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District of Columbia Baptist Convention

PNBC Turns 50

Annual Session To Celebrate History, Shape Future

By Rev. Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune, Managing Editor

Amidst political turmoil, social unrest and a leadership controversy, the Progressive National Baptist Convention (PNBC) was born 50 years ago. Organizers left the ranks of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. in November 1961 and formed the new organization. The newly formed Convention provided the denominational home for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as well as many other Baptist leaders who were a part of the Civil Rights Movement.

Today, PNBC continues its work to address issues facing the African-American community. A denominational partner of the D.C. Baptist Convention, PNBC strives to equip believers through Christian education initiatives, to make disciples through mission and evangelism efforts and to affirm the priesthood of all believers in their programmatic thrusts. With more than 2,000 churches and 2.5 million members globally, PNBC is one of the largest historical African American Baptist conventions in the world.

PNBC will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in grand style during its Annual Session in the nation's capital, Aug. 7-12 at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park. During this historic event, which is expected to draw more than 5,000 Baptists and other people of faith from across the country and around the world; PNBC's President Rev. Dr. Carroll Baltimore hopes to challenge attendees to wrestle with global issues like environmental justice, employment and education and to become "a prophetic voice to challenge the

powers that be." In a recent interview with *Capital Baptist*, Dr. Baltimore emphasized the importance of PNBC recapturing its prophetic edge and having a more global perspective.

"We have to wrestle with global issues like what's going on with the environment. Health issues are tied to environmental problems...we're destroying God's creation and as an organization we have to do something about it," said Dr. Baltimore.

The environmental "crisis" was especially at the forefront of Dr. Baltimore's mind as more than 20,000 families were affected by torrential rains and flash floods in June in the Philippines, where through his personal ministry he has planted 23 churches and started an elementary school and health clinic. The heavy rains occurred before the official rainy season for the country, suggesting that this may be a year plagued by disasters.

In discussing the future of the Black Church and PNBC, Dr. Baltimore expressed his hope that not only would they regain a prophetic vision for the future but that they would be more open to including other cultures. "International travels can open up a world of knowledge and understanding. We have to learn to have openness toward other cultures...to be more inclusive and willing to dialogue with others without compromising our own beliefs because that's what the Bible tells us to do," he said. "How do we reach people if we are so closed to what others believe?"

Dr. Baltimore also noted that across the country cities and suburbs are changing and

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One Faith. Many Cultures. Endless Possibilities.



Pictured (above): Rev. Dr. Carroll Baltimore, President of The Progressive National Baptist Convention, which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in Washington, D.C. in August. Picture (right): Rev. Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune, DCBC's Director of Communications and Resource Development with Dr. Baltimore in front of the Baptist Building.

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becoming more diverse, a situation that he believes will require Black churches to shift and be more inclusive. "Is it possible that God is trying to get us to change our ministry focus?" asked Dr. Baltimore. "We are not prepared for that kind of shift but we need to get there," he said.

The Annual Session is one means through which PNBC churches, including the several hundred in the D.C. metropolitan area, prepare for changes in ministry dynamics. Workshops, forums, training sessions and roundtable discussions have been planned to empower members through biblical principles and practices, while equipping them with tools to address many of today's pressing social concerns. In addition, PNBC has embraced the following national initiatives: closing the health disparity gap in minority communities; the civility crisis: curbing the rising tide of teen violence; combating recidivism: closing the revolving door; and, the returning American soldier. Dr. Baltimore will also share his vision with the membership and introduce a number of initiatives at the Annual Session. Special events for the celebration include an opening musical, Youth Night, Gala Banquet with invited guest President Barack Obama, The Gardner C. Taylor Hour and President's Night.

DCBC Vice President, Rev. Dr. Kendrick Curry, who is pastor of The Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., is a trustee for PNBC.

According to Dr. Curry, "It is an exciting time for PNBC as we celebrate 50 years of social justice in Baptist life. We are witnessing a 21st century reemergence of the prophetic voice within our Convention and I look forward to PNBC recapturing the sacrificial spirit of the early church and being agents of transformation within pop culture, even as we walk humbly before our God."

The theme for the Annual Session is "Securing Our Future: Humility—A People of Fellowship." For more information about the Annual Session or to register to attend, visit www.pnbc.org.



Service-Learning Immersion Transformative for Participants

**By Dr. Cynthia Turner, Pastor
Dayspring Community Church**

What happens when you remove 30 pastors out of their comfort zones into unfamiliar territory in another country for 10 days? In a word—transformation. That's what happened this past May when three dozen U.S. pastors were dispersed across Italy, resided in foreign communities and served in overseas churches. The pastors were finishing out their last year of a three-year service-learning immersion as members of the Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention's Pastoral Excellence Program (PEP) Team 8. Three DC Baptist Convention pastors, Rev. Kasey Jones, Rev. Dr. Kendrick Curry, and Rev. Dr. Cynthia T. Turner, participated in the program, which was sponsored by the Lilly Foundation.

In their first year together (2009), PEP Pastors traveled to Guyana, South America. In their second year (2010), they traveled to Kingston, Jamaica, to study hospitality, living in the homes of their pastoral partners. In this last experience, the pastors partnered with the three dozen pastors of the Christian Evangelical Baptist Union of Italy, which serves the 90 Baptist churches throughout the country.

"I will forever be grateful for the spaciousness this program created in my life to partner with and experience moments of ministry with fellow pastors and those in foreign lands," said Dr. Turner. "My ministry and my life will be better for it."

Each of the three service-learning immersions took place over 10 days, and used Walter Brueggemann's sequence of disorientation, reorientation, disorientation as a way to break pastors of their usual and familiar routine, acclimate them to a new setting, and then reorient them, giving them a new sense of wonder and appreciation as they return to their local settings. All of the experiences included a theological colloquium, where U.S. pastors and foreign pastors grappled with assigned issues. Also included in each immersion was a day of contemplation and silence, something rare in the demanding lives of pastors. The experiences and colloquies revealed that throughout the world pastors have far more in common than they do differences and that they struggle with many of the same challenges, regardless of their geographical location.

