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Disaster Relief: The Hands and Feet of God

By Rev. Leslie Copeland-Tune
Managing Editor

June marks the beginning of the hurricane season. It is normally an indication that severe storms are on the way. Yet, our nation and the world seem to have been plagued with one disaster after another long before we could turn the page of the calendar to the sixth month of the year. Tornadoes, floods, earthquakes and other natural disasters have inclined our hearts to prayer and our ears to find out how we can be of service to the many people whose lives have been affected by the devastation.

In April, Alabama and other parts of the South were devastated by an unprecedented number of tornadoes and flooding followed by more devastation from tornadoes in Joplin, Missouri and Springfield, Mass. in May. It is hard to imagine the impact of such devastation. However, we know it is great and far-reaching.

D.C. Baptists have been in dialogue with church and community leaders in the affected areas about how we can best assist them in their efforts to rebuild and restore all that's been lost. Using the networks and experience in disaster relief of Executive Director/Minister Rev. Ricky Creech, the D.C. Baptist Convention has connected with one church in Tuscaloosa, Ala. to find out how we can assist with the recovery efforts there. Calvary Baptist Church, where Dr. Tim Lovett is the pastor, had already begun a

ministry effort to adopt the Rosedale area of the city, an impoverished neighborhood that was hit hard by the tornado. DCBC will be working to partner with Calvary Baptist to organize future opportunities for our member churches to serve and assist those in the affected areas in Tuscaloosa.

In addition, DCBC will be developing our own Emergency Response Team. Rev. William Jones, DCBC's Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Relief consultant, is receiving training from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Management Institute to support this effort. Rev. Creech has also been in conversation with D.C.'s Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (DC VOAD) to discuss ways of partnering together for future efforts. More information about mission opportunities and DCBC's disaster relief efforts will appear in the *Capital Baptist*, *eNews Briefs* and the DCBC website in the coming months.

Finally, DCBC member churches can also help by giving to the rebuilding efforts. Donations with "Disaster Relief Efforts" in the memo line may be sent to the Convention, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington DC 20009, and we will make sure your offering gets into the hands of those where it will have an impact on the recovery. All of our efforts will be that much more effective as we unite to advance the emerging work of God.



District of Columbia Baptist Convention

One Faith. Many Cultures. Endless Possibilities.



Q & A with Rev. Ricky Creech

Rev. Leslie Copeland-Tune, Managing Editor

In April, Rev. Ricky Creech took the helm as the new Executive Director/Minister of the D.C. Baptist Convention. He has hit the ground running and has been visiting and meeting with DCBC staff, pastors and church and community leaders to shape future plans for the Convention. He's also become acquainted with D.C.'s traffic woes and the blessing of WTOP traffic and news updates. A welcome reception is being planned for him and his wife, Donna, on July 14 but I had an opportunity to sit down with him in May to find out more about him and his vision for DCBC.

CB: *What about coming to the nation's capital appealed to you?*

Creech: D.C. is one of the most important cities in the world, if not *the* most important. The leadership of our nation and the world are here. Innovative ideas are born here and the focus is on building a better future for our citizens across the globe. In my mind, there is no better place to be than here, serving what is perhaps the most diverse Baptist convention anywhere. I am also passionate about making a difference and this is the place to do that. It is my hope that we will be willing to break out of the box and live up to our potential of leading other faith communities for the good of all of humankind.

CB: *What do you like most and least about the D.C. metropolitan area so far?*

Creech: I most like the rich, visual symbols that can be found everywhere in the nation's capital. I was reminded and challenged by the symbols coming to work today driving by the monuments. It made me think about the symbols DCBC is trying to create and it reminded me to think about how my day reflects the symbols we are trying to create. For example, was it a day when I did something for freedom, justice, autonomy, etc. We are working in a city that leads the world; wouldn't it be great if we become a Convention that leads the world? How we act toward each other, other religions and those who lack faith and lack hope will determine whether or not we can accomplish that goal.

I also love the fast pace and energy of the area. I love that every nation in the world is represented here...we can touch the whole world right here in D.C.!

The thing I like least is an easy answer—the traffic! It has taken me more than two hours to get to the office when it should only take about 20-30 minutes.

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CB: *What do you miss the most about living in the South?*

Creech: I miss sweet iced tea that's not flavored and the fact that there's no place to plant a garden.

