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Annual Meeting To Strengthen Baptist Network, Build God's Kingdom

By Rev. Leslie Copeland-Tune, Minister for Communications

For more than 130 years, Baptists have been gathering for worship, fellowship and to conduct the business of the D.C. Baptist Convention. This year marks the 133rd Annual Meeting, and it will be held Oct. 26-27 at Fort Foote Baptist Church in Ft. Washington, Md. The theme for this year's Annual Meeting is "Strengthening Our Network and Building God's Kingdom." Workshops and plenary sessions will focus on ways D.C. Baptists can work together to build God's kingdom. This year there will be a "Pastor's Network" session, which will provide a safe space for senior pastors to

"There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called in one hope..." -Ephesians 4:4

discuss issues and concerns relevant to them as well as to develop closer ties with other D.C. Baptist pastors. There will also be a special two-hour session that will show churches how new technology can be used to discover new ways to share, learn and encourage. Other workshops will strengthen youth leaders and immigrant ministries, encourage D.C. Baptists to edify all

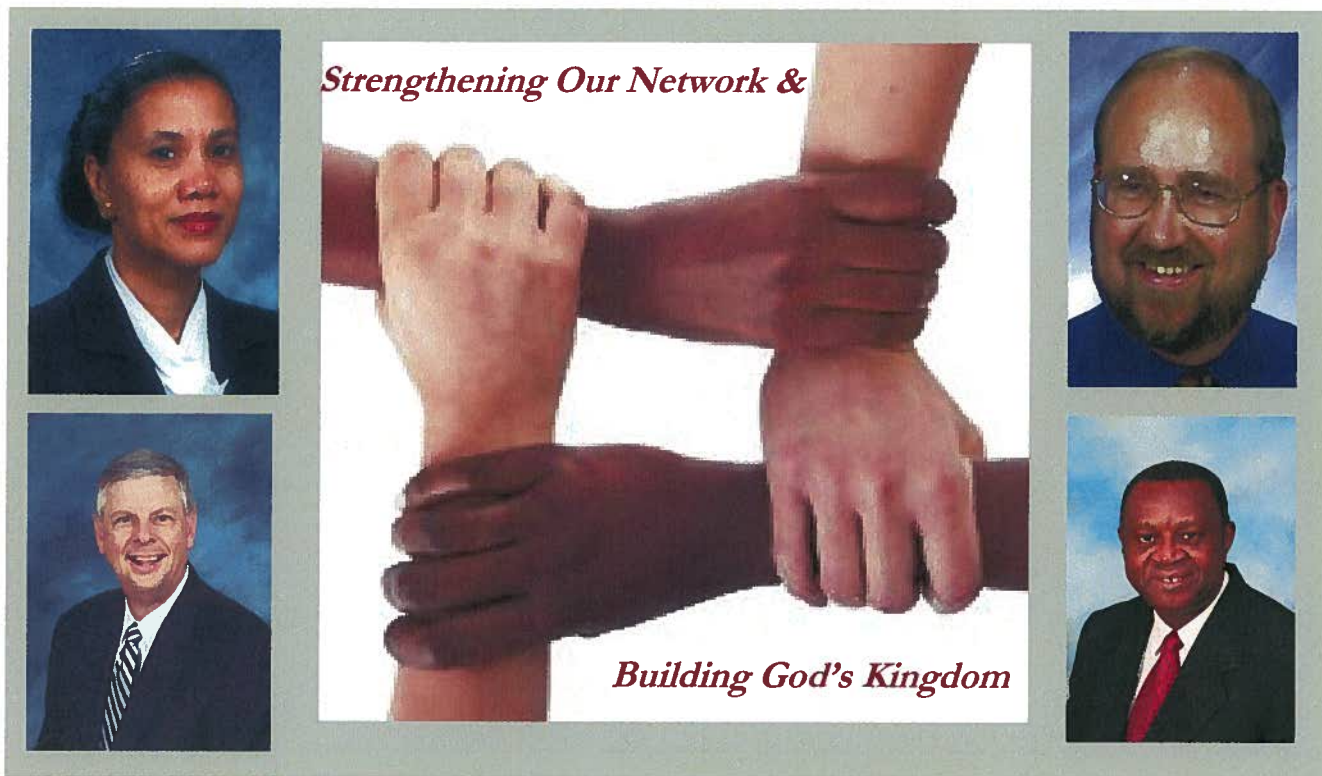
members of the body and explore traditional and innovative ministries—including discussions about ways to fund these ministries. In addition to these workshops, Rev. Neville Callam, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, will be the speaker for the Ministers Convocation at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 26 as well as the evening worship service. Dr. Patricia Davidson, a medical internist and cardiologist, will be the keynote speaker during the Older Adult Ministries Convocation at 2:30 p.m. on Monday afternoon. Dr. Gene Mims who is the senior pastor of Judson Baptist Church in Nashville and the author of *Kingdom Principles of Church Growth* will speak at the afternoon plenary session on Tuesday, Oct. 27. Dr. Ed Williams, senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Wheaton will close this year's Annual Meeting as the preacher for the evening plenary session on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Flu and pneumonia shots will also be available for \$30 and \$45, respectively on Monday from 2-5 p.m. and on Tuesday from 2-4 p.m.

Registration forms and a complete schedule can be found in this issue of *Capital Baptist*.



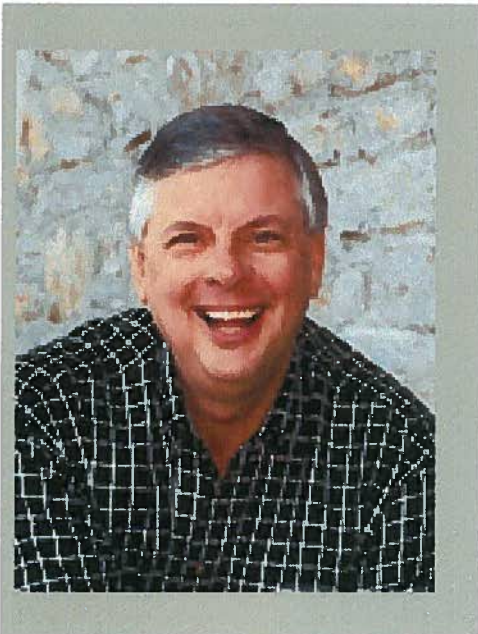
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One Faith. Many Cultures. Endless Possibilities.



Annual Meeting News

Mims to Address D.C. Baptists



Dr. Gene Mims will be the keynote speaker for the afternoon plenary session at 1 p.m. at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 27. Mims currently serves as Senior Pastor of Judson Baptist Church in Nashville and previously served for 13 years as Vice-President of LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville. Mims has a long history in Baptist life also having served as President of International Baptist Network for two years.

Mims has served as a pastor for more than 30 years and has served as interim pastor in seven churches. He has authored seven books including *The Seven Churches Not In the Book of Revelation*, *Kingdom Principles of Church Growth*, *The Kingdom Focused Church* as well as numerous articles. He serves as a popular speaker in conferences and churches in the U.S. and around the world.

A native of Virginia, Mims graduated from Virginia Tech and received two degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas. He and his wife, Ann, have been married for 35 years and have two children Jeff, who is the Minister of Evangelism/Assimilation/Adult Education at Judson Baptist Church; and, Marianne, who is a Middle School Social Studies teacher in Nashville.



*There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.
~Ephesians 4:4-7*

Dr. Patricia Davidson discussing heart-healthy lifestyles at the Older Adult Ministries "Grandparents Extravaganza" in 2008.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar for the following DCBC events. For more information or to register, visit www.dcbaptist.org.

October 12

Columbus Day
DCBC Office Closed

October 14 & 24, November 7 & 21

9-11 a.m. "Discovering Christian Ministry"
1-3 p.m. "Creating Change in Baptist Communities"
Baptist Building
1628 Sixteenth Street, NW
Washington, D.C.

October 26-27

DCBC Annual Meeting
Ft. Foote Baptist Church
Ft. Washington, Md.

November 2

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
10:30 a.m.
Emmanuel Baptist Church
2409 Ainger Place, SE
Washington, D.C.

November 7

Older Adult Ministries Advocacy Training
Baptist Building
1628 Sixteenth Street, NW
Washington, D.C.