All 30 pastors will gather again in December for a graduation ceremony at Duke University School of Divinity.



Pictured (left to right): Rev. Kasey Jones, Senior Pastor, National Memorial Baptist Church (D.C.); Rev. Dr. Kendrick Curry, Pastor, The Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, (D.C.); and, Rev. Dr. Cynthia Turner, Pastor, Dayspring Community Church (Lanham, Md.).

ABCUSA Biennial Update

By Rev. Ricky Creech
DCBC Executive Director/Minister



This past June, I had the awesome honor of representing the D.C. Baptist Convention at the American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA) Biennial Celebration in San Juan, Puerto Rico. This was my first act of venturing into the denominational waters of ABC and my goal was not to appear lost in uncharted seas.

My meetings started on Thursday before the official convening of the delegates as I met for dialogue and dinner with regional executives and staff members. I was welcomed, affirmed and quickly brought into the fold of this group. They were eager to hear my story, listen to my heart hopes and assure me of their support in navigating the denominational waters. I discovered that many shared my historical journey of branching out from Southern Baptist roots. Many attended The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as I did. I even met one regional minister who graduated in the same class as me. The environment began to feel warm and as the days past, I got to reconnect with former mentors and begin new relationships with newfound colleagues.

I had the opportunity to reconnect with Dr. Bill Leonard and Dr. Molly Marshall from my seminary days, former classmates, and former SBC colleagues and establish new relationships in an environment that mirrored the best of the Kingdom...diverse, respectful and passionate.

The last time the Biennial was held in Puerto Rico was 1981. It was a wonderful opportunity to witness the Puerto Rican Baptists display their leadership, commitment and love for the ABC community of faith. This year's Biennial



celebrated Puerto Rico's 50 years as an ABC region.

This year was about Celebration. So we asked ourselves, what does ABCUSA have to celebrate?

- We CELEBRATED the connection with so many brothers and sisters around the world.
- We CELEBRATED the opportunity to strengthen cooperation.
- We CELEBRATED the contributions of leadership throughout the denomination's history.
- We CELEBRATED our contribution to the missionary movement, both internationally and domestically.
- We CELEBRATED our contribution to the development of a diverse body of believers.
- We CELEBRATED the unknown future that is before communities of faith by voting to pursue a two-year dialogue to result in a strategic denominational plan to propel us forward in new ways of being and doing the work of the Kingdom.
- We CELEBRATED the approval of amended By-Laws giving better structure and the ability to mainstream decisions in these times when a long organizational process of decision-making can result in missed opportunity.

As I sat and observed, listened and asked questions, greeted and began the formation of relationships, I began my own personal list of celebrations:

- I CELEBRATE the historical journey of DCBC of strong leadership that understood and fought for the historical values of Baptists: priesthood of the believer, autonomy of the local church, voluntary cooperative mission ventures;
- I CELEBRATE the present character, composition and commitment of DCBC: the diversity of culture, ethnicity, denominational affiliations, theological interpretations, women and men clergy, and the willingness to respect the diversity
- I CELEBRATE the future commitment of DCBC as we move forward celebrating our past, understanding our present with a deep desire to discern God's envisioned future for the next decade.



BLESSINGS

By Ellen S. Teague
Executive Director
D.C. Baptist Convention Foundation

One of the joys of my job is getting to know some remarkable people who have responded to a call from God to prepare for full-time Christian ministry. In the May meeting of the Foundation Board of Trustees, four individuals were granted scholarships for the 2011 fall semester.

Greg Barker, from Vienna Baptist Church in Vienna, Va. will be attending Vanderbilt Divinity School. Greg has served as VBC's children and youth intern, led Bible studies and organized youth events.

Carmella Jones, from University Baptist Church in College Park, Md. will be attending Wesley Theological Seminary. She has served as a parish nurse and feels the call to pastoral ministry.

Jason Smith, from Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. will also be attending Wesley Theological Seminary. He has served as youth director in his church and helped Calvary begin a partnership with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia in urban ministry.

Davi Suhett, from Nations United Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Md. will be attending Southern Seminary. He is an accomplished musician and served on his church's worship team and youth ministry team.

We congratulate each of these committed Christians as they prepare for the ministries to which God has called them. And, we congratulate the churches that have nurtured and prepared them to respond to God's call.

DCBCF scholarships are awarded to seminary students who are preparing for full time Christian ministry. The DCBCF Scholarship Committee reviews applications received by September 1 and May 1 for the following spring and fall semesters. Applications are available on the DCBC website, www.dcbaptist.org, or by contacting the DCBCF office at 202.234.7194 or via email at ellen.teague@dcbaptist.org.

Baptist Women Renewed at Retreat By Ellen Teague, BWM Director/Treasurer

On Saturday, May 14, 50 women from 19 DCBC member and other churches attended Baptist Women's Ministries annual Refresh Her Retreat at The Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church (DC). President Jannie Lindsay presided over the meeting. Kaye Miller, former national Woman's Missionary Union president and Rev. Joanne Afshar, American Baptist Churches' chaplain were the featured speakers.

The theme for the retreat was "Set Free" with John 8:36 as the scripture. The morning began with a liturgical dance



performed by Margaret Ford from Holy Comforter Baptist Church (DC). Worship was led by Carletta Lundy from Clifton Park Baptist Church (MD). Morning and afternoon sessions featured "Missions Moments" that highlighted ministry performed locally and globally.

Kaye Miller (pictured above right with Ellen Teague) was a missionary kid, who grew up in Thailand and whose best friend disappeared one day. She told of meeting her years later on the streets of the city, where she had been sold by her family to a brothel. Today that friend is working in a mission that rescues young women and girls from prostitution. Bobbie Troyer, from Streetlights of Bethany shared her personal story and her ministry with women on the streets of D.C. Gloria Jenkins shared from her ministry to abused women and Carmen Gray provided a video of work done among the homeless by a consortium of local churches. Rev. Afshar offered the Bible study, based on the scripture from John.

