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Annual Meeting Sets Tone for Year of Unity for DC Baptists

By Leslie Copeland-Tune, Managing Editor

Unity is not always the first thing to come to mind when Baptists are involved. After all, Baptist polity focuses on autonomy and the priesthood of individual believers. However, during this year's Annual Meeting, the D.C. Baptist Convention focused on the theme "Churches United in Advancing the Emerging Work of God" to kick off a year of emphasis on the collaborative work of the Convention's more than 150 member congregations.

The 134th Annual Meeting was held at Israel Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., where Dr. Morris Shearin is the pastor. Approximately 200 people attended the two-day meeting, which included worship services, workshops and business sessions. Two convocations also took place as a part

"Ministry that makes miracles happen starts with a common purpose," Rev. Dr. Kirk Houston Sr., keynote speaker at the Ministers Convocation

of the Annual Meeting: the Older Adult Ministries Convocation (see article p. 2) and the Ministers Convocation.

During the Ministers Convocation, Rev. Dr. Kirk Houston Sr., pastor of Gethsemane Community Fellowship Baptist Church in Norfolk, Va., emphasized the importance of having a clearly defined and focused mission/purpose statement that

everyone in the congregation knows and adopts. "Ministry that makes miracles happen starts with a common purpose," said Dr. Houston. He encouraged pastors and other clergy who were present to have cooperative partnerships, crystal clear goals and courageous participation as well as to be creative and persistent, similar to the four men who took the paralytic to Jesus as described in Mark 2. Dr. Houston also stressed the importance of unity to attendees. "We have to cultivate unity, cooperation...and mutual trust. Where there is unity, there will always be victory," he said.

Other speakers during the Annual Meeting challenged, edified and encouraged participants to work together to make a difference in our churches and communities.

Rev. Glynis LaBarre, a transformation strategist with American Baptist Churches USA, invited attendees to participate in kingdom building by being missional churches. Rev. LaBarre offered three simple steps for getting involved in the missional movement: find out what's going on in your community, find missional partners and discern your call in the situation, recognizing that every need is not a call. Rev. Dr. Robert Parham, the founder and executive director of EthicsDaily.com, emphasized the importance of Baptist Christians engaging the culture in ways that advance Christian Ethics, which he defined



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One Faith. Many Cultures. Endless Possibilities.

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More than 100 people attended the Older Adult Ministries Convocation to find out about having “tough conversations” with family members in order to prevent or to resolve a family crisis.

Older Adult Ministries

OAM’s Convocation and Potomac Cruise

By Charles F. Lee

This year’s Older Adult Ministries Convocation focused on keeping intergenerational peace so that there might be movement from conflict to collaboration in resolving sensitive family issues. The afternoon session, with 110 in attendance, provided guidance on how best for boomers and beyond to have those “Tough Conversations” that absolutely need to happen in order to prevent or to resolve a family crisis. Issues like driving a car, the need for a skilled nursing facility, the need for a guardianship/conservatorship, estate planning and countless more are common with the aging population.

One attendee, Rev. Kip Ingram from Twinbrook Baptist Church in Rockville, Md., who came with three members from his congregation, afterwards noted on his church blog that it “was one of the best DCBC meetings I have been to.” Concluding, “I wish I could have transplanted 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.”

The Convocation was led by Carolyn Parr and Sig Cohen (*pictured left*), both of whom have a great deal of experience in conflict mediation and good communication. Their use of humor and stories of personal experiences in dealing with their own parents provided helpful insights and useful information regarding serious and sensitive subjects in a way that was entertaining and not depressing.

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Annual Meeting Emphasizes Unity

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as knowing the difference between what you have the right to do and what is the right thing to do. He suggested that sometimes doing the right thing means “putting aside our rights... We must find a better way than wall-making,” said Dr. Parham. Rev. Dr. Eldridge Spearman, pastor of Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Md., closed out the Annual Meeting with a powerful and stirring sermon entitled, “Together for Christ.”

Workshops during the Annual Meeting sought to strengthen the ministry efforts of D.C. Baptists. Topics included: “OMG: Filling in the Generational Gaps through the Oneness of Christ,” “Uniting Churches through the Practice of Reconciliation,” “Preparing to Minister and Respond to the Emergency in Haiti,” “How to do Home and Foreign Mission Trips” and “Technologically Speaking: Using Social Networking to Advance the Kingdom of God.” Sessions were well-attended and provided practical information for participants to use in their local congregations.

