in Central America.

Churches benefit from low interest loans. Currently, 11 churches enjoy cumulative loans totaling nearly \$820,000. It is good to note that all outstanding loans are current and that repayment is timely.

In 1985, the Foundation purchased the one-half interest of the Baptist World Alliance in the Baptist Headquarters property located on 16th Street, NW, Washington. The Convention and Foundation now jointly own this property.

So, the Foundation is really a partner in ministry, the behind-the-scenes partner who provides a tremendous support for Baptist work in the District but receives little of the recognition. This article is a public "thank you" to President Norman Taylor, the board of trustees and the secretary of the Foundation, all of whom serve without compensation to enrich the lives of individual Baptists, churches and ministries in our convention. A more tangible way to say thank you and to participate in this ministry is to remember the Foundation in your will. You may not receive a lot of recognition, but that's not what really counts, is it?

Coming Soon: Vacation Bible School

By Rev. Gloria Jenkins

DCBC VBS Consultant

We are excited! The Vacation Bible School (VBS) team will be having its training session at Greenbelt Baptist Church in Greenbelt, Md. at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 17. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. We have many ideas to share with you about how you can promote your VBS to make it the best ever.

The LifeWay theme this year is based on Saddle Ridge Ranch and Route 254. The Saddle Ridge Ranch offers a worship rally, musical drama, and a music rotation. There will also be other VBS materials available which you may choose to use this year. In addition, we will have our raffle of VBS materials from previous years and a continental breakfast to get you started. We especially encourage all VBS instructors and directors to attend this training session, which participants have found to be both valuable and resourceful in past years. Greenbelt Baptist Church is located at 101 Greenhill Road, Greenbelt Md., 301.474.4212. For more information contact Rev. Gloria Jenkins, DCBC VBS Consultant at 301.459.1810.

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also perished. Olivier asked for our prayers and support. Information about how to help is posted on their website, www.universitegoc.org. First Haitian Baptist Congregation (D.C.) has also been gathering supplies and providing support for congregants. Their pastor, Rev. Israel Philogene, along with Rev. Adrien Ngudiankama, a member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and pastor of Salem Gospel Ministries, is providing pastoral counseling for those in the Haitian community. Those in need of support can contact Rev. Philogene at 301.288.7556 and Rev. Ngudiankama at 240.595.2127.

Many DCBC churches have also contributed to relief efforts. Agape Baptist, First Baptist-Silver Spring, Montgomery Hills, New Creation and West Hyattsville Baptist have each given donations to Haitian relief efforts through DCBC. First Baptist Church of Wheaton (Md.) raised \$2400 on the Sunday following the earthquake, donating half to Food for the Hungry and the other half to emergency relief through the Pan American Development Foundation. In addition to giving a donation through DCBC, Dayspring Community Church in Lanham, Md. prepared close to 90 hygiene kits and hand-delivered them to Church World Service's Distribution Center in New Windsor, Md. Edward Hooper, a member of Luther Rice Memorial Baptist, also gave a generous donation through DCBC. To undergird these efforts, DCBC will host a Special Prayer Service for Haiti at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16 (rescheduled from February 11 due to inclement weather) at Trinity Baptist Church, 1900 Beechwood Road, Hyattsville, Md. DCBC will also continue to provide updates on relief efforts and opportunities to serve and help the people of Haiti. For more information about what churches are doing to support relief efforts, visit www.dcbaptist.org. Please keep us informed about what your church is doing by contacting DCBC Communications staff at 202.265.1526 or via e-mail at communications@dcbaptist.org.