November 12-14

"Releasing Family Blessing"
College of Prayer
Ft. Foote Baptist Church
Ft. Washington, Md.

November 14

Deacon & Deaconess Conference
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
1628 Sixteenth Street, NW
Washington, D.C.

Older Adults Get Ready for Annual Meeting, New Advocacy Program

By Charles F. Lee

Good health is the focus of this year's Older Adult Ministries Convocation as part of the DCBC Annual Meeting. Using the theme "An Affair of the Heart," prominent cardiologist Dr. Patricia Davidson will discuss prevention, early detection and reversal of coronary heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States. Dr. Davidson (pictured above) led a well-received special session at last September's Grandparents Extravaganza sponsored by the Older Adult Ministries Team and by popular demand will expand her informative preservation on this important topic to all senior citizens.

The Convocation will take place on Monday, October 26 at Fort Foote Baptist Church at 2:30 p.m. Spread the news in your church and come to hear this dynamic doctor as she helps us to develop strategies for developing a heart-healthy lifestyle.

In addition to the Convocation, the Older Adult Ministries Team launched its advocacy program this summer. The next training session is scheduled for November 7 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Baptist Building, 1628 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009. It is not too late to become a part of this important program. More advocates are being sought and all are invited to serve. Training will be provided, and if the need arises, there will be a team of "professionals" who have vast experience in dealing with issues that our seniors may encounter, who will be on call to provide assistance in case of emergencies that the advocate cannot handle. For more information and to volunteer, contact Rev. Gloria Grant either by e-mail at glorgrant@comcast.net or at the DC Baptist Convention where she is a consultant.

Flu and Pneumonia Shots Available at Annual Meeting

Monday, Oct 26 2-5 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct 27 2-4 p.m.

Cost: \$30 for Flu \$45 for Pneumonia
Medicare Part B Accepted

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Oct 25 Sunday

DCBC Day in all DCBC churches

Oct 26 Monday Afternoon

1:00pm	Registration, Bookstore, and Exhibits Open	
2:00pm	Flu and Pneumonia Shots	
2:00pm	Prayer Gathering	<i>COP Leadership</i>
2:30pm	Ministerial Leaders Convocation	<i>Neville Callam</i>
2:30pm	Older Adults Convocation	<i>Patricia Davidson</i>
5:00pm	Recognition Dinner	

Oct 26 Monday Evening

Presiding	Ella Redfield	<i>New Creation BC</i>
7:00pm	Blessing of Ministries	
	Congregational Praise & Worship	<i>Fort Foote BC</i>
	Special Music	<i>Fort Foote BC</i>
	Call to Order	<i>Ella Redfield</i>
	Welcome and Invocation	<i>Joseph Lyles</i>
7:20pm	Constituting of 133rd Annual Meeting	
7:40pm	Executive Director/Minister's Address	<i>Jeffrey Haggray</i>
8:00pm	Offertory Prayer	<i>Elizabeth Hagan</i>
	Special Music	<i>Fort Foote BC</i>
8:15pm	Keynote Address	<i>Neville Callam</i>
9:00pm	Benediction	<i>Robert Pines</i>

Oct 27 Tuesday Morning

Presiding	Ella Redfield	<i>New Creation BC</i>
9:30am	Continental Breakfast	<i>Sponsored by CCCU</i>
	Registration, Bookstore, and Exhibits Open	
10:00am	Convention at Business	
10:05am	Worship	<i>Haywood Robinson</i>
10:15am	Call to worship	<i>Ella Redfield</i>
10:20am	Theme Interpretation	<i>Charles & Phyllis Hardie</i>
10:25am	Invocation	<i>San No Thuan</i>
	Greetings from Ministry Partners	<i>Various</i>
	Congregational Selection	<i>Haywood Robinson</i>
10:50am	Memorial Tribute	<i>Todd Thomason</i>
11:00am	Partnership Reports	<i>Varlous</i>
11:15am	Business	
	▪ Executive Board Report	<i>Ella Redfield</i>
	▪ Proposed 2010 Budget	<i>David McElveen</i>
	▪ Nominating Committee Report	<i>Ed Hopper</i>
	▪ Election of Officers	<i>Ella Redfield</i>
	- Confirm Executive Committee	
	▪ Date, Place & Preacher Report	<i>Melvin Doxie</i>
	▪ DCBC Foundation Trustees	<i>Joseph M. Smith</i>
	▪ Miscellaneous Business	
	▪ President's Address	<i>Ella Redfield</i>
	▪ Blessing for Lunch	<i>Joel Ojelade</i>
12:00pm	Lunch	
	▪ Recognition of New Ministerial Leaders	<i>Colin Thorne</i>

Oct 27 Tuesday Afternoon

Presiding	Ella Redfield	<i>New Creation BC</i>
	Resources for Results	
1:00pm	Plenary Session	
	Praise & Worship	<i>Anne Seaton</i>
	Theme Interpretation	<i>Betty Wright-Riggins</i>
	Prayer	<i>Joseph Smith</i>
	e-learning Presentation	<i>Jill Snell</i>
	Congregational Selection	<i>Anne Seaton</i>
	"Strengthening Our Network and Building God's Kingdom"	<i>Gene Mims</i>
	Introduction of Breakout Presenters	<i>Ella Redfield</i>
2:00pm	Flu and Pneumonia Shots	
2:15pm	Two-Hour Sessions (2:15 - 4:20pm)	
	▪ The Pastors' Network - (for senior pastors only)	<i>Panel of DCBC Pastors</i>
	▪ Using New Technology to Discover New Ways to Share, to Learn and to Encourage	<i>Emilee Hughes</i>
2:15pm	One-Hour Sessions (2:15 - 3:15pm)	
	▪ And God Gave Some to be Youth Leaders	<i>Starlette McNeill</i>
	▪ Immigrant Ministries - Learning from One Another	<i>Ler Htoo</i>
3:20pm	One-Hour Sessions (3:20 - 4:20pm)	
	▪ Edifying All Members of the Body	<i>Starlette McNeill</i>
	▪ Traditional & Innovative Ministries - Learning from One Another & Funding Options	<i>Panel of DCBC Churches</i>
4:20pm	Move to Fellowship Hall	
	Oct 27 Tuesday Evening	
	Convention-wide Celebration Banquet	
4:30pm	Welcome and Blessing	<i>Billy Ingram, Jr.</i>
	Special Music	<i>Ralph Manuel</i>
5:00pm	Dinner	
5:30pm	Procession of Ministries	<i>Leslie Copeland-Tune</i>
	Special Music	<i>Ralph Manuel</i>
6:15pm	Closing Prayer/Move to Sanctuary	<i>Ngoc Quan Ha</i>
	Evening Session	
6:30pm	Praise & Worship	<i>FBC, Wheaton</i>
	Invocation	<i>Larry Owens</i>
6:45pm	Special Music	<i>FBC, Wheaton</i>
	Commission 2009-2010 Officers, Centers, DCBC Staff, & Team Leadership	<i>James Langley</i>
6:50pm	New President's Greetings	
7:00pm	Special Music	<i>FBC, Wheaton</i>
	Offertory Response to Human Need	<i>Cynthia Turner</i>
	Convention Sermon	<i>Ed Williams</i>
8:00pm	Benediction	<i>Samuel Rozolem</i>
8:05pm	Adjourn	<i>Ella Redfield</i>



District of Columbia Baptist Convention

REGISTRATION FORM

2009 Annual Meeting – October 26 & 27

The Annual Meeting is open to ALL DC Baptists and neighboring communities.

DELEGATE/NON-DELEGATE INFORMATION

The Annual Meeting registration is required for Delegates*. Please register by mail, online at www.dcbaptist.org, or on-site.

Name (1) _____ Delegate* Non-Delegate
 Name (2) _____ Delegate* Non-Delegate
 Mailing Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Telephone _____ Email Address _____
 Church Membership _____

REGISTRATION FEE

Qty	Category	Fee	Amount Due
	Delegate*(If you have registered through your church, please do not register again)	\$20.00	\$
	Non-Delegate	FREE	
Total Due			\$

*Delegates are elected by their local church to represent their church in the business session and are authorized to vote on business matters.

MEAL RESERVATIONS

Meal reservations must be made in advance. Meal tickets will not be sold on-site. Meal reservations and payment must be received by **Friday, October 16, 2009**.