The Procession of Ministries also gave attendees an opportunity to find out about the exciting and creative approaches to ministry that some DCBC member churches are using. Using social media, missions’ activities in the U.S. and abroad, food pantries, community outreach programs, innovative youth ministry efforts and domestic violence were the focus of ministry efforts by the seven DCBC churches that were featured. The churches that participated in the Procession of Ministries were: CenterPoint, Temple Hills, Md.; Clifton Park Baptist, Silver Spring, Md.; East Washington Heights Baptist, Washington, D.C.; Israel Baptist, Washington, D.C.; Luther Rice Memorial Baptist, Silver Spring, Md.; Mt. Jezreel Baptist, Silver Spring, Md.; and, Pennsylvania Ave. Baptist, Washington, D.C. A copy of the presentation is available. Contact DCBC Communications at 202.265.1526 or communications@dcbaptist.org.

The Annual Meeting activities were undergirded by inspirational music from the Alderson-Broaddus Men’s Quartet, a Baptist college in Philippi, West Virginia, and Avery Nielsen, an accomplished pianist who has performed internationally as well as at the Kennedy Center, Warner Theater and Steinway Hall in New York. Jevon Billups, Valeria Foster, Rodney Teal and choirs from Israel Baptist and Mt. Jezreel Baptist also shared their musical gifts with those assembled.

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Numerous resource materials also were made available to attendees to take for their personal use as well as to share with their congregation. It is the intention of the Convention to encourage member churches to provide specialized programming for their senior adults. Convention consultant for Older Adult Ministries Rev. Gloria Grant (pictured in photo inset above) is available for individualized guidance and assistance in this matter. She also is training church representatives to act as advocates for older adults in their congregations. Those interested in learning more about the Advocate Program for their church’s seniors or how to start a seniors’ interest group at your church should contact Rev. Grant by calling the Convention.

Beyond the annual convocations and Advocate Training program, the Older Adult Ministries Team wants to foster an intergenerational social network of those interested in senior adult-related issues and to have a little fun. To that end, on November 6, OAM sponsored a Potomac River Gospel Cruise aboard the Spirit of Washington. Sixteen attended and a good time was had by all. Stay tuned for upcoming events in the New Year.

Severe Weather Policy

Winter is here and that can sometimes mean snow, freezing rain, sleet and/or ice. While there are no indications that the D.C. metropolitan area will encounter another year of snow, snow and more snow as we did last winter, we thought we should let you know our severe weather policy, in case of inclement weather. The D.C. Baptist Convention follows the federal government’s lead in cases of hazardous weather conditions. If the federal government closes, our office will be closed. Evening meetings and events will be decided on a case-by-case basis. Notices will be sent via email and posted on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com. You may also call the office at 202.265.1526 to confirm whether or not a meeting is taking place.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 29

Spiritual Gifts Seminar
9:30 a.m.

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

Thursday, February 10

Older Adults Ministries Meeting
2 p.m.

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

Saturday, February 12

Forgiveness Seminar
9:30 a.m.

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

Monday, February 21

President’s Day
DCBC Office Closed

Monday, February 28

Women in Ministry Roundtable
Noon

Location: TBD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 4- 5, 2011

Grant Proposal Writing Conference
Baptist Building

1628 Sixteenth Street, NW
Washington, D.C.

Update for Financial Health

By Lashanor Doolittle, DCBC Business Manager

Each year new guidelines are issued for tax and other benefits to businesses and nonprofit organizations, including churches and faith-based organizations. Following is some important information you should be aware of for 2011.

Flexible Spending Accounts and Health Reimbursement Arrangements Updates

According to the IRS, the Affordable Care Act, enacted in March, established a new uniform standard that, effective January 1, 2011, applies to flexible spending accounts (FSAs) and health reimbursement arrangements (HRAs). Under the new standard, the cost of an over-the-counter medicine or drug cannot be reimbursed from the account unless a prescription is obtained. The change does not affect insulin, even if purchased without a prescription, or other health care expenses such as medical devices, eye glasses, contact lenses, co-pays and deductibles. The new standard applies only to purchases made on or after January 1, 2011, so claims for medicines or drugs purchased without a prescription in 2010 can still be reimbursed in 2011, if allowed by the employer's plan. Employers and employees should take these changes into account as they make health benefit decisions for 2011.

For details on current rules, see IRS Publication 969, Health Savings Accounts and Other Tax-Favored Health Plans.