CB: *How will your past experiences as a church consultant, administrator and as the head of the Birmingham Baptist Association help to inform your work at the D.C. Baptist Convention?*

Creech: I bring to the role a person who is more seasoned and mature in understanding the role of a servant leader in denominational life. I bring the role of priest being pastorally passionate about our clergy and other faith leaders. I have a greater understanding of my role as prophet in this position and hope to challenge pastors to think outside of the box, outside of their comfort zone. I hope to encourage us to do not what is politically correct or denominationally correct but to seek to be on a purposeful journey for the kingdom. I bring a new lens for congregations. I strongly believe that our faith doesn't begin to mature and we will never experience life in abundance until we acknowledge that it's every one of us who is called to move out from our campus and into the community as agents of change.

I have a long history of developing networks and partnerships with other faith communities, local governments and nonprofits that I will bring to the work here.

In addition, I believe that the future of the DCBC will thrive when we create a new paradigm whose focus is on community transformation—pulling the different Baptist parts together in cooperative ventures, building networks and partnerships and having local congregations to take the lead on those partnerships. We must be an organism, able to respond to change, rather than an organization.

CB: *What are your top priorities for the DCBC?*

Creech: My priorities are to realign internal and organizational processes and procedures

so that decision-making is streamlined, efficient and accountable and the Convention can be propelled forward by a vision that's missiological in nature. The bottom line is to create a new paradigm that will show that a denominational entity can transcend an institutional identity by transforming into an organism whose identity is centered on our member congregations and the communities in which they serve. I want to move us away from thinking and acting like an institution by transitioning to a system that's making a difference in the world.

CB: *What do you envision for the future work of the Convention?*

Creech: I envision us intentionally creating a new paradigm for the role of the Convention. First, I see us intentionally remaining steadfast and true to the entities connected with us as well as creating intentional partnerships with others. Congregations will remain with the Convention as we bring value to the work they are doing. Others will want to be partners with us if we are viewed as an agent of change in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. I also want us to be available to congregations and provide customized consultations that will assist them in addressing their unique needs.

Second, I would like to strengthen our present need-meeting ministries that are making a difference while developing new ministries. Third, I hope to increase our focus on developing domestic and international partnerships as well as intentional partnerships and networks among community stakeholders. Therefore, mass trainings won't happen anymore. Instead, we will provide customized consultations. It's having a laser approach rather than a shotgun because needs are so diverse and different. Our emphasis is to assist congregations to maximize their greatest potential—to create ministry opportunities for congregational members to develop and mature their faith through volunteering, fostering social and civic responsibility and fulfilling our biblical mandate. Doing church stuff only gets us to a

certain level in spiritual maturity. But, by giving of ourselves to others, volunteering, we grow and it gets us to the third realm, so-to-speak, and then the blessings are returned to us.

CB: *How does our location play a part in the future work of the Convention?*

Creech: Every time I go out the front door of the Baptist Building and turn to the right I see the White House and am reminded that we're called to be leaders of faith. There is no greater opportunity to do that than in the nation's capital. It reminds us that we have an even higher calling than that. There are things we can do that no political party or government entity can do. There are services we can provide and places we can go that others cannot access. Our responsibility is to take care of God's children and creation above anything else.

CB: *What do DCBC churches have to look forward to under your leadership?*

Creech: I think they can expect to find someone who is willing to be the third party who comes in to their churches to help them with strategic journeying—assessing the culture, staff, organization, etc. and putting issues on the table to help them to discern the type of church they want to be in the future. DCBC will be the place churches can call to help them to develop a disaster relief team or to conduct training. If they are interested in developing a food bank, we will also be able to assist them with that. I plan to intentionally partner larger churches with smaller ones as one way to help achieve this. We will also work with churches to develop resources, leadership and volunteers as well as with conflict management and pastoral searches. In addition, I hope to help churches redefine historical terms like “church growth” and “church health” to better meet their needs.

I also plan to have more of the DCBC staff out visiting our churches so that we are spending time and journeying with them. We will be going out not just as staff but as Convention “missionaries” and will have more of a presence in our congregations. We will be involved in a new paradigm of service to our churches and become more visible and more involved in the life of our churches.

CB: *What excites you the most about being at the D.C. Baptist Convention?*

Creech: I am excited about the diversity. We are diverse in so many ways and it is a reminder to me of the images we find in the Kingdom. For example, the diversity of the theological spectrum reminds me that none of us has the last word of interpretation and it challenges us to really believe in the age-old Baptist principle of the priesthood of all



BLESSINGS

By Ellen S. Teague
Executive Director

D.C. Baptist Convention Foundation

The DCBC Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of the Senior Adult Ministries Fund, a new restricted fund provided through the generous bequest of Betty Thorne.

In the September meeting of the Board of Trustees, policies and guidelines for administering the fund were approved. Carol Wilson, from Luther Rice Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Md. is serving as chair of the SAM Committee.

The purpose of the Senior Adult Ministries Fund (SAM) is to support in a meaningful way needs of seniors in the D.C. metropolitan area through programs and ministries of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention (DCBC) and its related churches.