Qty	Meals	Vegetarian Option	Cost	Amount Due
	Buffet Dinner - Monday, Oct 26 <i>Beef Round, Roasted Chicken, Green Beans, Rice, Dinner Rolls, Dessert and Beverage</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00	\$
	Lunch - Tuesday, Oct 27 <i>Assorted Sandwiches (Turkey, Ham, Tuna, Chicken Salad, & Veggie), Soup, Fruit, Cookie and Beverage</i>		\$8.00	\$
	Buffet Dinner – Tuesday, Oct 27 <i>Roasted Turkey, Tilapia, Mixed Vegetables, Butter Parsley Potatoes, Dinner Rolls, Dessert and Beverage</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00	\$
Total Due				\$
TOTAL PAYMENT				\$

Please make checks payable to the **DC Baptist Convention** and mail to DCBC, Annual Meeting, 1628 16th Street NW, Washington DC 20009 or you may register online at www.dcbaptist.org.

DCBC Center Updates

JBCC: A Sacred Place for Urban Ministry

By Robert D. Cochran
Associate Executive Director

The Anna B. Johanning Baptist Community Center (JBCC) has served Ward 8 and Southeast DC for dozens of years. Most of this time, D.C. Baptists saw the Center as a place where professional staff of the D.C. Baptist Convention delivered ministry to the residents of Ward 8. Vision 2010 sees an enhanced model of ministry for JBCC that is being lived out with more programming and ministry opportunities.

Volunteers have already begun to serve and help develop programs at the JBCC. Mrs. Helen Mays Jackson, Ms. Ellen Parkhurst and Rev. James Kennedy are working to build the GED program at the Center. Additionally, Mrs. Mae Johnson has been leading a group of Senior Adults at the Center.

In the Fall, two classes, "Creating Change in Baptist Communities" and "Discovering Christian Ministry," will be held at the Baptist Building on Saturdays to help local Baptists to engage in ministry activities within their own neighborhoods. All of these efforts are seeking to help Baptists within the DCBC to volunteer at JBCC and to take skills and behaviors learned back into their own congregations and communities. JBCC is always looking to give additional opportunities to D.C. Baptists to serve and to learn at JBCC.

These growing ministries at JBCC are managed by representatives from the churches that use the facilities as well as some from the DCBC and the organization So Others Might Eat (SOME). These include members of Metropolitan Outreach Ministries, Holy Comforter Baptist Church and Balm in Gilead Ministry. JBCC serves daily as host to the Early Childhood Academy, giving safety and protection to the children of working mothers and employing some residents of southeast Washington.

D.C. Baptists are encouraged to pray for the growth of the ministries at JBCC, especially the GED program, and to take the opportunity to involve themselves in the ministry there.

DC Baptists Partner in Camps for Underserved Youth

By Robert D. Cochran
Associate Executive Director

For the first time in several years Baptists of the D.C. Baptist Convention (DCBC) partnered together to provide camps for children and youth from disadvantaged areas of the District. For several years Vienna Baptist Church, a member of the DCBC which worships in Vienna, VA, has hosted children from Ward 8 at their camp in West Virginia. Children in the inner city often find the summer vacation period, no "vacation" at all, for they receive little direction or support due to the absence of parents. The camp at the Lost River Camp site has long been a welcome relief for such inner-city children and youth in the dog days of August. Vienna Baptist has provided sacrificially the camp over recent years.

This year, DC Baptists participated in the sponsorship of the camp for the children of Ward 8, the area of the Anna B. Johanning Baptist Community Center (JBCC). Realizing the strain that the camp puts on the finances of Vienna Baptist Church, the DCBC released \$1,000 to assist with the purchase of food for the children who attend the camp, residing there for one week. This additional assistance enabled Vienna to strengthen the discipleship and educational programs during the week of the camp, which was led by Vienna Baptist members Jerry and Trula Duane and Rev. Hank Dunn as well as by leaders from Metropolitan Outreach Ministries which meets for worship at JBCC.

D.C. Baptists also assisted through another \$1,000 to the urban day camp, which was sponsored by National Baptist Memorial Church in the Mt. Pleasant community of northwest DC. The camp was also aimed to give relief and education to inner-city children in this second, underserved area. Pastor Kasey Jones led the camp along with six summer interns to the church provided by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The funds provided by the D.C. Baptist Convention assisted in purchasing food for the lunches of the children attending the day camp.

DCBC Center Updates *(con't)*

Vacation Bible School at Johenning

By Denise Sadler, Balm in Gilead Ministry

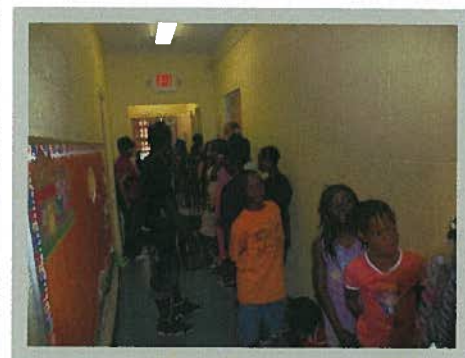
Vacation Bible School (VBS) was held at The Johenning Baptist Center July 27- 31. The theme was "Crocodile Dock: Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light." Forty-six high school students and five adults from South Cliff Baptist Church located in Forth Worth, Texas, sponsored a mission trip to Washington D.C. to administer and teach VBS. The group was organized and well prepared. They came with gigantic wall prompts of crocodiles, DVD movie equipment with skits, arts and crafts a puppet show. Most importantly they came with witness testimonies and experiences to share with the youth. More than 70 youth from the community attended. Each night parents came to observe and participate as the group worked with the youth.



Youth from ages five to 12 years old were grouped into classes. A DVD of praise and worship songs and dance began each evening, bible stories, arts and crafts, and games. By the third day of the VBS you could hear the youth walking around the halls singing the praise songs they had learned during praise and worship. There were also displays on the tables of the many different crafts they had made. A sports camp was held each evening for the youth 13 and older a different game was played each evening. Attendance grew each night. At the close of each evening a light meal was also served. Daily activities included: songs, dances, and games, which were captured on tape.

The last evening of the VBS was dedicated to the "entire family." Everyone was invited to a cookout, and a DVD presentation of the week's events was played. The youth watched in amazement. They applauded as they watched the interactions they saw. The love between the groups was evident by the silence that filled the room as the DVD played. When the DVD finished some youth were actually wiping tears from their eyes.

In an effort to show how much everyone who participated in the VBS appreciated the time, teaching and techniques used by South Cliff Baptist Church Mission's Group, each person was presented with a certificate of appreciation from The Johenning Baptist Council and the D.C. Baptist Convention.



It's Never Too Late to Learn to Read Better

Poor reading skills keep many in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region from getting a better job, understanding written instructions and warning labels, and reading to their children. Sadly, not being able to read may also prevent a person from reading the Word of God. But anyone willing to commit some time and effort to learning can improve their ability to read with the help of confidential, one-on-one tutoring.

Three D.C. Baptists recently completed a Basic Adult Reading and Writing Literacy Missions Workshop, learning not only how to help someone learn to read, but also how to organize a Literacy Ministry in the church. About a dozen tutors have completed this training in the past four years. They are able and willing to teach someone.

Tutors can help someone achieve a 5th grade reading level. But often those who need to learn are reluctant to ask for help or do not know whom to ask. If you know an adult who does not read as well as they would like to, encourage them to contact Gail Lacy at the D.C. Baptist Convention.

For those who already read at least at a 5th grade level, Pre-GED and GED classes are offered at the Johnenning Baptist Community Center; contact James Kennedy 202-367-1572.