A variety of workshops were offered including: "Over the Hedge" led by Miller; "Developing a Deeper Walk with God" led by Rev. Afshar; "Practical Evangelism: Ministering to Real Needs" led by Troyer; "Succeed At Work without Sidelining your Faith" led by Jodi Smith from Calvary Baptist Church (DC); "Make a Memory" (scrapbooking) led by Erica Kelley from First Baptist Church, Camp Springs (MD); and, "For Girls Only" led by Rev. Arleen Anderson from Takoma Park Baptist Church (DC).

Gloria Grant led a short exercise session, titled "Let's Get Moving," which was followed by a brief business session. After election of the 2011-12 officers, Gloria Grogan, former Baptist Women's Ministries Executive Director, commissioned the team. Most team members were re-elected and Trina Horne will serve as Prayer Chain Coordinator.

Gail Lacy, DCBC Ministry Assistant also compiled a video presentation illustrating the theme, "Set Free." The offering for the day was designated for Streetlights of Bethany and a large assortment of used beads and jewelry was collected to be used by Sweet Notions ministry for women.

Baptist Women's Ministry is grateful to Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church for their gracious hospitality!



Groundbreaking Day for Global Missions

By Carmen A. Gray, BWM White Cross Liaison

White Cross is a program of American Baptist Churches USA's (ABCUSA) International Ministries, which provides medical and other supplies for use by American Baptist missionaries around the world.

Baptist Women's Ministries will sponsor its first White Cross Conference on **Saturday, October 1** from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. All are welcome. We will be blessed by special guest speaker and instructor, Chris Marziale from ABCUSA International Ministries.

Many interactive activities are planned, starting with an informational morning session explaining what White Cross is, who can get involved, how to properly fill out the forms and other need-to-know tidbits. A light lunch will be served leading into our hands-on break out afternoon sessions.

The afternoon will consist of approximately four different participatory stations including a step-by-step demonstration of how to roll bandages that go to war-torn areas like the Congo. Also, if you enjoy sewing, another station will offer instructions on how to sew surgical masks and caps. Next there will be another area on assembling school and health kits with a list of what to put in them. Lastly, there will be a segment on how to get our youth involved in helping with International White Cross missions efforts.

All in all, it will be a fast-paced day full of fellowship, knowledge and kingdom work. All youth and adults are welcome to participate in this conference. Whether you're new to the work of the White Cross or an experienced hand Baptist Women's Ministries hopes you will join us in making a difference to International missions. Email Carmen Gray for more details at carmenagray1@sprint.blackberry.net. If you would like to register for the White Cross Conference, visit, www.dcbaptist.org. And, please let people in your church know about this groundbreaking conference.

Pictured above: Saul Garcia, DCBC Custodian, prepares to deliver White Cross items collected by DCBC churches

The Nazareth Miracle: Of Signs and Wonders

By Paul Nelson, First Baptist Church of the City of Washington

Baptist missionaries began working in Palestine in 1911. Today, the Baptist churches in the region are thriving and the home of Jesus of Nazareth is the centerpiece of 100 years of Baptist missionary effort. It was my privilege to participate in the celebration conference held May 12-14. I am writing this personal journal of my amazing experience.

I flew from Washington, D.C. to New York JFK international airport. The waiting area was filled with an impressive array of Hasidic Jews with their black hats, beards and long sideburns. I discovered later that the men also carried prayer shawls and phylacteries and would stand in the aisle in lengthy times of prayer. There were also a great number of wives and children in the group.

When we boarded the plane, I was seated next to an attractive young Israeli couple who had been visiting in the U.S. The wife sat down with a basket with a knitted cover on it. I found out after takeoff that the basket contained a cute puppy, which drew the attention of everyone in our section of the plane. A girl of about seven years of age came by our row frequently to chat with the couple and admire the puppy. After a few hours, the husband asked the young girl if she'd like to sit in his seat for a while. She gladly accepted and engaged in lively discussion with the wife and petted the puppy from time to time. The wife interpreted a few things for me so I could engage the young girl. I discovered she wanted to know my name. The wife told the girl how to say something in English. She suddenly turned to me and said, "I love you Paul." I took this as a sign from the Lord that this was going to be a wonderful trip.

When we landed in Tel Aviv, I was personally greeted by a representative of the Israeli Ministry of Tourism. She had been alerted of my time of arrival by the conference planners and she was very helpful in getting me through customs and registered as a tourist, which made my visit go well. Outside I found another person with a sign with my name and he was my designated driver for the 100 mile journey from Tel Aviv to Nazareth. He didn't speak a great deal of English but he wanted me to know he was Christian. He let me know he was from Cana and I assured him I knew of the place where Jesus turned the water into wine. I felt that this person was a second sign that the Lord was watching over me in my travels. We were on Highway Six and I learned that Palestinian territory was on the right side of the road and Israel on the left side. In a few

areas, I saw people walking along dusty trails. I realized that there's a reason Jesus was so concerned about foot washing.

As we passed Megiddo, I was impressed with the beauty of the valley. We passed Mt. Tabor where Jesus taught, Tiberius and the prosperous looking town of Alfula. I found out at the conference that there is a Baptist church in Alfula. The driver pointed out a Kibbutz and soon we were turning on to the road to Nazareth. The Golden Crown Hotel sits atop a tall hill overlooking a beautiful valley. As I left my driver, he gave me his prayer beads and I told him I would remember him in my prayers. I thought to myself, "Here's another sign of God's caring for me."

I went to my room and opened the curtains. On the hillside below my window were a herd of sheep and two shepherds minding them. I thought this was very appropriate to see shepherds in Jesus' home village and I reminded myself of the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. After a bit of rest, I went down to the opening reception and dinner. I was very nervous in a large crowd of new faces but I was quickly put at ease when a young man came up to me and said, "I see your name is Paul. My name is Paul, too." He was Paul Aqleh, founder and director of House of Peace in Bethlehem. Paul was another sign of God's goodness and grace.