The procedure for awarding grants shall be as follows: Annually the SAM Committee will accept proposals for grants which will be due no later than midnight on August 31. In its September board meeting, the Foundation's Board of Trustees will approve recommendations from the SAM Committee for distribution of grants in October.

To be qualified to receive a grant, the sponsoring organization must be a

supporting DCBC church or a team of the Convention itself. Ministry activities and programs are restricted to those in the D.C. metropolitan area.

Proposals shall consist of four parts: (1) a completed application form which provides basic information on the grant and an agreement/certification that the grant monies will be refunded to the Foundation on August 31 of the following year if the effort is not conducted as proposed; (2) the proposal itself which will address the issues noted in the solicitation; (3) a recommendation from the Senior Pastor of the sponsoring church, or the appropriate staff member/team leader if from a DCBC team; and (4) a completed budget form for the grant, which will also show other sources of funding, where applicable.

The organization receiving a grant shall agree to furnish a report by August 31 of the following year describing the impact that the grant made on the lives of seniors.

If you are interested in supporting this ministry or would like to apply for a SAM grant, contact Ellen Teague in the DCBCF office at 202.234.7194 or by email at ellen.teague@dcbaptist.org.



Preparing for VBS 2011

By Rev. Gloria Jenkins, VBS
Consultant

Training for Vacation Bible School this year was held on April 19 at First Baptist Church of Camp Springs. A total of 13 churches were represented. The D.C. Baptist Convention member churches that were present included: Forest Heights, Eglise du Calvaire, Brookland Union, Calvary Burmese, Mount Jezreel, First Baptist Church of Camp Springs, First Baptist Church of the City of Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania Avenue, Rivers of Joy Bible Fellowship, Solid Rock Missionary and International Christian Church. Two non-DCBC churches also attended.

Vacation Bible School is an important part of the life of our churches. It provides an opportunity for outreach to youth and adults, and is a great tool for evangelism. DCBC's training session helps our churches to plan for this vital ministry.

In spite of the heavy rain, 25 people were in attendance this year and it was a great experience for all. A continental breakfast was served and attendees were given a chance to win the VBS materials from last year. Lifeway's theme this year is "The Big Apple Adventure" and each room at the training was decorated in keeping with the theme.

For more information about VBS, call Rev. Gloria Jenkins at 202.265.1526 or email her at revglo@verizon.net.

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believers and the autonomy of the local church. It also speaks to how we must relate to one another. Our diversity challenges us to listen as another speaks...to respect where another is coming from, even as we expect the same for ourselves...Our Convention is comprised of multiple cultures and that fosters a willingness for us to go together where no one else has gone.

We also have a historical presence, which is exciting. We have been blessed with cutting edge leaders in the past. I am not here to question past decisions or to cast a shadow over the legacy. I'm here to stand on their shoulders and peer down the next path that God would have us to go on this journey.

CB: *What do you think will be your biggest challenge(s)?*

Creech: One of my biggest challenges will be to keep the Convention balanced...to keep the boat in the middle of the river in order to serve all of our congregations. If we get too close to the left or the right we'll hit a sand bar and get bogged down but if we stay in the middle that is where the water is the deepest.

Another challenge will be to get the Convention leadership to transcend the things

that divide us so that we can work together and not get polarized in the minutia of policy, procedures, theology and processes. That kind of thing will always throw us off track.

CB: *Outside of work, what are some of your hobbies?*

Creech: I love reading, writing, cooking, fishing and hunting.

CB: *Is there a little known fact that you would like members of DCBC churches to know about you?*

Creech: My wife, Donna, nominated me for the Maalox "One Minute Hero Award," which is given to individuals whose quick action has made a difference in another person's life when a minute mattered most. I had saved three lives from a fire, including a disabled woman. We won a trip to New York and Universal Studios in Los Angeles. I appeared on the Rosie O'Donnell Show, Entertainment Tonight and was on the set of the television show 'ER' with Noah Wylie. It was a great experience!

Rev. Creech and his wife, Donna, have three daughters: Ashley, Sarah and Stephanie.

DCBC Churches Host Summer Camps for Area Youth

By Rev. Leslie Copeland-Tune

Summertime and living is easy—at least, that’s how the song goes. But, summer is also a time when many D.C. Baptist Convention member churches sponsor camps that give area youth a chance to expand their horizons in a safe place while making memories that will last a lifetime.