Social Security Tax

A tax compromise passed by Congress in December will benefit ministers and other American workers in 2011. The Social Security tax rate for ministers will fall from 12.4 percent to 10.4 percent for 2011. American workers in general also will receive a one-year 2 percent cut in their Social Security taxes under the Tax Relief Unemployment Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010.

Transit Benefit

Transportation transit and vanpooling benefits of \$230 remain unchanged according to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

2011 Mileage Reimbursement Rates

The published 2011 IRS standard mileage rates for the use of an automobile for business, medical or moving purposes or charitable will be:

- 51 cents per mile for business miles driven
- 19 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations

In addition, mark these important dates on your calendar:

January 31, 2011

- W2 (Wage and Tax Statement) to recipient
- 1099 (Miscellaneous Income) to recipient
- Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return to IRS
- Charitable Contributions Statement to donor
- 941 Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return to IRS

February 28, 2011

- W2 (Wage and Tax Statement) to IRS
- W3 (Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statement) to Social Security Administration
- 1099 (Miscellaneous Income) to IRS
- 1096 (Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns) to IRS

April 18, 2011

Taxpayers have a few extra days to file their income taxes this year. According to the IRS, taxpayers will have until Monday, April 18 to file their 2010 tax returns and pay any tax due because Emancipation Day, a holiday observed in the District of Columbia, falls on Friday, April 15 when taxes are normally due. "By law, District of Columbia holidays impact tax deadlines in the same way that federal holidays do; therefore, all taxpayers will have three extra days to file this year," says a new release on the IRS website (www.irs.gov). Also, those who request an extension will have until Oct. 17 to file their 2010 tax returns.



BLESSINGS

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

One of the ways the D.C. Baptist Convention Foundation partners with the D.C. Baptist Convention is to provide loans to churches. These are not major construction loans; rather, they are loans that churches may need for renovations or as a short term bridge loan prior to construction. In 2010, the Foundation approved almost \$400,000 in such loans.

Pictured (right) is Washington Plaza Baptist Church in Reston, Va. as it is undergoing roof and brick repairs. This year Morning Star Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. used a Foundation loan to repair the church and to install a new sound system. Clifton Park Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Md. received a Foundation loan to purchase and to install a new sprinkler system.

The needs may be different, but the intent is the same—to improve each church's second most valuable asset. (The first asset is their congregation!)

If your church has needs that cannot be met through a commercial loan, contact the Foundation office to get information about our church loan program.

Since 1940, the Foundation has provided approximately \$3 million in church loans. Terms and interest rates are reasonable and applications can be presented at one of three Board of Trustee meetings held in January, May and September.



This service to DCBC member churches is made possible because of generous donations to the Foundation, whose mission is to assist the convention through “benevolent, charitable, religious and missionary purposes.” For more information call the Foundation office at 202.234.7194.

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In addition to worship, workshops and plenary sessions, the Annual Meeting is also a time for taking care of the business of the Convention. Reports and updates were given from DCBC centers, teams and committees. Delegates also approved the 2011 budget of \$1,079,431. This budget represents a 5.1 percent decrease from the previous year's budget.

Other Convention business includes electing new officers. Ms. Yvonne Shinhoster Lamb, a member of Dayspring Community Church, was elected President of DCBC after having served as vice-president for the past year. Dr. Kendrick Curry, pastor of Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church in Southeast Washington, D.C. was elected vice-president. Curry is the immediate past chair of the Missions Support and Stewardship Development Committee. Ms. Joe Francis Bedney of Upper Room Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. was elected the new recording secretary at the Executive Committee meeting in December. She succeeds Ms. Gail Lacy, a member of both the DCBC staff and First Baptist/Camp Springs, who faithfully served as recording secretary for the past two years.

Photos from the Annual Meeting are posted on DCBC's Facebook page. CDs from most sessions are also available for purchase. See details on p. 9 or visit http://www.dcbaptist.org/enevs_briefs.php.

Mark your calendar for the 135th Annual Meeting, which will be held October 24-25, 2011 at Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Md.

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Diversity Evident at Annual Orientation

By Yvonne Shinhoster Lamb

The Annual Orientation for centers, committees and teams offers DCBC volunteers a chance to learn what serving at the D.C. Baptist Convention entails. The orientation is held each January—this year on January 13—at First Baptist Church of the City of Washington in the District.