Ministry on the Mall

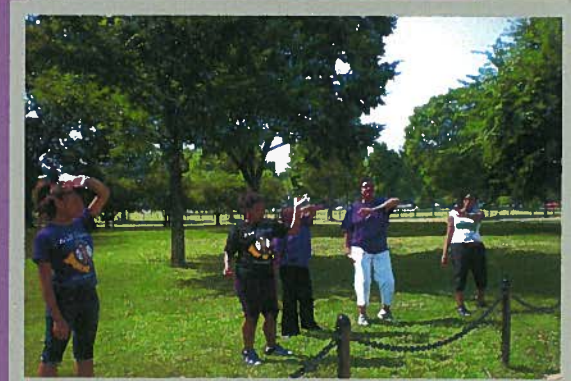
Fort Foote Members Witness on the Mall

By Vincent Hodge, Deacon, Ft. Foote Baptist Church

Fort Foote Baptist Church made its 11th mission trip to the National Mall on Saturday, July 11. The Lord blessed us with near perfect weather and a gentle breeze at the Roosevelt Memorial. The mission team consisted of 52 Fort Foote members. The 52 members represented seven different ministries in the Church who came together to spread the Word of God. We ministered to over five hundred people and we passed out over five hundred bottles of water that is symbolic of the living water of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our youth presented a puppet show with a biblical theme and other youth painted angels and other images on the faces of young people. Our Dance Ministry participated and helped to create a very spiritual atmosphere. Our focus was to tell as many people about God and his son Jesus Christ as we could and it brought great joy to our hearts to have people take our bible tracts, bibles, and some even asked for more. We had an opportunity to pray with individual people who requested immediate prayer. We had a prayer box for the people to submit prayer requests. We prayed over their requests before we left the Mall. We had a husband and wife, a Pastor and Co-Pastor from New York, who told us they

were going home and have their Church do what we are doing.

To sum it all up, we went to bless other people and we received many blessings in return. To God be the Glory!



International Missions



The Harvest is Great: A Growing Work for Clifton Park

By Ben King

Clifton Park Baptist Church Missions Chair

God called and Clifton Park Baptist Church (CPBC) answered. On April 22, 2009, God led us far across the Atlantic Ocean on a missionary journey to The Gambia, West Africa. For two weeks, nine Clifton Parkers were led by the Holy Spirit on a trek that, for many, was their first visit to Africa.

We landed at Banjul International Airport, the capital of The Gambia, where we were greeted by our host Rev. Seidou Oubdah, who is the founder and pastor of Guiding Light Ministries International, his wife, Bertha, and a delegation of elders from Guiding Light Ministries.

Assisted by our hosts, we were able to pass through immigration and customs quickly and went on our way to Shalom Retreat Center, a Christian center run by Catholic nuns in the town of Fajara on the Gambian coast, not far from Banjul. We slept there

and had most of our meals there, prepared by Adele and Emma, two students in training dedicated to taking care of our needs at the retreat center. Immediately the Holy Spirit bonded us with the Catholic nuns at Shalom. We prayed with them, and they came to the women in our group for fellowship and advice, particularly on addressing the needs of single women and expanding Christian education. More than anything, they asked us to send them Bibles upon returning home – they wanted to teach the Word.

As we engaged daily with the staff and workers at Shalom, they told us they were grateful for our presence and that we were different from other groups that had come in the past. We were set apart by our smiles, greetings, warmth, ready conversations and hugs from the time we arrived at the airport. We rejoiced that

Christ connected us with these nuns and that we were able to see Christ in each other. The Oubdahs were also gracious hosts and Pastor Seidou accompanied us everywhere we went, providing all of our transportation during our two-week stay. The church van and a driver named Daniel were always available to take us to every destination on our extensive agenda.

In Fajara, we were blessed to lead a seminar on stewardship, budgeting and finance to promote increased giving in support of ministries. We also led an abbreviated session of "Your Church Experiencing God Together," authored by Henry Blackaby, to outline God's plan for His Church.

CPBC's under shepherd, Pastor Essentino A. Lewis, Jr., led a pastoral leadership training workshop attended by many pastors from area churches. He preached at Saturday night and Sunday morning revival services at Guiding Light Ministries International, and the following week, preached at a Sunday morning service at Trinity Methodist Church in nearby Serrekunda, with Pastor Willie Carr presiding.

We praised God when Pastor Lewis was asked to join Pastor Seidou in performing 10 baptisms in the waters of the Gambia River – a reminder that the Lord's blessings are new each day. Many who were baptized were women converting from Islam. Sadly, they often experience serious persecution from their families if they accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of their lives. Most in our group had never witnessed persecution of this type. This was a difficult experience, yet we continually saw God's hand at work through Guiding Light, which is a Christian ministry, composed largely of former Muslims, including Pastor Seidou, and they are at the forefront of missionary work. Their powerful evangelism and ministry has led many Muslims to give their lives to Christ. We learned that over the past several years, young Muslims – late teens to mid 20s – are becoming Christians in growing numbers. And since our return to the U.S. in early May, Guiding Light has brought 30 new believers to Christ, mostly from Muslim backgrounds, and their Sunday services have increased from one to two; one in English and one in French.

Throughout our journey, God

was with us; leading us and opening our hearts to receive from others. And, even though we were there to minister, we were blessed many times over as the Christians receiving our outreach also ministered to us.

The women in our group participated in a women's convention and First Ladies Cassandra Lewis and Bertha Oubdah led a workshop that was joyfully received. The Gambian women at the conference and at worship services warmly embraced the women of Clifton Park as sisters in faith.

Worship in The Gambia was an exciting new experience for Clifton Park. Our group was unaccustomed to services that included dancing as an integral part of praise and worship. Everyone danced, from the very young to the very old, praising the Lord completely – spiritually and physically.

Each day started very early and ended very late. At times we were challenged to keep up with our schedule while adjusting to different foods, the effects of the time and climate change, and being far from our usual surroundings while carrying out an assignment from the Lord.

Sister Blanche Harris, a warrior for Christ in her mid-70s, was an inspiration and a balm throughout our travel. She was the least affected by the changes we experienced and at various times encouraged and prayed for each of us. Sister Blanche kept a daily journal during our trip and several of her excerpts appear in this issue [see page 11].

Although the trip was not a vacation, but a mission for the Lord, we were fortunate to travel to Gorée Island off the coast of Senegal, just north of The Gambia, before our travel ended. The historic island, known as a shipping port during the African slave trade, is a place of great beauty that strikes deep chords of pain; especially for African Americans traveling to Africa for the first time.

Though our time at Gorée was very memorable, one of the great highlights of our trip was spending time at the Marakissa Clinic, operated by the local Methodist mission. Marakissa, a rural village in the Gambian interior, lies 90 minutes to two hours east of Fajara and Banjul – when good weather prevails and the dirt roads are in good condition.

Approximately 7,000 people live in its most populous areas and another 10,000 or so in smaller surrounding villages.

The clinic not only serves as a health provider for the area, but also as a place of Christian evangelical outreach to an area that is predominantly Muslim. In addition to health, dental and prenatal services, Marakissa Clinic has an adjoining elementary school and chapel. We met with

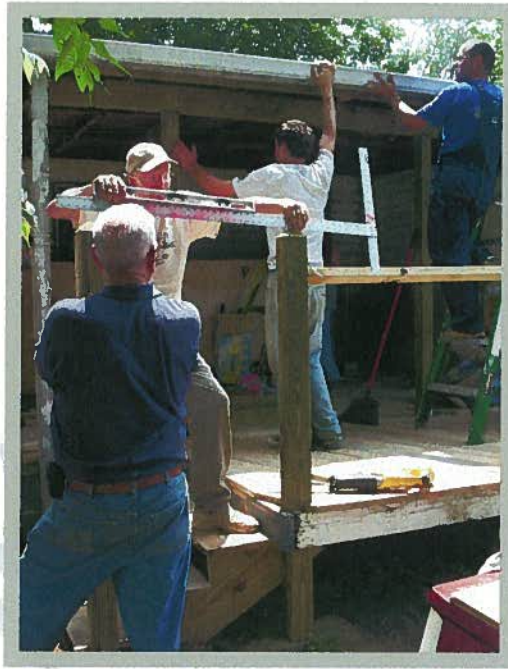
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the director of the clinic, Pastor Malamin, and the village elders, who shared the history and the plight of the clinic today. At one time funding and aid flowed steadily into Marakissa from the Methodist church in England and other supporters, allowing the mission to serve extensively to a population that had few options for health care services. Funding has literally dried up, leaving the clinic, now in a fairly dilapidated state, to stretch minimal services as far as possible.

At Clifton Park Baptist Church, we believe our missionary efforts in this West African village simply began with our journey this spring and the greater work has yet to begin. As a church, we have now begun the process of discerning what future plans the Lord wishes for us to pursue.

As our prayer, planning and preparation continues, we would greatly appreciate the prayers of our brother and sister churches in DCBC as we seek God's guidance on our outreach within His vineyard.