Faith in the Midst of Trauma: How Ministers Can Respond

By Rev. Starlette McNeill,
Communications Associate

On Tuesday, Jan. 26, pastors, clergy, seminary staff, and other organizational leaders gathered to discuss faith in the midst of ongoing trauma with Dr. Sherrill McMillan, a licensed professional counselor and the President and Clinical Director of The Garment's Hem Inc., a non-profit affiliate of the Metropolitan Baptist Church. It had been planned for months and was all the more relevant in light of the recent devastation suffered by the people of Haiti after a 7.0 in magnitude earthquake struck the island only two weeks prior to the gathering. Dr. McMillan masterfully crafted the story of both global and national trauma experienced just over the past 10 years, the resultant physical, spiritual, and psychological impact on leaders and communities of faith alike, and both the necessity of Scripture and the problem of unhealthy enabling of congregants through its use. A balanced presentation that provided an opportunity to engage in this much needed dialogue, Dr. McMillan offered resources and practical next steps when people of faith experience mass or ongoing trauma. She warned participants that in spite of the stigma associated with mental illness and the silence that plagues discussions about it, "Our adversary is much more interested in getting our minds than our bodies." She added, "He doesn't care about your arthritis. He wants your mind." Dr. Cynthia Turner, pastor of Dayspring Community Church, agreed saying, "Mental illness is not a character flaw but a problem with an organ in your body."

Also an ordained minister, Dr. McMillan provided healthy responses to the theological questions of suffering. She warned that our religious sayings like "Count it all Joy," "He may not come when you want Him..." and "Trouble don't last always," can cause more harm than good and may cause Christian leaders to appear to grieving individuals and families as callous or emotionally unavailable. The presentation also highlighted the emotional stages of trauma, which included relapse. Dr. McMillan told the group, "For many, relapse is a sin but relapse is an opportunity for God to show who He is." The presentation was concluded with a task for the faith community to keep the soul secure by creating a "wellness stimulus plan" that included nutrition and physical exercise, individual and group counseling, and empathetic intervention. Accepting the task, Rev. Kip Banks, pastor of East Washington Heights Baptist Church said, "Thank you for giving me a word for Sunday!"

Encouraging Our Children To Give

Learning to give is an important part of growing as a Christian. Last year, DCBC distributed children's banks as part of the National Capital Area Missions Offering (NCAMO) to encourage the youth in our churches to participate in the blessing of giving to others. The children's banks will be a part of the NCAMO campaign again this year. Churches are encouraged to re-use the children's banks they received last year. Additional banks are available but in limited supply. Please contact DCBC at 202.265.1526 if your church would like children's banks to use with your youth ministry.

In-Service Training for Teachers and Leaders

Several in-service training sessions were held for teachers and leaders of Sunday school and Missions Education on Friday, February 26 and Saturday, February 27 at the Baptist Building. The training included classes for Sunday School Superintendents and Directors, as well as teachers of adults, youth, children and preschoolers. Presenters Included: Dr. Robert Cochran, DCBC Associate Executive Director; Dr. Connie Stinson, Pastor of Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Md.; Gail Lacy, Baptist Women's Ministries Adult Consultant; Rev. Dub Pool, Associate Pastor for Administration at Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church; Rev. Arleen Anderson, Baptist Women's Ministries Youth Consultant; Rev. Deborah Cochran, Associate Pastor at First Baptist Church of the City of Washington; and, Jennifer Newman Ives, Baptist Women's Ministries Children's Consultant. For more information about this or other training sessions available to DCBC member churches, call DCBC at 202.265.1526.

*Right: Dr. Sherrill McMillan discusses
faith and trauma at CML Ministers
Fellowship in January*

*Below: Participants at Ministers
Fellowship listen intently and take notes
during Faith and trauma discussion*



2009 National Capital Area Missions Offering (NCAMO)

Donors - \$34, 126

CHURCHES

Seeds (Under \$500)

Alafia Baptist Church
 Broadview Baptist Church
 Carmody Hills Baptist Church
 First Baptist Church/Camp Springs
 Forest Heights Baptist Church
 Georgetown Baptist Church
 Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church
 Metropolitan Outreach Ministries
 Paramount Baptist Church
 Power House Baptist Church
 Riverside Church
 Twinbrook Baptist Church
 West Hyattsville Baptist Church

Supporter (\$500 - \$999)