The officers of the Association of Baptist Churches in Israel and their staff began introducing me to people and making me feel at home. I found Ruth Clark, president of the Board of International Ministries for American Baptist Churches USA and we had our picture taken by Bader Mansour, Secretary of the Association. After a delicious buffet dinner, we were off to the official celebration service featuring speakers and choirs from the churches. When the choir started singing "How Great Thou Art" in Arabic, I couldn't keep from shedding a few tears of joy. We were invited to sing along in English and it was off to a good start. Speakers included John Upton, a former missionary and now president of the Baptist World Alliance; and, Monther Naum, chairman of the Association of Baptist Churches in Israel. Monther has undergone intense persecution related to his Christian faith in a Muslim territory, and his family was slow to accept his faith in Christ. In addition, Southern Baptist missionaries were recognized and many of them attended this celebration.

Friday morning the celebration continued with more choirs, including a group from Florida. The featured speaker was Gordon Fort, vice president of the office of global strategy for SBC's International Mission Board and a former missionary to Botswana. He used a text from II Timothy indicating doors are open and it was an inspired message. We learned that there are 100,000 Christians in Israel, and quite a bit of opportunity to proclaim the gospel message in that area.

The sessions continued and we heard from Arab pastors in the region including Philip Saad of Haifa, Nizar Shaheen of Cana and Rev. Dr. Yohanna Katanacho, dean of the Bethlehem Bible College and Galilee Bible College. I met many missionaries who are working in the region and I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in many conversations.

The driver who took me to the airport in the middle of the night was silent all the way back to Tel Aviv. I did notice an orthodox cross hanging from his rear view mirror. I assumed he didn't speak much English. As we approached the entry gate at the airport, we were stopped by a guard with an automatic weapon, and a young woman in army uniform. The driver opened the rear window and the woman asked me something in Hebrew. At that point the driver said, "English!" She then shifted to English and asked me where I was flying? We were then promptly waved on.

As I paid my fare, the driver finally said "God Bless You." I remembered how truly blessed I am to have made this monumental trip.

I had very little sleep on this trip, but many people have told me that I look refreshed. I can only credit this to the blessing I feel.



Paul Nelson pictured with Bader Mansour, Secretary of the Association of Baptist Churches in Israel; and, (below) enjoying the splendor of Nazareth.

CML Takes the Initiative

Rev. Starlette McNeill, Communications Associate

Paul told Timothy, “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young” (I Timothy 4.12, NIV) and we believe, like Paul, that it is important to invest in the next generation of believers and leaders of the Church. Trusting that the youth are able to be examples to other believers in speech, life, love and purity, the Center for Ministerial Leadership has recently recharged its Youth Ministry Initiative (YMI) as we seek to build relationships between the DCBC member churches through the youth. In keeping with our commitment to the youth, Rev. John C. McNeill, Jr. was recently appointed by President Yvonne Shinhoster-Lamb as the team captain. Rev. McNeill is a graduate of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School and presently leads the Men’s Ministry at Enon Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. He has also served as the youth and young adult minister at National Baptist Memorial Church, where Rev. Kasey Jones serves as pastor. The first of a series of planning meetings for this year’s youth summit was held on Monday, June 27 at the Baptist Building where participants gathered to discuss the state of youth ministry in the 21st century, the spiritual needs of today’s youth and the goals of this year’s gathering.

Kristin Kelly, a seminarian at Vanderbilt Divinity School focusing on womanist theology and Christian ethics and the daughter of Rev. Donald Kelly, pastor of Olive Branch Community Church in Sandy Spring, Md., joined the DCBC staff as an intern this summer. Kelly offers a fresh and invigorating approach to the practice of youth ministry and has suggested several exciting programmatic ideas that we hope to put into action in the coming months. When asked what is communicated theologically when the youth are not included in the planning, resource development, outreach efforts and staffing of faith-based organizations, she replied, “Theologically, when someone is not included, it automatically means exclusion, alienation and otherness even if that was not the intention. When youth and young adults are not taken seriously and are not listened to, they feel like they have become disconnected from the Body of Christ. This also creates an influx of young people leaving the Church altogether. When someone is not involved, they feel as if they are not welcomed. This creates an understanding of a partial God who does not work in all parts or aspects of life and creation. By limiting youth and young adults, we limit the power of God and what God has the power to do.” So, join us as we take the initiative to unite across cultures in the cause of Christ at this year’s youth summit. More information about this future mountaintop experience will follow in the coming weeks.

Baptist Women’s Ministries Sponsors Visit to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

By Carletta Lundy, BWM Communications Coordinator

On April 2, 45 clergy and laypersons from area Baptist churches toured the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. The tour was sponsored by the Baptist Women’s Ministries (BWM) of the D.C. Baptist Convention (DCBC). The group toured the Permanent Exhibit; and took part in an informative presentation given by Church Relations Staff Director Dr. Victoria Barnett and Beverly Goines, a contractor in the department. Participants learned about the role of the Christian church during the Nazi era. The tour included general information about the Museum’s Church Relations Committee, as well as an overview of an article on the World Baptist Congress meeting in Berlin in 1934. A photograph was shown of some of the North American delegates taken at that conference. Before the day ended, the group had the opportunity to hear from Mr. Leon Merrick (Lajb Kusmirek), a Holocaust survivor.

In response to what was witnessed, members of the Baptist clergy were invited back to take part in this year’s Days of Remembrance reading of the names of Holocaust victims in May. BWM President Jannie Lyndsay described the visit as “sobering” in a letter thanking Dr. Barnett for the tour.

According to Lyndsay, “[T]ouring the Museum and Memorial during this season of Lent was especially moving, since Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance.”

Participants agreed that the tour was an enriching experience and that they were better for the experience. Other opportunities for tours of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum will be planned in the future.

DCBC Officially Welcomes New Executive Director/Minister

The D.C. Baptist Convention held a Welcome Reception for members of DCBC churches to meet and greet new Executive Director/Minister Rev. Ricky Creech and his wife, Donna. Their daughter, Sarah, was also in attendance. More than 70 people stopped by the Baptist Building to welcome the Creech family to the Convention. Rev. Creech moved to the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area from Atlanta in April. The reception was an opportunity for fellowship and celebration of our forthcoming ministry together. To view a photo album of the reception, visit DCBC on Facebook.