National Missions



Home Repair In Jesus' Name

By Gail Lacy

DCBC Ministry Assistant

Twelve people participated in the Mid-Atlantic Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's (MACBF) Mission trip this year including Ron and Sonia Mallow, Rita and Dan, Leonard, and Greg Wolfe from Seven Locks Baptist Church. Connie Stinson brought Maggie Bockai and Ebenezer Nseme, from Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church as well as Carmen Gray and Victoria Witherspoon from Clifton Park Baptist Church. And I came from FBC Camp Springs.

It's about a 10-hour trip to Jefferson City, Tennessee (north of Knoxville). It's very pretty there, but it's supposed to be one of the poorest counties in the country, and one of the least educated. They also said the population was 28% Hispanic. U.S. Census Bureau statistics do not reflect these numbers, but there are a lot of Hispanic stores.

Appalachian Outreach began in 1984 as a home repair ministry for poverty level people, by the Campus Ministries Department of Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City. Since then Appalachian Outreach has expanded its ministries to include a homeless shelter called Samaritan House, a

computer and GED educational program, a ministry to Hispanic people, a recycling program, food distribution, used clothing and furniture ministry and kids clubs. During June and July they host approximately 75 volunteers each week, working Mondays through Thursdays to repair roofs, floors, plumbing, and make other repairs. Church groups are asked to pay a fee of \$325 per person to assist with the construction cost, housing in the college dorms, and general cost of the program.

Monday our MACBF team was sent out to "finish up" Stella Wolfe's house where volunteers had been working for two weeks. They had already put on a new roof, installed all new plumbing, renovated the kitchen and bathroom and put on a new deck. We were to finish the deck roof supports, redo the floors in the living room and utility room, and paint several rooms. The kitchen just needed painting and one wall paneled. Ebenezer replaced the wallboard and installed an exhaust fan and painted in the bathroom.

But nothing else was as simple as it sounded. When we



removed the old vinyl floor in the utility room, a quarter of the plywood underneath was rotted and sagging. When we took that out, the moldy insulation had to be replaced. The ceiling had to be re-suspended and the tiles replaced. A new light fixture was installed. Some of the paneling had to be replaced and the room painted. Then we put on a layer of lauan and new vinyl tile, which made the floor higher, so we had to shave off and re-hang the doors and level the threshold between the kitchen and the utility room. It was Thursday before we could start moving the furniture back in.

Something similar was happening in the living room. The old floor had to be patched and leveled. Lauan had to be laid and stapled, and the floor tiled; then all the furniture had to be cleaned and moved back in. I particularly liked putting the cushions in a trash bag and sucking out the dust with a shop vac. Things were just beginning to look livable when Mrs. Wolf came to inspect late Thursday afternoon.

Meanwhile the new roof over the deck had to have a permanent header and support posts. But some of the roof rafters were the wrong size and others had been eaten by carpenter bees, so the bees had to be killed and the rafters repaired. The deck railing had to be raised, gutters remounted and stair rails installed. We were instructed to "Make it look good," but get Mrs. Wolf back in her home as soon as possible. Our carpenters were intent on doing the job "right." The guys also stayed until 8:30 two nights to get everything done the way they wanted it. The deck will probably long outlive the house.

It wasn't all work. We slept in dorms at Carson Newman College, and were almost too tired to be disturbed by the noisy Centrifuge campers we shared the dorm with. The Presbyterian Church provided breakfast and dinner each day. One highlight was the morning monologues of retired Physics professor Dr. John Burton. He told "stories from the Carpenter," reciting parables, and the Sermon on the Mount from memory. Dr. Burton is also a volunteer plumber and had done most of the plumbing in the house we worked on. The last night we had Pork BBQ at Cherokee Lake.

Since we were working in Morristown, we got to eat at the community kitchen every day. The food was wonderful. Since most of the other volunteers got bologna sandwiches for lunch, we were very blessed to be eating with the homeless.

Each evening after dinner we had music, and an inspirational story and time to share about what our groups had been doing that day. So we all had a great week. We got a lot done. And nobody got hurt. I thank God for this opportunity to be part of this tangible expression of the love of Jesus Christ.



Reflections on Our Mission to Ghana

By Blanche Harris, Clifton Park Baptist Church

Our meals were prepared by two women, Emma and Adele, who were so attentive, loving and caring and sensitive to our needs. Emma came to Sunday services. Adele served at another church and could not get away. Both were given Sundays off to visit family. Not only did they serve our meals, but they would wash any clothing for us by hand. They asked us to include them in our prayer time.

Pastor Seidou, his wife and other Guiding Light International members were excellent hosts to us. They met us at the airport when we arrived in Banjul and Pastor Seidou never left our side the entire stay. He accommodated us with the church van, and our personal driver, Daniel, showed all the patience of Job to us.

On the evening of the women's convention, we divided into small groups. A story of a woman from the Bible was presented in each group. Later, one woman from each group presented what was taught, discussed and learned from the experience. The Gambian women were anxious to be included in these sessions. Praise God!

Our time was limited on Gorée Island, but we visited the site of the slave quarters called "The Door of No Return." It is such a moving experience to see a place you have read about with your own eyes. This place stirred up emotions that I immediately had to put aside, but to God be the glory.

It was about a 2-3 hour ride to Marakissa Health Clinic because the roads are in need of great repair. The health center is also in need of repair. Most people we met had a great appreciation for self-help and entrepreneurship. In the cities or outlying areas people had some kind of business – I wondered who bought and from whom.

Our mission trip to The Gambia was a tremendous and unique learning experience. It called for an attitude adjustment. I was forced to see with and through the eyes of God, not my own. I believe by focusing with the natural eye we may miss our blessing. In our travel, I felt the genuine warmth, caring spirit and love of the people."

Employment Opportunities

Mount Horeb Baptist Church Seeks Senior Pastor

Mount Horeb Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. has announced its search for a new Senior Pastor to be the visual leader of the congregation; primary shepherd of the church and its membership; preaching, as well as mentoring other pulpit ministers. Mount Horeb Baptist Church is a moderate sized place of worship that encompasses a variety of facilities and active ministries. The deadline to apply is **November 6, 2009**.

ABC NY Seeks Executive Minister

American Baptist Churches of New York State is looking for a new Executive Minister following the retirement of Rev. Bill Carlsen in December 2008. A full job description is available online at www.dcbaptist.org. To apply for the position, submit a letter of interest along with a copy of the ABPS Personnel Profile OR a resume indicating a demonstrated commitment to the ABC, to Mrs. Pat Robinson, 135 County Rd. 15, South New Berlin, NY 13843, 607.859.2923. She may also be contacted at jrobinson91@stny.rr.com. The deadline for making a nomination is October 10, 2009. The deadline for applicants is October 20, 2009.

Illinois Church Looking for Full-Time Pastor

The Westfield Baptist Church in Swansea, Illinois is seeking an experienced, full-time pastor. Westview Baptist Church is a well-established church currently in recovery both spiritually and financially. Westview has been without a Senior Pastor for almost one year. The church is constitutionally-organized and operating in an Elder-led environment. The congregation includes diverse age and worship needs. To apply, send resume to Westview Baptist Church, Attn: Pastor Search Committee, 2500 Sullivan Drive, Swansea, Illinois 62226, or email barksdalefam@sbcglobal.net. More information is available at www.dcbaptist.org.

Texas Church is Seeking a Pastor

Great Hills Baptist Church in Austin, Texas is looking for a full-time senior pastor. The church has two Sunday morning services with a combined attendance of 1500-1600. Great Hills is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention. To apply send resumes to Great Hills Baptist Church, Pastor Search Committee, P.O. Box 200340, Austin, Texas, 78720-0340. Resumes may also be forwarded to ghbcpsc@gmail.com. For more information visit www.dcbaptist.org.

Baptist History & Heritage Society Seeking Executive Director

The Baptist History & Heritage Society has an opening for the position of Executive Director. Candidates should have a Ph.D. (or equivalent) in Baptist (or related discipline) studies with experience and publications in the area of Baptist history and heritage. An ideal candidate will be a Baptist with a strong record of active participation in local churches, demonstrated fund raising skills as well as other administrative experience, a strong commitment to the goals of the Baptist History and Heritage Society, an effective communicator and leadership skills that include providing vision for the future. Applications (CV that includes references), nominations, or inquiries are now being accepted and should be sent to Dr. Doug Weaver, Chair of the BHH Executive-Director Search Committee: (Doug_Weaver@baylor.edu) or (Dr. Doug Weaver, Chair, Search Committee for the BHH Executive-Director, Baylor University, Department of Religion, One Bear Place # 97294, Waco, TX 76798). The search committee will accept relevant materials until the position has been filled.