DCBC has provided two member churches, **National Baptist Memorial Church** (NBMC) in Washington, D.C. and **Vienna Baptist in Church** in Vienna, Va., with financial support to cover the cost of food for participants in their summer camp programs. NBMC, where Rev. Kasey Jones is the pastor, is hosting a six-week Christian summer camp for children ages 5-12 years old. The camp is called “Explorer Camp: DC,” and has as its mission to show Christ’s love and teachings to children and youth by providing a safe, stable, encouraging and fun environment for them. Registration information for this camp is available online at <http://nbmchurchdc.org> or e-mail nbmckids@msn.com.

Vienna Baptist Church, where Dr. Bob Albritton is the pastor, will host youth from Ward 8 in the District at their week-long sleep away camp in Lost River, W.Va. DCBC’s partnership with the Baptist Convention of Texas specifically helps cover the cost of food for this camp experience. The camp is being held July 31-Aug. 5 for youth entering 3rd through 7th grades. Camp applications and the \$225 camp fee are due no later than July 10 and camp is limited to the first 30 children to register. For more information, contact Rev. Jennifer Singh, pastor for youth and children, at 703.281.4400 or viennabaptistchildren@gmail.com.

Other DCBC member churches are also sponsoring camps. City Gate ministry through **Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church** (Dr. Lynn Bergfalk, pastor) in Washington, D.C. is hosting a summer day camp for children 5-10 years old starting June 27 through Aug. 12. For more information call 202.537.0972 or email wisconsinavebaptist@comcast.net. **Broadneck Baptist Church** (Rev. Abby Thornton, pastor) in Annapolis, Md. is having a half-day “Yes, We Can” Music and Arts Camp for children in kindergarten through fifth grades from July 18-22. Visit www.broadneckbaptist.org or call 410.757.8583 for more information. **First Baptist Church-D.C.** (Dr. Jeffrey Haggarty, pastor) is hosting the LEAP Summer Enrichment Program for 8-12 year olds in July. For information about the LEAP Program, contact Yolanda McCain at 202.387.2206, ext. 239 or email leap@firstbaptistdc.org. In addition, **Kingdom Tutors, Inc.**, a non-profit Christian organization, is sponsoring a Summer Enrichment Program for youth ages 5-12 years old. The program will be held in Suitland, Md. and provides a safe environment for students to excel in all areas of academics, performing arts and sports and recreation activities. For more information, contact Pastor Jevon Billups (Holy Comforter Baptist Church, a DCBC member church) at 240.389.4584 or via email at kingdomtutorsinc@gmail.com.

Grant Proposal Writing Conference

The second in a series of workshops about Grant Proposal Writing will be held on **Thursday, July 7** (date changed from Saturday, July 9) at 10 a.m. at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20009, and will feature Rev. Ricky Creech, DCBC’s Executive Director/Minister. Rev. Creech will walk participants through how to put together a successful grant proposal. Participants will begin writing grants during the workshop and are asked to bring information about a grant they would like to apply for to the workshop.

There is a \$10 registration fee for the workshop. Registration is required and scholarships are available. To register for this workshop, go to www.dcbaptist.org. For more information on this workshop or to get information from Part 1 of the Grant Proposal Writing Conference, contact Leslie Copeland-Tune at leslie.copeland-tune@dcbaptist.org or call 202.265.1565. Please note that those who RSVP but do not attend will be billed for the cost of registration.

Ministry on the Mall—Volunteers Needed This Summer

Each year, Washington, D.C. attracts visitors from across our nation and around the world. This is a great opportunity for evangelism and spreading the Good News! On six Saturdays this summer, teams from D.C. Baptist Convention churches will share bottles of cold water, tourist information and the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those who visit the National Mall. If your congregation has a puppet team, musical group, juggler, dancers, face painters or can share friendly smiles, this is a ministry opportunity for you. The dates for Ministry on the Mall are: June 18 and 25, July 9 and 23 and August 6 and 20 at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in the District. If interested, please contact Rev. William Jones at 202.213.3075 or the DCBC office at 202.265.1526.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”

~Matthew 28:19 (NRSV)

Grant Proposal Writing Conference—Part 2

Featured Speaker: Rev. Ricky Creech
Executive Director/Minister, D.C. Baptist Convention



NEW DATE: THURSDAY, JULY 7
10 A.M. – 2 P.M.
BAPTIST BUILDING
1628 SIXTEENTH ST. NW
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Pictured right Youth from Fort Foote Baptist Church in Fort Washington, Md. participate in “Ministry on the Mall.”