Agape Baptist Church
 Calvary Baptist Church
 Chevy Chase Baptist Church
 Clifton Park Baptist Church
 First Baptist Church/Wheaton
 Rivers Of Joy Bible Fellowship Church
 Trinity Baptist Church
 University Baptist Church/College Park

Strengthened (\$1,000 - \$1,999)

First Baptist Church/Hyattsville
 First Baptist Church/Silver Spring
 Fort Foote Baptist Church
 Montgomery Hills Baptist Church
 New Creation Baptist Church
 Ravensworth Baptist Church
 Takoma Park Baptist Church

Sponsor (\$2,000 - \$2,999)

First Baptist Church/Gaithersburg

Steward (\$5,000+)

Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, The

INDIVIDUALS

Supporter (Under \$100)

Mr. Charles Akins
 Rev. Jevon Billups
 Mr. Wesley Bishop
 Mrs. Patricia Bolinger
 Rev. Kenneth Burke, Jr.
 Mr. Roosevelt Calbert
 Dr. & Rev. Kendrick Curry
 Ms. Isabelle Davis
 Ms. Hattie Davis
 Ms. Yvonne Davis
 Ms. Mary Douglass
 Ms. Gloria Downing
 Mrs. Jo Ann Edelin
 Mrs. Eva Fields
 Ms. Jean Fleming
 Ms. Myron Fleming
 Mrs. Sandra Gardner
 Rev. Dr. Genevieve Garnett
 Mrs. Izeola Grant
 Ms. Ralphenia Hill
 Mr. Edward Hooper, Jr.
 Ms. Frances Hughes
 Ms. Sharron Jackson
 Ms. Gwendolyn Jones
 Dr. Myrtle P. Jones
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 Mrs. Grace Knox
 Rev. Starlette McNeill
 Mr. Allen Millikan, II
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 Ms. Helen Morse
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 Mr. Robert Murphy
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 Mrs. Mi-Reta Oburota
 Mrs. Loretta Pines
 Rev. Darin Poullard
 Ms. Eular Robinson
 Ms. Jennifer Ryan
 Rev. Walter Sadler
 Mrs. Margaret G. Smith
 Mrs. Karen Strider
 Ms. Sui Cin Tial
 Mrs. Willie Waddell
 Rev. Wendell Washington
 Ms. Elbie Williams

Strengthened (\$100 - \$249)

Rev. Dr. Marion E. Criddle
 Mrs. Jo Ann Davis
 Dr. Helen Mays-Jackson
 Mr. & Mrs. David McElveen
 Mrs. Carol Wilson

Sponsor (\$250 - \$499)

Ms. Jannie Lindsay
 Rev. & Mrs. Ronald James

Sustainer (\$500 - \$999)

Mr. & Mrs. Jerold E. Williamson

Sower (\$1,000+)

Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Pinto

DC Baptist Convention
Church Mission Giving
For the One Month Ended January 31, 2010

Churches	DCBC - 65% Coop - 35%			100% Designated					YTD Total Gifts
	Unified Coop	SBC Coop	ABC Unified	PNBC	DCBC Designated	SBC Designated	ABC Designated	Misc.	
Agape Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	-	2,470.00	-	-	2,470.00
Alafia Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	-	200.00	100.00	-	300.00
Broadneck Baptist Church	-	-	598.00	-	448.00	-	-	-	1,046.00
Calvary Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500.00	500.00
Commonwealth Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	83.00	-	-	-	83.00
Dayspring Community Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150.00	150.00
East Washington Heights Baptist	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,341.00	1,341.00
First Baptist Church/Camp Springs	-	-	-	-	2,500.00	50.00	375.00	1,000.20	3,925.20
First Baptist Church/Front Royal	-	-	1,385.00	-	-	-	-	-	1,385.00
First Baptist Church/Gaithersburg	-	-	-	-	2,258.00	-	6,339.00	2,615.00	11,212.00
First Baptist Church/Silver Spring	-	-	270.25	-	2,553.89	-	800.00	850.00	4,474.14
Forest Heights Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	482.00	289.00	-	-	771.00
Heritage Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	392.00	-	-	-	392.00
Nations United Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	-	10,957.10	-	-	10,957.10
New Creation Baptist Church	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	500.00	-	600.00
Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church,	-	-	-	-	3,750.00	-	-	2,000.00	5,750.00
Twinbrook Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	-	2,605.00	45.51	311.00	2,961.51
Vienna Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	2,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	3,000.00
West Hyattsville Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500.00	500.00
Sub-total	-	-	2,353.25	-	14,466.89	16,571.10	9,159.51	9,267.20	51,817.95