Part-Time Church Secretary Needed

Forest Heights Baptist Church is looking for a part-time church secretary who is dependable, self-motivated part-time church secretary to answer phones, prepare bulletins and newsletter. 20 hours (4 days) a week. Basic Microsoft office experience needed. Interested applicants should e-mail resume to fjprather@verizon.net or fax resume to (301) 839-1721.

DC Baptist Convention
Church Mission Giving
For the Month Ended August 31, 2009

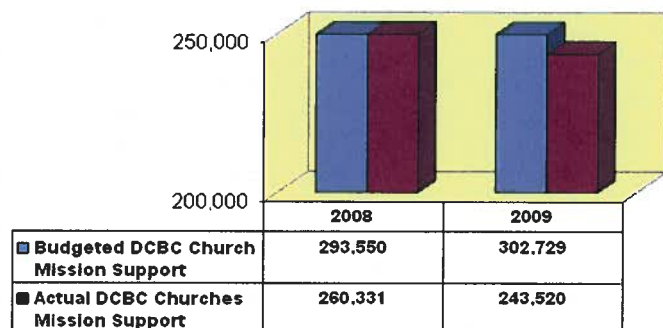
Churches	DCBC - 65% Coop - 35%				100% Designated				YTD Total Gifts
	Unified Coop	SBC Coop	ABC Unified	PNBC	DCBC Designated	SBC Designated	ABC Designated	Misc.	
Agape Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,174.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,274.00
Agape Bible Christian Fellowship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 600.00
Alafia Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 550.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,030.00
Brazilian Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Broadneck Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 956.00	\$ -	\$ 718.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,674.00
Broadview Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,700.00
Brookland Union Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,700.00	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 10,950.00
Calvary Burmese Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 219.36	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 219.36
Chevy Chase Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Chin Baptist Mission Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00
Clifton Park Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,142.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,142.60
Commonwealth Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 747.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 747.00
Covenant Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ 933.35	\$ 2,866.68	\$ 6,400.03
Dayspring Community Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00
East Washington Heights Baptist	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,302.25	\$ 1,880.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,182.50
Eglise Baptiste Du Calvaire	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 2,800.00
Emanuel, Iglesia Bautista	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Fellowship Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
First Baptist Church Of Washington	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,028.49	\$ 1,167.94	\$ 2,042.61	\$ 1,327.95	\$ 22,566.99
First Baptist Church/Camp Springs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 700.18	\$ 2,926.68	\$ 279.00	\$ 11,405.86
First Baptist Church/Front Royal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 769.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ 939.44
First Baptist Church/Gaithersburg	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,229.00	\$ -	\$ 42,727.20	\$ 14,545.00	\$ 69,501.20
First Baptist Church/Georgetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 600.00
First Baptist Church/Hyattsville	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,122.10	\$ 1,077.30	\$ 2,199.40
First Baptist Church/Silver Spring	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 812.17	\$ -	\$ 16,163.38	\$ -	\$ 8,348.59	\$ 1,111.00	\$ 26,435.14
First Baptist Church/Upper Marlboro	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 658.94	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 658.94
First Baptist Church/Wheaton	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750.00
First Temple Hills Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 279.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 279.00
Forest Heights Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,636.00	\$ 1,764.95	\$ -	\$ 1,919.00	\$ 7,319.95
Fort Foote Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,890.00	\$ 6,778.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 68,168.00
Fort Washington Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00
Georgetown Baptist Church	\$ 1,195.47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ 140.00	\$ 1,455.47
Getsemani, Iglesia Bautista	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 944.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 944.33
Greenbelt Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00
Heritage Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,136.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,136.00
Hillandale Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,672.77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 5,972.77
Israel Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,638.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,638.64
Kingdom Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 550.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 550.00
Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 515.00	\$ 1,515.00
Metropolitan Outreach Ministries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120.00
Montgomery Hills Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,250.00	\$ -	\$ 5,629.10	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 17,329.10
Mt Airy Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00
Mt Moriah Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Mt Vernon Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00
Nations United Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,441.67	\$ 9,380.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,822.48
New Creation Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700.00
Nineteenth Street Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Paramount Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 1,875.00
Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, The	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Ravensworth Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 190.00	\$ -	\$ 4,656.00	\$ -	\$ 1,530.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 10,676.00
Ritchie Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00
Rivers Of Joy Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Shiloh Baptist Church - DC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
Takoma Park Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,720.00	\$ -	\$ 2,730.54	\$ -	\$ 8,450.54
Temple Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,800.00
The People's Community Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Trinity Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,492.42	\$ 9,746.89	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,239.31
Twinbrook Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 683.00	\$ 5,040.00	\$ 708.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 6,691.00
University Baptist Church/College Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,096.78	\$ 50.00	\$ 6,202.69	\$ 8,112.23	\$ 25,461.70
Upper Room Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 152.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 152.72
Vienna Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,400.00	\$ -	\$ 5,254.49	\$ -	\$ 9,654.49
Village Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,250.00
Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church	\$ 2,301.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 931.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,532.07
Sub-total	\$ 3,746.54	\$ 300.00	\$ 8,929.86	\$ 2,880.25	\$ 216,673.50	\$ 40,745.37	\$ 89,356.35	\$ 45,228.16	\$ 407,860.03

DC Baptist Convention
Church Mission Giving
For the Month Ended August 31, 2009 (continued)

Missions & New Starts	DCBC - 65% Coop - 35%			100% Designated					YTD Total Gifts
	Unified Coop	SBC Coop	ABC Unified	PNBC	DCBC Designated	SBC Designated	ABC Designated	Misc.	
Clinton Korean Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00
Falam Baptist Church, Maryland	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Lal Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Lighthouse Christian Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Olive Branch Community Church, Inc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Peniel Evangelical Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175.00
Word and Spirit Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Sub-total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,775.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 4,875.00
Total	\$ 3,746.54	\$ 300.00	\$ 10,929.86	\$ 2,880.25	\$ 219,448.50	\$ 40,745.37	\$ 89,456.35	\$ 45,228.16	\$ 412,735.03

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

Budget vs. Actual
for the eight months ended August 31, 2008 and 2009



Comparative Analysis
 The 2009 actual DCBC church mission support is **19.6% below** the budgeted amount.
 The % of change for actual support from Aug08 to Aug09 is **down 6.46%**.

August/September 2009

Non-Contributing Organizations - For the Eight Months Ended August 31, 2009

Non-Contributing Churches

3 Strands Community Church	Hillcrest Baptist Church	Resurrection Baptist Church
Agape Life Ministries Inc.	Holy Comforter Baptist Church	Riverside Church
Antioch Baptist Church/DC	Iglesia Bautista De Washington	Saint Mary's Baptist Church
Avant Memorial Baptist Church	Johanning Temple of Praise	Saint Matthews Baptist Church
Bethel Baptist Church	Metropolitan Baptist Church	Saint Paul Baptist Church
Brookmont Baptist Church	Morning Star Baptist Church	Second Baptist Church of Washington/NW
Canaan Baptist Church	Mt Carmel Baptist Church	Second Baptist Church SW
Capitol Hill Baptist Church	Mt Gilead Baptist Church	Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church
Carmody Hills Baptist Church	Mt Jezreel Baptist Church	Spirit Of Peace Baptist Church
Central Baptist Church	National Baptist Memorial Church	Temple Missionary Baptist Church
Christian Family Baptist Church	New Jerusalem Baptist Church	Third Baptist Church
Church in Bethesda	New Samaritan Baptist Church	United Baptist Church
Cresthill Baptist Church	Parker Memorial Baptist Church	University Baptist Church/Baltimore
First Baptist Church/Southeast	Purity Baptist Church	Washington Plaza Baptist Church
First New Horizon Baptist Church, The	Rehoboth Baptist Church	West Hyattsville Baptist Church
Hahnuri Baptist Church	Renaissance Baptist Church	Zion Baptist Church

Non-Contributing Missions & New Starts*

Balm In Gilead Ministry	Emmanuel Eritrean Church	Mision Bautista Hispana-Hyattsville
Beloved Community Church	Evangelical Missionary Church	Mission Internationale Pour La Grande Moisson
Buenas Nuevas de Salvacion	Faith Shepherd Baptist Church	Nations United Alexandria Campus
Calvary Hispanic Baptist Mission	First Haitian Baptist Congregation	New Life Congregation
Christ Our Shepherd House of Worship	Glory Baptist Church (Korean)	Pavllion of God Baptist Community
Church of Restoration, The	Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church	Power House Baptist Church
Clifton Park Baptist Church Hispanic Mission	Greenbelt Vietnamese Baptist Church	Primeira Igreja Batista Gaithersbur
Deaf Baptist Church of Washington	International Christian Church	Redeemed Christian Worship Center
Didem Chin Baptist Church	Korean Baptist Church Of Faith	Redeemed Life Christian Center
Disciples of Christ Baptist Church	Liberation Temple, The	Salem Gospel Ministries
Eglise Baptiste de La Foi	Lion of Judah Community Baptist Church	Word for Life Church Ministries

News Briefs



From DCBC Churches

Rev. Eric David, pastor of West Hyattsville Baptist Church, will be married to Connie Davis Prevost on October 24.