D.C. Baptist Convention
Church Mission Giving
For the Five Months Ended May 31, 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 | - | - | - | - | 400.00 | - | - | - | - | - | 400.00 |
| 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 | - | - | - | - | 1,250.00 | - | 1,750.00 | - | 500.00 | 2,000.00 | 5,500.00 |
| Carmody Hills Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 500.00 | - | - | - | - | - | 500.00 |
| Chin Baptist Mission Church | - | - | - | - | 5,000.00 | - | 4,000.00 | - | - | - | 9,000.00 |
| Commonwealth Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 416.65 | - | - | - | - | - | 416.65 |
| Covenant Baptist United Church of Christ | - | - | - | - | 2,000.00 | - | 250.00 | - | - | 125.00 | 2,375.00 |
| 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 DC | - | - | - | - | - | 415.61 | 1,583.59 | 4,293.11 | - | 1,760.96 | 8,053.27 |
| First Baptist Church/Camp Springs | - | - | - | - | 2,500.00 | 682.00 | 1,007.00 | - | - | - | 4,189.00 |
| First Baptist Church/Front Royal | - | - | 980.00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 980.00 |
| 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/Silver Spring | - | - | - | - | 9,973.63 | - | 3,812.31 | 970.00 | - | - | 14,755.94 |
| First Baptist Church/Upper Marlboro | - | - | - | - | 415.00 | - | - | - | - | - | 415.00 |
| First Temple Hills Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 187.13 | - | - | - | - | - | 187.13 |
| Forest Heights Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 1,377.00 | 1,962.25 | - | - | - | - | 3,339.25 |
| Fort Foote Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 31,950.00 | 5,157.00 | - | 241.00 | - | - | 37,348.00 |
| Fort Washington Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 2,100.00 | 600.00 | - | - | - | - | 2,700.00 |
| Georgetown Baptist Church | 614.11 | - | - | - | - | 195.00 | - | - | - | - | 809.11 |
| Greenbelt Baptist Church | 2,400.00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,400.00 |
| Heritage Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 1,960.00 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,960.00 |
| Israel Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 1,500.00 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,500.00 |
| Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,400.00 | - | - | 1,400.00 |
| Montgomery Hills Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 4,125.00 | - | 7,768.56 | 1,569.00 | - | - | 13,462.56 |
| Mt. Airy Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 200.00 | - | - | - | - | - | 200.00 |
| Nations United Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 4,947.19 | 9,455.94 | - | - | - | - | 14,403.13 |
| New Creation Baptist Church | - | - | 400.00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 400.00 |
| 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, The | - | - | - | - | 3,586.50 | 2,050.00 | 900.00 | - | 640.00 | - | 7,176.50 |
| Purity Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 500.00 | - | - | - | - | - | 500.00 |
| Ravensworth Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 1,746.00 | - | 570.00 | - | - | 1,425.00 | 3,741.00 |
| Takoma Park Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | - | - | 688.19 | - | - | 688.18 | 1,376.37 |
| Temple Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 300.00 | - | - | - | - | 750.00 | 1,050.00 |
| 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 |
| 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 | 3,670.11 | 1,927.16 | 5,527.00 | 1,950.00 | 90,177.93 | 26,433.80 | 38,772.98 | 9,153.46 | 2,768.00 | 10,416.47 | 190,796.91 |
| 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 | - | - | - | - | 750.00 | - | - | - | - | - | 750.00 |
| Salem Gospel Ministries (Baltimore) | - | - | - | - | 200.00 | - | - | - | - | - | 200.00 |
| Zo Church | - | - | - | - | 100.00 | - | - | - | - | - | 100.00 |
| Subtotal | - | - | 2,000.00 | 100.00 | 1,450.00 | - | - | - | - | - | 3,550.00 |
| TOTAL | 3,670.11 | 1,927.16 | 7,527.00 | 2,050.00 | 91,627.93 | 26,433.80 | 38,772.98 | 9,153.46 | 2,768.00 | 10,416.47 | 194,346.91 |

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

D.C. Baptist Convention

Church Mission Giving

For the Five Months Ended May 31, 2011

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Non-Contributing Churches as of May 31, 2011

3 Strands Community Church
Agape Life Ministries Inc.
Antioch Baptist Church/DC
Bethel Baptist Church
Brazilian Baptist Church
Brookland Union Baptist Church
Brookmont Baptist Church
Calvary Burmese Baptist Church
Canaan Baptist Church
Capitol Hill Baptist Church
Central Baptist Church
Chevy 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/Hyattsville
First Baptist Church/Southeast
Full Life Ministries (Kingdom Baptist Church)

Getsemani, Iglesia Bautista
Hahnuri Baptist Church
Hillandale 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 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
Riverside 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
Upper Room Baptist Church
Washington Plaza Baptist Church
West Hyattsville Baptist Church
Zion Baptist Church

Non-Contributing New Church Starts/Missions Churches* as of May 31, 2011

Balm in Gilead Ministry
Beloved Community Church
Buffalo Baptist Church
Centerpoint Baptist Church
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
LightHouse Ministries
Lion of Judah Community Baptist Church
Marvelous Light Christian Worship Center