Missions & New Church Starts	DCBC - 65% Coop - 35%			100% Designated					YTD Total Gifts
	Unified Coop	SBC Coop	ABC Unified	PNBC	DCBC Designated	SBC Designated	ABC Designated	Misc.	
Clinton Korean Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	50.00	-	-	-	50.00
Power House Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	50.00	-	-	-	50.00
Sub-total	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	100.00
TOTAL	-	-	2,353.25	-	14,566.89	16,571.10	9,159.51	9,267.20	51,917.95

Dr. Michael W. Hopkins, the new pastor of Third Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.



Church & Denominational News

Dr. Michael W. Hopkins has been called to serve as the seventh pastor of Third Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. The Pastoral Installation service will be held on Sunday, March 21 at 4 p.m. following a week of activities. Contact the church at 202.332.8610 for more information.

Dr. Jeffrey Hagggray will be installed as the 18th senior pastor of the First Baptist Church of the City of Washington, D.C. in a special 3:45 p.m. worship service on Sunday, February 28. For more information call 202.387.2206.

LifeWay Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, which is located east of Santa Fe, NM, is currently searching for volunteers to help in their ministry. Volunteers are needed from April through October and are asked to serve a minimum of one month in maintenance, conference support, grounds, or food service. Work at least 30 hours a week. Glorieta provides a full hookup RV site or efficiency apartments and meals (when available). For application materials, contact Coordinator of Volunteers at 505.757.4298, mail to: PO Box 8, Glorieta, NM 87535 or download at www.glorieta.com.

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is accepting applications for limited volunteer opportunities for groups and individuals to prepare a staging area for future service opportunities like cleanup and rebuilding in Haiti. Prospective volunteers may sign up on the CBF website at <http://www.thefellowship.info/Disaster-Response-Application>. Officials will match skills and resources with needs as they develop on-site.

News Briefs

DCBC Searches for New Executive Director/Minister

The search for the new D.C. Baptist Convention Executive Director/Minister continues. The Executive Director/Minister will serve as the principal executive officer of DCBC, administering all funds, programs, and ministries of the Convention under the direction of the Executive Board and the Executive Committee. Applicants must be an ordained minister with a degree from an accredited seminary; by education, skill and experience is capable of being an executive director/minister of an urban-suburban convention; able to be an effective pastor to pastors with listening and coaching skills, have proven administrative skills, knows how to bring creative persons together for ministry and mission, and able to work with all Convention affiliations and partners. For a more comprehensive list of the position qualifications and responsibilities, visit www.dcbaptist.org. The deadline to apply is Monday, March 1. Inquiries, letters of application and resumes should be sent to:

Dr. Ella Redfield
Chair, Search Committee
DC Baptist Convention
1628 16th Street NW
Washington DC 20009
(202) 265-1526

Fax to (202) 667-8258 or email to dcbc@dcbaptist.org. Please indicate "Executive Director/Minister Applicant" in the subject line.

Mark Your Calendar: College of Prayer Module in May

Don't miss the May 13-14, 2010 College of Prayer-Washington, D.C. Richard Owen Roberts, one of the country's foremost teachers on revival, will be the presenter. The College will be held at Fort Foote Baptist Church, 8310 Fort Foote Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744-5527. For registration information email, College of Prayer registrar Patricia Bolinger at patricia.bolinger@yahoo.com

Join DCBC On Facebook

The D.C. Baptist Convention has created a Facebook page to provide another means to communicate with our constituents and to stay informed about what's going on in Baptist life in the D.C. metropolitan area and beyond. Join us on Facebook!