Rev. Larry Owens has been named pastor of Canaan Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

Rev. Todd Thomason will be installed as the pastor of First Baptist Church of Hyattsville, Md. on October 25 at 3:00 p.m. The public is invited.

First Baptist Church of Wheaton will celebrate its 60th anniversary the entire month of October, culminating in a Saturday evening banquet and Sunday morning worship and reception on October 24-25.

Rev. Robln Toogood has been named Pastor of Purity Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

Rev. Marcellus Ridgeway is the new pastor of Brookland Union Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

Revs. Dan and Martha Phillips, former co-pastors of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, Va., have moved to New York.

Two SBC Leaders To Retire

Morris H. Chapman and Jerry Rankin have both announced their retirement from leadership positions within the Southern Baptist Convention. Chapman announced his plans to retire as president and chief executive officer of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee effective Sept. 30, 2010. Upon retirement, Chapman will have led the Executive Committee for 18 years. International Mission Board President Jerry Rankin also announced that he will retire July 31, 2010, ending a 17-year tenure marked by sweeping organizational changes and a steady personal calling. When Rankin took over leadership of the IMB in 1993, the Southern Baptist mission organization saw nearly 4,000 missionaries help start more than 2,000 churches in 142 countries. Last year more than 5,500 IMB missionaries helped plant nearly 27,000 churches and engage 101 new people groups for a total of 1,190 engaged people groups. For more information, visit www.bpnews.net.

VTS Summer Collegium Accepts Applications

Applications are now available for the Summer Collegium, a project in support of small congregations at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va., which will be held June 23-July 1, 2010. Clergy (and their spouses or partners) from 25 small churches of all Christian denominations are invited to spend nine days at VTS for encouragement, education, rest and renewal. All expenses, including travel, books, meals, lodging, child care at home and pulpit supply, are paid by a grant from the Lilly Endowment. The keynote speaker will be Alice Mann, a prolific writer on congregational ministry, and John Bell from the Iona Community in Scotland will join the worship team for the conference. Application forms are on our website, www.vts.edu/education/collegium, or will be sent in the mail by emailing SummerCollegium@vts.edu or by calling 703.461.1760. Applications must be postmarked by **December 15** to be considered.

VBS Reports Due

The VBS Team of the D.C. Baptist Convention wishes to thank all those who participated in Vacation Bible School this year. Please send reports to the attention of Rev. Gloria Jenkins, VBS Consultant, at 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009. Questions should be directed to her at 202.265.1526 or revglo@verizon.net.

Discovering Your Christian Ministry Course

An eight hour course for lay persons interested in a more significant ministry in the local church, participants will learn about servant leadership and discover the gifts they bring to ministry. Held at the Baptist Building, this class will meet 9 am to 11am on October 10 and 24, November 7 and 21.

Baptist Women's Day of Prayer Scheduled for November

Sponsored by the Baptist Women's Fellowship of Metropolitan Washington, on November 2 at 10:30am, Emmanuel Baptist Church will host a bible study, prayer for our sisters around the world, and receive an offering for special projects to aid trafficked women and others.

BTSR Offers Courses for Clergy and Laypersons

Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (BTSR) School of Christian Ministry announces upcoming continuing education opportunities for clergy and lay leaders. Three online courses begin October 19, 2009. They are: Pastoral Care in Times of Illness, Homosexuality & the Church, The Effective Church Leader and Biblical Basis for Ministry. Each online course is \$125. For more information visit SCM.btsr.edu, call 888-339-2877 (toll free), or scminfo@btsr.edu. Register online at www.scm.btsr.edu/SCM_Registration.

Volunteers Needed for NMBC After-School Program

The Well After School Program at National Baptist Memorial Church, 1501 Columbia Road, NW, Washington, D.C. is looking for volunteers to help with homework, arts and crafts, read with children, and inspire creativity. The Well After School Program runs from 3-6 p.m.. For more information, call 202.265.1410 or email nbmchurch@msn.com.

My Passion Is...

"My favorite scripture is Philippians 3:14. That's one of the challenges I have to guard myself against. There's so much to be done. You work 16 hours and there are still needs unmet, things that need to be done but somehow you have to find some type of God-given balance. One preacher said that a good pastor should have the heart of a child, the mind of a scholar and the hide of a rhinoceros. So we have to press to be the best for the glory of God." ~Rev. Joseph Lyles



Rev. Joseph Lyles

**Pastor, Ft. Foote Baptist Church
Ft. Washington, Maryland**

Favorite Scripture: Philippians 3:14

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

What is your passion?

Missions. Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts. Every June we go to Kenya, we work there with Bridgeway Baptist Church. Pastor Elijah Wanje has also come to Fort Foote to minister with us. In July, we do Katrina missions down in New Orleans where we do construction renovations. This past June, we had about ten teams at ten different locations. In fact, we had 105 people in New Orleans from 11 different churches. Part of our goal is to be a regional training center for global missions. So, June Nairobi, July New Orleans, in August we go to Kingston, Jamaica. Missions would be my passion. We often say that charity begins at home, but it shouldn't end at home. I like to think of the world as my neighbor. Nairobi is like a second home.

How do you translate that vision to other people within your church?

The DC Baptist Convention has helped because they are so mission-minded. Dr. Haggray and Dr. Cochran have come out and shared with us so being in this Convention makes it easy to do missions. The training, the recruiting—they have their global connection and then they tell us how to set up this ministry in our church. We get the best of both worlds. Just preaching and teaching and going on missions. If the pastor goes on missions then the sheep will say, "Wait a minute!" They'll come along. We also try to reach out to persons from other countries that may be in Maryland, D.C., or Virginia. Kenyans are not only in Nairobi. We try to reach out to the Kenyans that are here. We have a full time missionary in Jamaica from our church. He's from Barbados. There is also Ms. Chambers, a missionary who has served in Nairobi, Kenya for three years. She helped in

saying that we should be global Christians. Consequently, we went to see her, support her and established a bond there with the church. Then there is Rev. Gerald Robinson, who joined our church who has a passion for mobilization. He's coming back now from India with a team. So, I have a lot of good help. I've been at Fort Foote for 19 years so over time that passion has grown.

If there was a particular group of people that the Lord has laid on your heart, which group would that be?

It would be pastors. I want to help pastors—this is not for the faint of heart. I certainly have not arrived and it's by the grace of God that I have been at this one church for 19 years. It's a journey and we really do need one another. Sometimes we serve the people but we end up lonely and isolated... but if we can get the heart healthy, it will push the blood to the other parts of the body.

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

God has been so good. People are so comfortable. What is the urgency? Especially in Fort Washington, they live pretty (well). We (have) the two car garages, the Beamer, the Mercedes, and the SUV. Life is just good. So what's with all the urgency? It don't take all that. We're just at ease in Zion. Thinking and acting as if the rest of the world lives the way we do. I say come with us for a minute on a mission and you (will) find that the sad reality is that the rest of the world does not live the way that we do. They'd be happy to live in your garages. This one room would be a mansion in some places in Africa and Jamaica and now even in New Orleans. Sharing with them Luke 12:48, which says, "To whom much is given, much is required." I said, "We've got to share." And so that would be the challenge. We are so comfort-oriented and I like stuff too but at least share. We can be wise with our stewardship but let's not be selfish.