Olive Branch Community Church, Inc.
Pavilion of God Baptist Community
Redeemed Christian Worship Center
Redeemed Life Christian Center
United Christian Church Worldwide
Word and Spirit Baptist Church
Word for Life Church Ministries
Bethel Baptist Temple
Buenas Nuevas de Salvacion
Calvary Hispanic Baptist Mission
Chin Bethel Church
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
Salem Gospel Ministries (Silver Spring)
United States Siyin Baptist Church

Number of Supporting Churches

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| Total Contributing Churches/Missions & New Starts: | 52 |
| Total Non-Contributing Churches: | 65 |
| Total Non-Contributing Missions/New Start | 40 |

News Briefs



Above (left): Rev. Fred Herring, a former DCBC President who died recently; (right): Rev. Leah Grundset is Associate Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

Church & Staff News

Remembering Revs. Fred Herring, Robert Carrol Bruce

The staff and leaders of the D.C. Baptist Convention extend our condolences to the families of the Rev. Fred Herring and Rev. Robert Carrol Bruce. Rev. Herring was a DCBC consultant and a faithful member of Fort Foote Baptist Church in Fort Washington, Md. He lent his expertise to various ministry efforts of the DCBC including: Disaster Relief, the Baptist Men's Ministry, Special Missions and the Healthy Church Institute. Rev. Herring also served as the Convention's Vice President and President in 2003 and 2004, respectively.

Rev. Robert Carrol Bruce, who served as the first pastor of Fort Foote Baptist from 1956 until 1961, died on April 19. He lived in Fairfax, Va. Memorial contributions for Rev. Bruce can be made to Midway College, c/o Roy Munday, Vice President of Development, 512 E. Stephens, Midway, Ky. 40347.

Greenbelt Baptist Calls New Pastor

Join us in welcoming **Rev. T. Michael Christ**, who is the new pastor of Greenbelt Baptist Church in Greenbelt, Md.

Grundset Called to be Associate Pastor

Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. has called the **Rev. Leah Grundset** to serve as the Associate Pastor for Congregational Life.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Rev. Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune, who serves as the D.C. Baptist Convention's Director of Communications and Resource Development, who graduated from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Brunswick, NJ with a doctorate in metro-urban ministry.

New Church Starts

Two new churches have started in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region with support and assistance from the D.C. Baptist Convention since the beginning of the year. Zo Chen Baptist Church in Columbia, Md. began worshipping on May 15. The group is meeting at the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Columbia, Md. The United States Siyin Baptist Church also began meeting in Columbia. Their services began on Easter Sunday in April and they will be meeting at the InterFaith Community Center. In addition, Marvelous Light Christian Worship Center began in the fall under the leadership of Rev. Wyndell O. Banks. They meet in Beltsville, Md. for worship services on Sundays.

PNBC Celebrates 50th Anniversary Annual Session

The Progressive National Baptist Convention, a D.C. Baptist Convention denominational partner, will mark its 50th Anniversary in the nation's capital Aug. 7-12 at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. More than 5,000 delegates are expected to gather to commemorate the occasion. The theme is "Securing Our Future: Humility – A People of Fellowship." Dr. Carroll A. Baltimore, Sr. serves as the President of PNBC and will preside over the meeting. For information about registering for this historic event, visit www.pnbc.org or contact Dr. Walter L. Parrish III, General Secretary, at 202.396.0558 or 800.876.7622 or via email at wparrish@pnbc.org.

CBF Celebrates 20 Years

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship celebrates its 20th Anniversary with its General Assembly June 22-25 in Tampa, Fla. CBF is a fellowship of Baptist Christians and churches who share a passion for the Great Commission of Jesus Christ and a commitment to Baptist principles of faith and practice. The Fellowship is made up of individuals and approximately 1,800 affiliated churches including a number of DCBC member churches.

Blume 2011: WMU National Acteen Conference To Be Held in July

The WMU National Acteen Conference "BLUME 2011" will be held July 13-16 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando. The conference provides teenage girls and collegiate young women with a four-day focus on missions. To find out how to join the DCBC group, contact Rev. Arleen Anderson via email at revaba@comcast.net. For more information or to register, visit the Blume website at www.blumeforgirls.com.