Be Counted in 2010

As the 2010 Census approaches, each of our households will receive a form. Since the census has such an impact on the communities in which all of us live and work, DCBC is working with the U.S. Census Bureau to encourage participation. As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, every person living in the United States must be counted—both citizens and noncitizens. Data from this national count help determine key funding and government representation decisions. Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to state, local, and tribal governments based on census data—funding used for new roads, schools, hospitals and to enhance important community programs. Faith organizations also use census data to apply for grants that fund programs and initiatives that are important to their community. Please complete and mail back your form and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same.

NCCF Holds Benefit for Greentree Adolescent Program

Toby's Dinner Theater presents a special engagement of "Hairspray: The Musical" to benefit the National Center for Children and Families' (NCCF) Greentree Adolescent Program. The event, which is being sponsored by NCCF's Board of Church Representatives, will be held on Monday, April 19 with a buffet served from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The show begins at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person (\$8 is tax deductible). Checks should be made out to: Board of Reps (NCCF) and mailed to Jean Dobbins, 1815 Elton Road, Adelphi, Md. 20783. Toby's Dinner Theater is located at 5625 O'Donnell Street, Baltimore, MD 21224. Reservations and checks are due by March 22. For ticket information, contact Jean Dobbins at 301.434.5346 or Judy Mein at 301.279.2260.

My Passion Is... Learning



Rev. Dr. Cynthia Turner Pastor, Dayspring Community Church Lanham, Maryland

If there were a word or phrase to sum up the unique passion that God has given you, what would it be?

My passion without a doubt is learning. By this, I do not merely mean the knowledge we gain from books and hard study, but also the insight that comes from being still, from living contemplatively, and from trusting in the One in whose Presence we live and move and have our being. The joy of each new day with Jesus is that within it lies the potential for discovering some new truth (which is more than likely an old truth that I am just uncovering), some creative concept or deep idea. I believe God is turned on by our quest to discover more of God's ways, to delve deeper into understanding God's thoughts and to turn our attention to God's way in the world. Sometimes that requires digging and plowing and getting messy, other times it requires resting and observing and simply breathing. Jesus modeled that. But it all adds up to the type of learning that results in growth. And if you're not busy growing, you're dying.

Running a very close second for me is the art and craft of preaching, because my preaching grows out of the Truths gained through learning, living in the Presence, and being still. There's nothing more appealing to me—absolutely nothing—than hearing a good sermon, except delivering one.

How has that passion worked its way into the purpose of your ministry at your church?

Our purpose is to live Christ-centered lives. I pastor a modest-sized congregation of folks who lead very busy lives, so we have had to be creative in our efforts to grow spiritually and numerically. And we recognize the importance of both. Our challenge is not unlike parishioners everywhere: finding the energy, time and resources to actually live the lives we are called to live as disciples of Christ. Because we meet in a school, we have had to be especially creative in our efforts to learn and grow—sometimes that has meant classrooms and books, other times it has meant home-based ministries and fellowships. Either way, the emphasis is always on continually excelling and

growing and the church has begun to embody this ethic as an important part of even the busiest schedule.

What group of people has the Lord laid heaviest on your heart?

From an early age, I have had an affinity for the least and the left-out. I seemed to be drawn to the kid in class that everyone else ignored or ostracized and that kid seemed to be drawn to me too. Perhaps that's because I've never been a part of the popular in-crowd. The other group that has attracted my attention is women. That may be due to the fact that I grew up in an extended family made up largely of women.

What are the unique challenges of ministering in the DC Metro area?

Many pastors would likely confess to sharing a sense of isolation. One reason is that it's inherent in this vocation, but that's not the only explanation. Another reason is because being isolated requires less effort, less risk, and less energy than being connected with others. So it becomes a choice, albeit an unhealthy one, for many of us. This is perhaps true of pastors everywhere, but it's exacerbated when it comes to women pastors in this area because outside of DCBC, the professional ministerial alliances in the DC area are still largely "old boy" networks. The irony is that in the most powerful city in all the world, the church is perhaps the only entity where women are still a feared part of the group, and certainly leadership. In politics, there's a female speaker of the house and females at presidential cabinet level positions; in business, there are female heads of corporations and nonprofits; in other denominations, there are female bishops; and the list goes on. But in the Baptist denomination, there's still a great deal of fear and we still have a ways to go to realize the same level of acceptance and inclusion among women.