My Passion Is...



Rev. Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Jr.

**Metropolitan Baptist Church
Largo, Maryland**

Favorite Scripture: Luke 4:18

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised..."

What is your passion?

People. I don't think it's possible for anyone to be engaged in ministry who does not have a passion for people. In every respect, the things that make them laugh, the things that make them cry, the things that give meaning to their lives, the things that take meaning from their lives—all of those things are important. And it's a great privilege, it's an honor when people let you inside the cocoon of their lives and let you walk around the cabins of their minds to understand who they are, what they are experiencing and what's important to them. So, it's that passion for people and being able to communicate with them at multiple levels.

How do you take your passion and translate it into how you minister in your own church?

I think God has a great sense of humor and God has placed me in several churches, I'm in my fourth church...and every church has had its own personality, its own challenge and its own difficulty and its demons. It's had all of that but it seems that God has put me in some places at particular times when I was destined to try to lead people from a wilderness experience into their own destiny. I think that's where God has placed me and, unfortunately, He has not given me a lot of tools. As I'm fond of saying, "The only tool we have is a Name." The scripture says that at the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Other than that we have nothing. Jesus surrounded Himself, as Pastor (Eldridge) Spearman has said, with one guy who was a loud mouth, another guy that denied Him, somebody else that

was out of sorts with society...

So, our tools, the things that make this work, are not an affiliation with some high-powered people. We are left to deal with the very salt of the earth. That's how Jesus defined the disciples. He was not telling them something that they were about to become. He said right now, I know you. You are the salt of the earth. There's nothing presumptive about you. He was not going to bring the kingdom in as a result of the people that were around Him. The kingdom only comes in as a result of an allegiance to Him, of an allegiance to the One whose Name we revere and whose life we love and by whose blood we are redeemed. I think to carry the question a little further, the only tool I have is the Name and it is the glory of the gospel. It is by stumbling and stuttering tongues that we take this Word and seek to find flesh to introduce flesh to the Word. To introduce the animate to the inanimate and to make the inanimate, animate. So that the Word becomes flesh and it dwells in us. The proclamation of the gospel took me to a passage of scripture, "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel and to preach the acceptable year of our Lord." All of that is what I'm commissioned, called and sent to do.

Is there a particular group of people that the Lord has laid heaviest on your heart?

I wouldn't say that there was a particular group of people. I think that my challenge has been to be able to meet people with the gospel no matter where I am. So that if I'm speaking in South Africa or if I'm speaking in the American Cathedral in Paris or if I'm speaking at a convention hall in Sydney, Australia; it's the same gospel but a different group of people and the word has to go forth in ways that they will be able to hear it. That's the agency of the Holy Spirit that takes the word we speak and translates it, mid-air so that I'm speaking in the tongue of others without even knowing it.

Baptist Life Examined at Historical Conference

By Robert D. Cochran, Associate Executive Director

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

The challenge is that it is the D.C. area. You must not forget that this is really the capital of the world. This is not the capital of the United States. In every sense of the word, this is the capital of the world. Everything comes here. Everything either starts here or ends here. All of the major political, economic decisions, sooner or later, are going to wind up in Washington. That is why it is such a diverse city. It is such a cosmopolitan place. There are people who come here from all over the world. Therefore, they bring their cultures, their races, their religions, and they bring everything to Washington, D.C. I could never stand up on our street in Washington, D.C. and not be affected by the fact that I'm five minutes away from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Simply to be able to preach in that vortex it seems to me is both a blessing and a burden. It's a great town and I'm grateful that the Lord sent me here.

Thirty-five gathered at Calvary Baptist Church on Saturday, June 20 for the workshop, "Historical Perspectives of D.C. Baptist Churches." This workshop was sponsored by the Historical Committee of the D.C. Baptist Convention which has Rev. Benni Singleton as its chair.

Calvary Baptist Church hosted the group in order to demonstrate their own archives as well as the pictorial display of history beautifully portrayed in the Calvary Baptist Church library. The Historical Committee planned the meeting for this year to coincide with the 400th Anniversary of the Baptist faith.

There were three types of presentations made at the workshop. The main presenter was Dr. Pam Durso, then the Associate Director of the Baptist History and Heritage Society (BHHS), located in Atlanta and sharing facilities with the American Baptist Historical Society on Mercer University's campus. Dr. Durso was completing her work with BHHS, shifting to become the Director of

Baptist Women in Ministry. Still, she shared with the group why local Baptist history is so important as well as interesting facets of Baptist life in the United States.

Other presenters included historians and archivists from D.C. Baptist churches, including the host church, Calvary Baptist, as well as First Baptist Georgetown, First Baptist Washington, Nineteenth Street Baptist and Shiloh Baptist. These historians and archivists shared the joys and challenges of their ministries. They also pointed some of the other participants toward opportunities for broadening the knowledge of local church history among Baptists.

To conclude the day, participants in the workshop walked to the old D.C. Library at Mount Vernon Square. The Historical Society of Washington, whose home is at that structure, had invited churches to participate in their workshop on religious records.

Celebration at JBCC Brings Community Together

By Robert D. Cochran, Associate Executive Director

More than 300 residents of Ward 8 joined with Baptists from around the metropolitan area on Saturday, July 18 at the Anna B. Johanning Baptist Community Center (JBCC). They celebrated together JBCC Community Day and Open House, an effort to raise the awareness of the ministries at the JBCC. Activities included the ministries of a health clinic, information from the U.S. Census Bureau regarding the 2010 Census, music, food and fun times for both adults and children.

The JBCC Community Day and Open House was an effort sponsored by the Johanning Advisory Council. Representatives from seven local congregations within the District of Columbia Baptist Convention (DCBC) make up the membership of the Council. This event was led by Rev. Walter and Mrs. Denise Sadler, members of the council and leaders of Balm in Gilead Ministry. Various leaders from the congregations making up the council participated in the Community Day and Open House as well as other members of

churches both within and outside the fellowship of the DCBC. A number of other DCBC churches participated by supporting the Community Day and Open House through volunteers or through financial support.

JBCC continues as a sacred place in Ward 8, a place both where people who live east of the Anacostia can receive Christian ministry and one where Baptists can hone their ministry skills enabling them to deliver ministries in their own communities, near their local congregations.



2010 CENSUS Quickly Approaching

Every 10 years the U.S. Constitution requires that a national census be taken. The federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to state, local and tribal governments based on census data. Accurate census data help determine congressional representation, grant funding and guide local decision-makers on where to build new roads, hospitals, housing, schools, places of worship and more.

April 1, 2010 is Census Day, the official day of the population count. All 2010 Census responses should represent the household as it exists on this day. A short questionnaire will be sent to households that should be completed and returned. Census data helps to shape the future of local communities. Find out more detailed information about the importance of the U.S. Census by visiting www.census.gov/2010census.

Opportunities for Clergy

For clergy interested in becoming an intentional interim pastor or develop their leadership skills, the D.C. Baptist Convention has two exciting opportunities available. There will be an upcoming training for clergy who are interested in becoming certified as an interim pastor. Certification requires three training sessions in interim leadership development and the completion of a supervised interim pastorate. The Rev. Paul A. Clark, M.Div., M.Ed., M.A., B.A., a Certified Intentional Interim Pastor, Clergy Coach, Church Consultant and former Pastor, will lead the certificate training for interim pastors and the leadership development seminars. The three training sessions will follow the four stages of interim leadership development. There is a cost of \$125 per training stage (includes some materials and a group lunch).

There will also be a series of Emerging Clergy Leadership Development Seminars starting in October. Pastoral success, as

with business leadership success, is directly related to the leadership skills and to the spiritual and mental health of the one expected to lead. A pastoral leader needs to be healthy and maintain a growing spiritual connection to the source of life and hope, God. What can the Christian church do to enhance the growth and development of its emerging clergy leaders? What can the church do to train, equip and empower its current and future leaders to be dynamic leaders for God? The Emerging Clergy Leadership Development Seminars will address these questions and help clergy develop their leadership skills.

Rev. Paul Clark will conduct both the certificate program for interim pastors and the emerging clergy leadership development seminars. The sessions will be held at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. For more information, including dates of trainings and seminars, contact Rev. Paul Clark at revpaulclark@verizon.net or 202.321.1519.

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