Pictured (right): Baptist Women’s Ministries listens to Dr. Victoria Barnett at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum; (Below right): Rev. Ricky Creech, Donna Creech and daughter, Sarah, during the Welcome Reception.



DC Baptist Convention
Church Mission Giving
For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2011

Churches	DCBC - 65% Coop - 35%			100% Designated							YTD Total Gifts	
	Unified Coop	SBC Coop	ABC Unified	PNBC	DCBC	SBC	ABC	NCAMO	BWA	Misc.		
Agape Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	120.00	2,120.00	-	-	-	-	-	2,240.00
Agape Bible Christian Fellowship	-	-	-	-	600.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	600.00
Alafia Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	250.00	500.00	-	-	-	-	-	750.00
Broadneck Baptist Church	-	-	565.00	-	425.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	990.00
Broadview Baptist Church	-	-	250.00	-	500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	750.00
Calvary Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	2,500.00	-	3,200.00	-	500.00	5,000.00	-	11,400.00
Calvary Burmese Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	500.00
Carmody Hills Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	500.00
Chin Baptist Mission Church	-	-	-	-	5,000.00	-	4,000.00	-	-	-	-	9,000.00
Commonwealth Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	499.98	-	-	-	-	-	-	499.98
Covenant Baptist United Church of Chr	-	-	-	-	3,500.00	-	250.00	-	-	125.00	-	3,875.00
East Washington Heights Baptist	-	-	3,150.00	1,950.00	-	-	1,200.00	-	-	-	-	6,300.00
Emanuel, Iglesia Bautista	-	-	-	-	150.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	150.00
First Baptist Church Of the City of Wash	-	-	-	-	-	415.61	1,583.59	4,293.11	-	1,760.96	-	8,053.27
First Baptist Church/Camp Springs	-	-	-	-	5,000.00	1,485.50	2,135.50	-	-	-	-	8,621.00
First Baptist Church/Front Royal	-	-	1,105.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,105.00
First Baptist Church/Gaithersburg	-	-	-	-	1,595.00	-	6,545.00	140.00	1,428.00	280.00	-	9,988.00
First Baptist Church/Georgetown	-	-	-	-	500.00	-	-	-	-	300.00	-	800.00
First Baptist Church/Hyattsville	-	-	-	-	25.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.00
First Baptist Church/Silver Spring	-	-	-	-	11,494.38	-	4,997.51	970.00	-	-	-	17,461.89
First Baptist Church/Upper Marlboro	-	-	-	-	498.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	498.00
First Temple Hills Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	187.13	-	-	-	-	-	-	187.13
Forest Heights Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	1,758.00	2,343.25	-	-	-	-	-	4,101.25
Fort Foote Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	31,950.00	5,157.00	-	241.00	-	-	-	37,348.00
Fort Washington Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	2,700.00	900.00	-	-	-	-	-	3,600.00
Georgetown Baptist Church	1,200.99	-	-	-	-	195.00	-	-	-	-	-	1,395.99
Greenbelt Baptist Church	2,400.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,400.00
Heritage Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	2,352.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,352.00
Hillandale Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	1,000.00	-	-	500.00	-	-	-	1,500.00
Iglesia Bautista Getsemani, Inc.	-	-	-	-	657.42	-	-	-	-	-	-	657.42
Israel Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	1,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500.00
Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	650.00	-	650.00	1,705.00	-	-	-	3,005.00
Montgomery Hills Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	4,125.00	-	7,768.56	1,569.00	-	-	-	13,462.56
Mt. Airy Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	300.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	300.00
Nations United Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	6,434.62	16,529.61	-	-	-	-	-	22,964.23
New Creation Baptist Church	-	-	500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500.00
Nineteenth Street Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	500.00
Paramount Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	700.00	-	500.00	200.00	200.00	-	-	1,600.00
Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, T	-	-	-	-	3,586.50	2,050.00	900.00	-	640.00	-	-	7,176.50
Purity Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	500.00
Ravensworth Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	3,296.00	-	570.00	-	-	1,425.00	-	5,291.00
Riverside Church	-	-	-	-	1,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500.00
Takoma Park Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	688.19	-	-	688.18	-	1,376.37
Temple Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	600.00	-	-	-	-	900.00	-	1,500.00
Twinbrook Baptist Church	-	1,927.16	182.00	-	373.00	3,050.00	209.00	340.35	-	-	-	6,081.51
University Baptist Church/College Park	-	-	-	-	3,955.83	-	4,136.49	-	-	3,087.33	-	11,179.65
Upper Room Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	475.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	475.00
Vienna Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	3,425.00	-	3,852.84	-	-	-	-	7,277.84
Village Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	750.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	750.00
Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church	656.00	-	-	-	-	246.00	-	-	-	-	-	902.00
Subtotal	4,256.99	1,927.16	5,752.00	1,950.00	106,932.86	34,991.97	43,186.68	9,958.46	2,768.00	13,566.47	225,490.59	

Missions & New Church Starts	DCBC - 65% Coop - 35%			100% Designated							YTD Total Gifts	
	Unified Coop	SBC Coop	ABC Unified	PNBC	DCBC	SBC	ABC	NCAMO	BWA	Misc.		
Clinton Korean Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	150.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	150.00
Faith Shepherd Baptist Church	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	200.00
Glory Baptist Church (Korean)	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00
Lai Baptist Church	-	-	2,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000.00
Power House Baptist Church	-	-	-	-	50.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.00
Primeira Igreja Batista de Gaithersburg	-	-	-	-	900.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	900.00
Salem Gospel Ministries (Baltimore)	-	-	-	-	200.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	200.00
Zo Church	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00
Subtotal	-	-	2,000.00	100.00	1,600.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,700.00

TOTAL **4,256.99** **1,927.16** **7,752.00** **2,050.00** **108,532.86** **34,991.97** **43,186.68** **9,958.46** **2,768.00** **13,566.47** **229,190.59**

Misc Column: Gifts for JBCC, BJCPA, CBF, Bapt Sr Adults, & National Ctr Children & Family

DC Baptist Convention Church Mission Giving

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2011 *(continued)*

The Convention recognizes that some churches' annual contributions are given at the Annual Meeting each October.