Hicks Celebrates 50th Preaching Anniversary

Rev. Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Jr. will be celebrating his 50th Preaching Anniversary in October. Largely considered one of the foremost preachers of our time, Dr. Hicks' preaching gift has been heralded around the world. The celebration of his 50th Preaching Anniversary will be held Oct. 14-16 at Metropolitan Baptist Church where Dr. Hicks has served as Senior Pastor for 34 years. Event and ticket information is available on Metropolitan's website www.metropolitanbaptist.org. Tickets are \$40 for the Friday evening gala celebration and \$40 for the Saturday H. Beecher Hicks, Sr. Institute of Great Preaching. For more information, contact Metropolitan at 202.238.5000.

Pastoral Intern Needed

Are you looking for a warm, loving and progressive Baptist church to grow in ministry? Do you have gifts for working with children? Washington Plaza Baptist Church in Reston, Va. is looking for a part-time (weekend only) pastoral intern to develop and lead their growing children's/pre-teen ministry along with other pastoral duties around the church based on the intern's interest. Housing is available if needed for the commute along with a stipend. This position is perfect for a seminary student or someone interested in practical training in ministry. Interested? Contact Rev. Elizabeth Hagan at pastorhagan@comcast.net or 240.418.5800. They are looking for this position to be filled as soon as possible.

Older Adult Ministry

Conversations on Aging

By Charles F. Lee



Tough conversations for grownups at midlife and beyond – the subject of last October’s Older Adult Ministries Convocation -- has been replicated and enhanced by at least one DCBC congregation. The session led by Judge Carolyn Parr and Mr. Sig Cohen that opened last year’s DCBC Annual Meeting provided insights on how to engage in difficult but necessary conversations between family generations around issues of aging and confronting limits.

After attending the Convocation, Rev. Kip Ingram, pastor of Twinbrook Baptist Church in Rockville, Md., said in his church website blog that the session was “one of the best DCBC meetings I have been to... We had a couple of people from our church attend, but to be honest, I wish I could have transported our whole congregation to the event, because these kinds of issues and needed conversations are right where so many of our folks are at these days.”



In a later reflection, Rev. Ingram said that the session was a refreshing moment that helped him in realizing the importance of difficult conversations as a positive experience. With a number of members in his congregation getting older, the question for him became how to approach the

situation as people of faith. He knew that the community had an abundance of resources available that were easily learned about through the Internet and social networks, and that were readily accessed. He believed the church could and should act as a facilitator to help members reach those various community resources but wanted to focus on the church’s unique position in relating to issues of aging from a faith perspective – something he set out to explore and develop.

Not being able to transport the Twinbrook congregation to hear Parr and Cohen, the next best thing was to bring those two motivational speakers to Twinbrook. A Saturday seminar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. was planned with Judge Parr and Mr. Cohen. The next step—setting the stage with the church—was easy. Members were already motivated and realized the importance of such conversations. An April session, limited to 50 to encourage dialogue among participants, in addition to church members, attracted a few from the neighborhood, as well as a local minister.

The session’s positive reception based on conversations immediately afterward and in the weeks that followed made it obvious that more was wanted. Rev. Ingram is now planning a series of informal morning coffee and conversation sessions called Conversations on Aging that will focus in depth on different issues. The theme of the first session on June 15 was “Aging and Driving.” As a format, the pastor will present some brief thoughts and offer conversation starters, then open for attendees to share together in a welcoming and friendly

atmosphere, noting in his flyer that “even if such topics are not a pressing concern for you right now, it will be a good time to hear from and share with others.”

Rev. Ingram sees aging as an imaginative act, with so much riding on how we see our life situations playing out. When fear and anxiety threaten to shape our imagination, and thus our futures, we need faith to help in addressing the issues of aging. This places the church in the unique position of being able to provide a valuable faith-based perspective that preserves personal dignity, recognizes individual value, and promotes both courage and trust.

If you would like to find out more about how your congregation could develop its ministry to older adults, to include the holding of its own sessions regarding difficult conversations, contact Rev. Gloria Grant, DCBC Consultant, at 301.864.1520 or e-mail her at glogrant@comcast.net.



Photos taken by Charles F. Lee, a member of Twinbrook Baptist Church in Rockville, Md. (Top of page): Participants in the “Conversations on Aging” seminar at Twinbrook Baptist. (Left): Rev. Ingram addresses seminar participants; (Above): Judge Carolyn Parr and Mr. Sig Cohen lead discussion during seminar.



Rev. Todd Thomason
Pastor
First Baptist Church of Hyattsville
Hyattsville, MD

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

The diversity. Washington is the capital of our country and in many ways the capital of the world. There are people from so many countries and cultures to be found here. As a white kid who grew up in the American suburbs of the 1980s, I'm always learning something new about God and faith from others whose experience has been different. The diversity around you broadens your horizons. It also makes life (and food!) more interesting and fun.