What is your favorite scripture?

Luke 1:38. This is the scripture that I stated when I surrendered my life to the Lord and privately accepted my call to the ministry.

Favorite Scripture

"And Mary said, 'Behold, the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to thy word.'"

~Luke 1:38



Revs. (Dr.) Bob & Becky Albritton

**Pastor and Pastoral Counselor, Vienna Baptist Church
Vienna, Virginia**

If there were a word or phrase to sum up the unique passion that God has given you, what would it be?

Becky/Bob: Our calling is to offer redemption and reconciliation corporately through vibrant worship and individually through pastoral care. Our joy is in seeing how hope transforms congregations and individuals.

Bob: Our passion is hope. God's always having people in the Bible look forward and see new possibilities, new opportunities. We try to offer hope corporately through worship and Bible study each week and individually through counseling.

Becky: I'm a pastoral counselor and I believe in hope, redemption and reconciliation for people. I always try to leave people with a sense of hopefulness and to let them know that they are not "fated" to live or be a certain way.

How has that passion worked its way into the purpose of your ministry at your church?

Bob: We try to plan worship each week so that people leave feeling hopeful. Starting with the text we try to be intentional about every aspect of the worship service. We try to model servanthood...If you want to be great, be a servant.

Becky: Sitting with individuals, couples and families, I try to be hopeful in offering them the forgiveness of God.

Bob: Vienna Baptist Church is 53 years old and we are looking into the future and asking, "What is God calling us to do now?" God's already there in the future so we have to find out what God's calling us to and how we can meet the needs in the community.

What group of people has the Lord laid heaviest on your heart?

Bob: The 'guilty people.' So many people carry around these great concrete blocks of guilt around them. A lot of people when they come to worship, I wonder what they've brought with them. We try to plan worship and everything we do so that people can release those burdens and leave feeling hopeful.

What are the unique challenges of ministering in the DC Metro area?

Becky: So many people work in relation to the government here in jobs where they really cannot talk about what they do. There is also a certain "guarded-ness" in the culture here, which can be felt in the larger context of the fellowship.

The traffic issue is also hard and the speed of life is difficult here. This also impacts Christian education. How do you get people to nurture the children in the faith?

Bob: Yes. The hectic lifestyle is a challenge. People are working as hard as they can—swimming upstream. We don't want to promote guilt but want to help. I wish they could rest in the Lord.

What is your favorite scripture?

John 10:10b, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (NRSV)

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The Benediction

DC Metropolitan Area Gets Record Snowfall

In the Book of Matthew, Jesus tells us that it rains on the just and the unjust. In our case here in the D.C. metropolitan area, he could have said it snows! Record snowfall this winter, more than 55 inches in most places across the region, has left many wondering about global climate change and even more people longing for spring. A Dec. 20 snow storm with more than 20 inches of snow was followed by a blizzard on Feb. 6, with as much as 40 inches of snow accumulating in the area. Church services and other events were canceled, schools closed for more than a week (close to two in some counties in Maryland and Virginia), the federal government closed for an unprecedented four days and residents of the D.C. metropolitan area became expert snow-shovelers. Thanks to Saul Garcia, DCBC's faithful custodian, the path to the Baptist Building (*pictured on the right*) was cleared almost immediately. Streets and sidewalks in the region were not so fortunate, causing traffic jams and nightmarish commutes. How did you or your church cope with the snow? Did you experience God in a new way, bond with your children or loved ones, or have an opportunity to meet neighbors? Did you enjoy some quiet time, catch up on reading or watch your favorite television shows? We would like to know how you survived the snow. Send your stories and photos to DCBC at