Non-Contributing Churches as of June 30, 2011

3 Strands Community Church
Antioch Baptist Church/DC
Avant Memorial Baptist Church
Bethel Baptist Church
Brazilian Baptist Church
Brookland Union Baptist Church
Brookmont Baptist Church
Canaan Baptist Church
Capitol Hill Baptist Church
Central Baptist Church
Chewy Chase Baptist Church
Christian Family Baptist Church
Church in Bethesda
Clifton Park Baptist Church
Cresthill Baptist Church
Dayspring Community Church
Eglise Baptiste Du Calvaire
Fellowship Baptist Church
First Baptist Church/Southeast
Full Life Ministries (Kingdom Baptist Church)
Getsemani, Iglesia Bautista

Hahnuri Baptist Church
Hillcrest Baptist Church
Holy Comforter Baptist Church
Iglesia Bautista De Washington
Johanning Temple of Praise
Metropolitan Baptist Church
Metropolitan Outreach Ministries
Morning Star Baptist Church
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
Mt. Gilead Baptist Church
Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
National Baptist Memorial Church
New Jerusalem Baptist Church
New Samaritan Baptist Church
Parker Memorial Baptist Church
Rehoboth Baptist Church
Renaissance Baptist Church
Resurrection Baptist Church

Ritchie Baptist Church
Rivers Of Joy Bible Fellowship Church
Saint Mary's Baptist Church
Saint Matthews Baptist Church
Saint Paul Baptist Church
Second Baptist Church of Washington /NW
Second Baptist Church SW
Shiloh Baptist Church
Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church
Spirit Of Peace Baptist Church
Streams of Hope @ fbcw
Temple Missionary Baptist Church
The First New Horizon Baptist Church
The People's Community Baptist Church
Third Baptist Church
United Baptist Church
University Baptist Church/Baltimore
Washington Plaza Baptist Church
West Hyattsville Baptist Church
Zion Baptist Church

Non-Contributing New Church Starts/Missions Churches* as of June 30, 2011

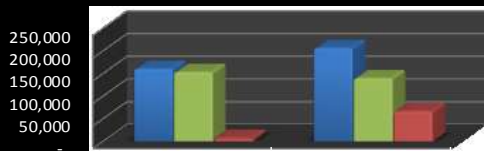
Balm in Gilead Ministry
Beloved Community Church
Christ Our Shepherd House of Worship Ministries
Church of Restoration, The
Disciples of Christ Baptist Church
Emmanuel Eritrean Church
Evangelical Missionary Church
Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church
Liberation Temple
Lighthouse Christian Church
Lion of Judah Community Baptist Church

Olive Branch Community Church, Inc.
Pavilion of God Baptist Community
Redeemed Christian Worship Center
Redeemed Life Christian Center
Word and Spirit Baptist Church
Word for Life Church Ministries
Buenas Nuevas de Salvacion
Calvary Hispanic Baptist Mission
Clifton Park Baptist Church Hispanic Mission
Eglise Baptiste de La Foi
Falam Baptist Church, Maryland

First Haitian Baptist Congregation
Greenbelt Vietnamese Baptist Church
International Christian Church
Korean Baptist Church Of Faith
Mision Bautista Hispana-Hyattsville
Mission Internationale Pour La Grande Moisson
Nations United Alexandria Campus
New Life Congregation
Peniel Evangelical Church
River City Baptist Church

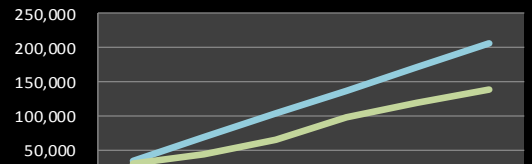
*Some give through their affiliated church

**Budget vs. Actual
as of June 30, 2011**



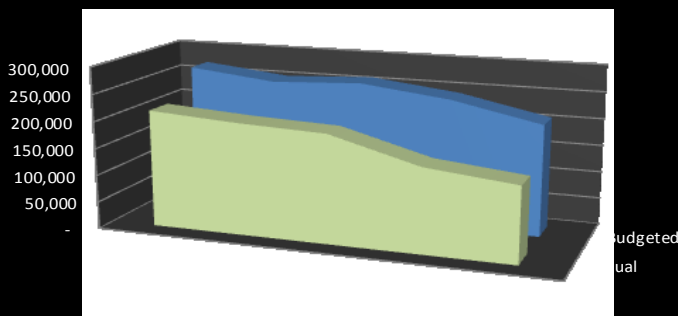
	2010	2011
Budgeted Church Support	160,252	206,250
Actual Church Support	153,093	139,452
Shortfall	7,159	66,798

**YTD Church Support Trend
as of June 30, 2011**



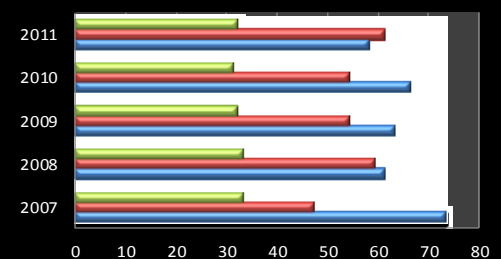
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
YTD Budgeted	34,375	68,750	103,125	137,500	171,875	206,250
YTD Actual	30,506	44,146	66,141	97,364	119,667	139,452

**5-Year Giving Trend
Church Gifts as of June 30**



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Actual	217,287	207,063	200,652	156,093	139,452
Budgeted	269,195	251,614	259,482	240,377	206,250

**5-Year Trend of Contributing &
Non-Contributing Churches as of June 30**



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Non-Contributing Mission & New Starts	33	33	32	31	32
Non-Contributing Churches	47	59	54	54	61
Total Contributing Churches	73	61	63	66	58

News Briefs



*SBC officers
Bryant Wright,
president; Fred
Luter, first vice
president; Eric
Thomas, second
vice president; and,
John Yeats,
recording secretary.*

Church & Staff News

McElveen Retires

Deacon David McElveen, a past president and former finance committee chair of the D.C. Baptist Convention, has retired from his position as Church Administrator at Ft. Foote Baptist Church in Ft. Washington, Md.