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

The diversity. Trying to reach out to people of so many different backgrounds and with so many different

perspectives on life, faith, politics—and everything in between—is a complicated endeavor. There is a temptation to build our churches around people "like us." Doing so may be more practical (and more comfortable), but that's the way of the world, not the way of Heaven. Fortunately, Christ's grace and mercy translates well into many languages and situations because love of God and love of neighbor is rooted in acts and attitudes rather than words or customs.

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

The National Gallery of Art. Art nourishes my soul and challenges my assumptions. I learn something new every time I go there. And it's FREE!!! (perfect for a pastor's budget).

What is your favorite scripture?

Romans 12:1-2.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

I haven't found any other passage that more completely defines or describes the life Christ calls us to live as His disciples—both as individuals and as congregations.

"Christ's grace and mercy translates well into many languages and situations because love of God and love of neighbor is rooted in acts and attitudes rather than words or customs."



Rev. Dr. D. Ed Williams

Pastor

Streams of Hope @fbcw

Wheaton, MD

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

Diversity. There are all kinds of things going on for all kinds of people! The sheer number and variety of cultures, ethnicities, languages, viewpoints, and activities makes the greater DC region very stimulating. There are opportunities here that are not found anywhere else, which heightens the sense of both calling and good stewardship for me.

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

Diversity. It's really not usual for a powerful positive characteristic to carry along with it a certain level of risk or danger—a "dark side," so to speak. The incredible diversity that we so love and enjoy in our church—over 25 nationalities among just a couple of hundred people—

makes mincemeat out of us any time we get lazy and "assume" things about everyone thinking or acting or believing the same way. Whether it's parenting, finances, communication and expectations about gender roles, respect for pastoral authority, or habits regarding volunteerism, our people have a broad range of experiences that can lead to very different attitudes or actions, even if we all agree we want to do things biblically.

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

The Smithsonian. Doesn't matter which museum, to me; when I look back at mankind's history, our American story, the civil rights movement, flight, art, or anything else, I see God's generosity and grace and His mercy towards us in our failures and struggles. It makes me grateful and overwhelmed every time I go.

What is your favorite scripture?

Can't do just one! The Great Commission drives me in missions, Isaiah 43:21, "The people whom I formed for Myself will declare my praise" drives me in worship, and 2 Timothy 2:2, "The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" drives my vision of discipleship.

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Upcoming Events

Monday, July 4

Independence Day
DCBC Office Closed

Thursday, July 7

Grant Proposal Writing Conference-
Part 2
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Baptist Building
1628 Sixteenth Street NW
Washington, D.C.

Thursday, July 14

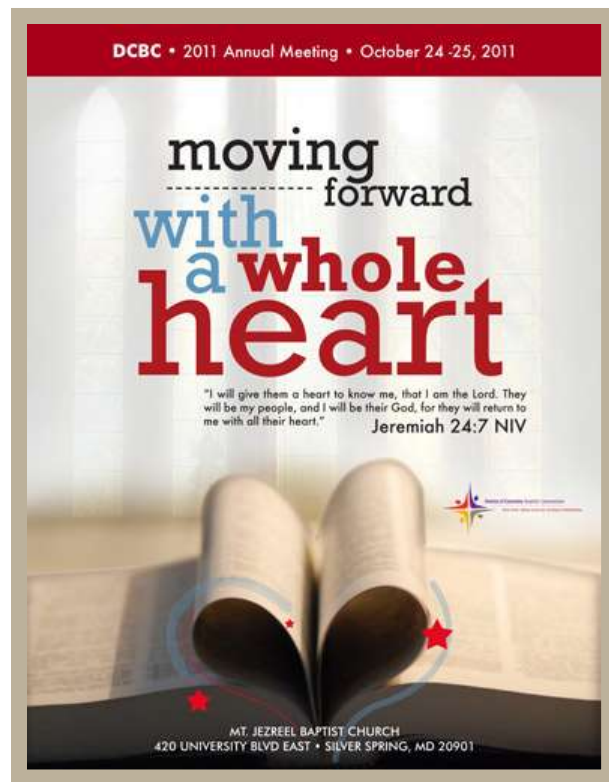
Welcome Reception for Rev. Ricky
and Donna Creech
2-4 p.m.
Baptist Building
1628 Sixteenth Street NW
Washington, D.C.

Thursday, July 28-Friday, July 29

Staff Retreat
DCBC Office Closed

Save the Date:

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.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the D.C. Baptist Convention's 135th Annual Meeting, which will convene Oct. 24-25 at Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Md. D.C. Baptists will gather 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, worship together, 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," a highlight of the Annual Meeting. This year's gathering will be particularly significant since installation services will be held for DCBC's new Executive Director/Minister Rev. Ricky Creech and he will 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.