Pastoral Celebrations

The Rev. Dr. Ishmael Shaw celebrated his 29th pastoral anniversary at Paramount Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. in June. The Rev. Dr. Wallace Charles Smith celebrated 20 years of pastoral ministry at Shiloh Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. with a reception and gala at the Grand Hyatt in July.

New Interns at the First Baptist Church of Gaithersburg and DCBC

Jessica Tidwell is the latest member to join the staff at the First Baptist Church of Gaithersburg and is working with its children and youth ministries. She is currently a student at the McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta. Kristin Kelly served as an intern at the D.C. Baptist Convention, where she lent her expertise to the Center for Ministerial Leadership's Youth Ministry Initiative. She is a student at Vanderbilt Divinity School and the daughter of Rev. Donald Kelly, the pastor of Olive Branch Community Church in Sandy Spring, Md.

In Loving Memory

Robert H. Grizzard, pastoral care expert and supervisor in Normal, Ill., died in June. He was the son of Stuart Grizzard, who was a pastor at National Baptist Memorial Church (DC) and a past DCBC president.

Alafia Celebrates 15 Years of Ministry

Alafia Baptist Church in Mt. Rainier, Md., where Rev. Joel Ojelade is the pastor, will celebrate its 15th church anniversary with a banquet on Aug. 20 and a special Service at noon on Aug. 21. Call 301.985.3090 for details.

SBC Elects New Officers at Convention in Phoenix

(Baptist Press) Bryant Wright, pastor of the Atlanta-area Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, was re-elected to a second term as president of the Southern Baptist Convention in June, leading a slate of officers that included an African American as first vice president. Messengers elected Fred Luter, pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, La., as first vice president and Eric Thomas, pastor of First Baptist Church Norfolk in Norfolk, Va., as second vice president. Other officers elected included: John Yeats, communications director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, as recording secretary; and, James H. Wells, director of missions for the Tri-County Baptist Association in Nixa, Mo., as registration secretary. In other action, messengers elected David Uth, pastor of First Baptist Church in Orlando, Fla., to preach the convention sermon at the 2012 annual meeting in New Orleans. Kenny Qualls, pastor of First Baptist Church in Arnold, Mo., was elected as the alternate. Mark Cottingham, worship pastor of Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga., was chosen as the 2012 music director.

Leland Seminary Graduates Record Number of Students

The John Leland Center for Theological Studies graduated the largest number of students in its history at its June 11 graduation at Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church, Va. The seminary awarded seven students the Master of Divinity degree and three students the Master of Theological Studies degree. The total of 10 Master's degrees is the largest number Leland has ever awarded. In addition, three students earned their Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies. Leland's School of Ministry also set a record by awarding eight diplomas to students at graduation. The total of 21 students who graduated with a diploma, certificate or Master's degree is the largest number in Leland's history.

Clifton Park Baptist Church Launches New Academy

This September, Clifton Park Baptist Church (CPBC) will launch the Clifton Park Baptist Church Christian Academy (CPBCCA). They are committed to providing a full-day early learning program based on best practices that will enhance the academic, spiritual and social development of children four through 13 years of age. The D.C. Baptist Convention awarded CPBC a \$7,000 grant to aid in its efforts.

IRS Increases Mileage Rate to 55.5 Cents per Mile

The IRS has increased the standard mileage rate for business travel to 55.5 cents /mile for all business miles driven from July 1 through Dec. 31, 2011. This is an increase of 4.5 cents from the 51 cent rate in effect for the first six months of 2011. The IRS has made this special adjustment for the final months of 2011 in recognition of recent gasoline price increases. The IRS normally updates the mileage rates once a year in the fall for the next calendar year. For additional information please click on the link: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=240903,00.html>.

Is God Calling You?

The last meeting of the year for the Advisory Committee on Ordination (ACO) is **Thursday, September 15**. The ACO is comprised of pastors and clergy who seek to assist churches in the examination of candidates for ordained ministry. Applications for ordination and ABCUSA recognition of ordination are available on DCBC's website at www.dcbaptist.org. For more information, contact Rev. Starlette McNeill at 202.265.1526.

Procession of Ministries

Let others know what your church is doing! The D.C. Baptist Convention highlights the important ministry work that our member churches have been involved in at the Annual Meeting. Programs and ministries of DCBC churches that are using creative and innovative approaches to fulfill their mission are featured during a multimedia presentation. Please send details about the work your ministry has been involved in over the past year, including a brief description (1-2 pages maximum), photos, PowerPoint slides and/or video. Forms for the Procession of Ministries can be found under "Info and News" at www.dcbaptist.org. Completed forms should be sent to DCBC, Attn: Rev. Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune, 1628 Sixteenth Street NW Washington, D.C. 20009 or via email, communications@dcbaptist.org no later than **Monday, Sept. 12**. If you have questions, please contact DCBC at 202.265.1526.



Pictured above is Brookside Gardens at Wheaton Regional Park in Wheaton, Md.



Rev. Kasey Jones

Pastor
National Baptist Memorial Church
Washington, D.C.

What do you most enjoy about doing ministry in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area?

I enjoy working with diverse people and being stretched to share God's Word in multifaceted ways.

What are the unique challenges of ministering in the D.C. metropolitan area?

Although I enjoy working with diverse people, it is also a great challenge. The church I serve sits in the heart of the most diverse part of Washington, D.C. I am often challenged with how to present the Gospel both in word and deed to people who are ethnically, economically and politically diverse.

If you had to name a favorite landmark or place to visit in the D.C. metropolitan area, what would it be?

If I have to choose a favorite landmark in the D.C. metropolitan area, it would be the World War II Memorial. It is a magnificent sight, particularly at night.

What is your favorite scripture?

The scripture that is currently speaking to me is Philippians 1:4-6: "...always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ..." (NKJV)

This text reminds me that despite the increasing anti-Christian sentiment, with God the work will be completed. Despite the decline of mainline denominations, with God the work will be completed. Despite the economic struggles and conflicts in the church, with God the work will be completed.

"I enjoy working with diverse people and being stretched to share God's Word in multifaceted ways."

~Rev. Jones



Pictured above is the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Rev. Drs. Myrtle & Freddie Jones*

Pastors

Word for Life Church Ministries
Temple Hills, MD

What do you most enjoy about doing ministry in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area?

Freddie: I enjoy doing ministry in the D.C. metropolitan area because it is unique. The area is replete in multicultural diversity and a wonderful blend of ethnicities from across the globe are housed in one area. The city is not only the seat of government for the United States, but it is also seen as the symbol of strength and power to the entire world. This gives a type of energy that cannot easily be explained. This makes ministering in this area unique because we are addressing the world as Scripture is played out in our own backyard.

Myrtle: I most enjoy the diversity and a sense of an international community being right at your doorstep. Part of the vision of our ministry is to support missions across the world and to share and exchange effective ministry approaches. In the Washington, D.C. area we don't have to go far to realize just a small portion of that vision. Being a part of the International Ministerial Network of Evangel Assembly, we are regularly joined by persons from India, Africa, the Islands, and various other parts of the world...This is a very exciting place to minister because part of the appeal

is you feel you are ministering on the world stage—offering Christ to all the world right here at home.

What are the unique challenges of ministering in the D.C. metropolitan area?

Freddie: There are many challenges to ministering in the D.C. metropolitan area that are by-products of the very things that make it so unique and enjoyable. Because of the pressures found in working for the most powerful government in the world, this pressure and stress are transferred into everyday life. If the church is to minister to the needs of its people it must be able to balance the challenges of performing in a spirit of excellence with minimum levels of stress.

Myrtle: Some unique challenges to ministering in the D.C. metropolitan area are: One, keeping the ministry focused on the vision God has given and made known where you are planted without surrendering to the draw of opposing views to ministry in the area. Two, keeping youth undergirded and grounded against the pull of the numerous secular world activities available in a cosmopolitan area, which has nothing to do with living a godly life.

If you had to name a favorite landmark or place to visit in the D.C. metropolitan

area, what would it be?

Freddie: I have many favorites, however, if I had to name one it would be the U.S. Capitol. It is the recognized symbol of freedom and democracy in the world. Although the Capitol symbolizes strength, power, and freedom, few people are aware black slave labor was used to build it under some of the worst conditions. For our nation to now have an African American President in the person of Barack Obama it is a testament to the Sovereignty of God, who says, “You reap what you sow.”

Myrtle: If I had to name a favorite landmark or place to visit it would be the Lincoln Monument because this majestic statue to me represents and links endless possibilities and liberty.

What is your favorite scripture?

Freddie: My favorite Scripture is John 1:1 and 14. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God;” “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Myrtle: My favorite Scripture is Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ, which strengthens me.”

**This is an excerpt of the interview with Rev. Drs. Myrtle and Freddie Jones. Visit www.dcbaptist.org in September to read the interview in its entirety.*

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Periodicals

Upcoming Events

Monday, August 22

Women in Ministry Roundtable

Noon

Matchbox

512 8th Street, SE

Washington, DC

Monday, September 5

Labor Day

DCBC Office Closed

Monday, September 26

DCBC Executive Board Dinner & Meeting

6:30 p.m. -9 p.m.

First Baptist Church of the City of Washington

1328 16th Street, NW

Washington, D.C.

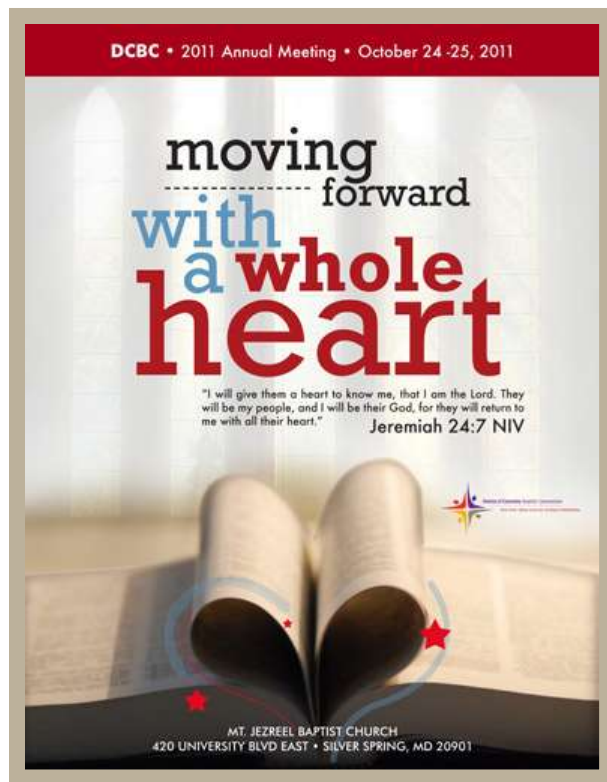
Monday, Oct. 24- Tuesday, Oct. 25

DCBC Annual Meeting

Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church

420 University Blvd East

Silver Spring, MD



Above is the theme and graphic for the D.C. Baptist Convention's 135th Annual Meeting, which will be held in October at Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Md.

The D.C. Baptist Convention's 135th Annual Meeting is quickly approaching! This year, D.C. Baptists will convene Oct. 24-25 at Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Md. using the theme, "Moving Forward with a Whole Heart" taken from Jeremiah 24:7 which reads, "I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart." (NIV)

The Annual Meeting provides D.C. Baptists with an opportunity to fellowship, experience corporate worship, attend enriching and skill-building workshops and conduct the business of the Convention. It also is a chance to find out more about the ministry work of other DCBC member churches through the "Procession of Ministries." This year's gathering will be particularly significant since installation services will be held for DCBC's new Executive Director/Minister Rev. Ricky Creech. He will also unveil his vision for the future of the Convention. Registration information will be online and mailed in August. We hope you will join us for this historic meeting in the life of the Convention. If you have questions or would like more information, contact the DCBC office at 202.265.1526.