Volunteers from member churches joined together to look at the year ahead. They learned about working with DCBC centers: Congregational Health, Evangelism and Discipleship (CHED), the Center for Ministerial Leadership (CML), the Center for Church and Community Ministries (CCCM) and the Center for Representative Process, Administration and Governance (CRAG). Information was also given on how to work with DCBC committees such as Historical, New Church Applications and the Advisory Committee on Ordination.

New and returning volunteers reviewed the purpose and responsibilities of the committee or team on which they serve, and they discussed goals for 2011–2012.

Then they prayed together. Something special happens when committed people work together to help build God's Kingdom.

The Annual Orientation displays one of the D.C. Baptist Convention's strongest attributes—its diversity. Members come from small and large churches, suburban and urban churches, ethnic and immigrant churches. They are white, black, Hispanic, Asian and represent several nationalities.

To walk into the fellowship hall at First Baptist Church of Washington at the Annual Orientation is to perhaps get a glimpse of what God wants his Kingdom on Earth to look like.

CNBC Launches, Holds Annual Consultation in DC

By Leslie Copeland-Tune, Managing Editor

The Conference for National Black Churches (CNBC), which is comprised of the national leadership of nine historically African American denominations, including the Progressive National Baptist Convention (PNBC), held its official launch in the nation's capital in December. PNBC is a denominational partner of the D.C. Baptist Convention.

CNBC members have a combined membership of more than 30 million people and 50,000 congregations in the United States and throughout the African Diaspora—many of which are in the D.C. metropolitan area. CNBC's goal is to serve as a unified voice of Black religious bodies that seek to improve the quality of life for African Americans. The member denominations are: the African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Church of God in Christ, Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship, National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., National Missionary Baptist Convention of America and PNBC.

Several events were planned to unveil the mission, goals, vision and agenda of the CNBC. The National Consultation was a three-day strategic planning meeting that addressed education, economic empowerment, health and other social justice issues facing the Black community. Speakers included: Marian Wright Edelman, Founder and President of the Children's Defense Fund; Joshua DuBois, White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships; Michael Lomax, President and CEO of UNCF (United Negro College Fund); Rev. Nelson Rivers, Vice-President for Stakeholder Relations, NAACP; and, Perness C. Seele, Founder and CEO, The Balm in Gilead, a national organization that seeks to help Black churches become centers of support for people with HIV and AIDS.

According to Rev. Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, the chairman of CNBC, the importance of CNBC and the reason for gathering were clear: "We are here to help this nation become its best self," he said.

An ecumenical service, held at Israel Baptist Church, brought members of each of the nine denominations together in worship. A 150-voice ecumenical choir ministered through song while Bishop Charles E. Blake, the Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, preached a powerful and challenging message.

In addition to the National Consultation and Ecumenical Service, CNBC held a Leadership Dinner and Awards Banquet, which recognized the contributions of Perness C. Steele (The Balm in Gilead), Earl G. Graves, Sr. (Founder, *Black Enterprise* magazine) and The Honorable Ambassador Andrew Young, a leading voice in the ecumenical movement.

Campus Ministry Updates

Georgetown Baptist Receives Estate Grant for Ministry at GU

Georgetown Baptist Church received a \$5,000 grant from DCBC's estate grant program to support its campus ministry efforts. The grant has helped Campus Minister Jim Hagan continue his efforts at Georgetown and American universities. At Georgetown, Hagan has started three small group discipleship meetings. He also holds morning prayer at St. Williams Chapel at Georgetown on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In addition, Georgetown students are meeting bi-weekly for breakfast on Saturday mornings at Georgetown Baptist Church for a time of prayer, devotion and fellowship. The breakfast is designed for students to get to know one another in a relaxed setting.

At American University, Hagan also has started a Bible study with the wrestling team. Minister Yolanda Norton also serves as a Baptist minister on American's campus.

Volunteers Needed for Campus Ministry Efforts at GW

Volunteers are needed to provide support and to serve during worship services at George Washington University. Volunteers are needed in three areas. First, help is needed to assist with the 3 p.m. worship on Sunday afternoons. Ideally local churches will develop ministry teams of four to eight individuals. Second, volunteers are needed to accompany college student mentors to the D.C. juvenile jail on Mondays and Tuesdays during the spring semester. These individuals will lend support to college student volunteers as they mentor incarcerated juveniles and participate in follow up discussions and interfaith dialogue with students grappling with how faith informs social justice issues. Third, volunteers are needed who are interested in a ministry of hospitality

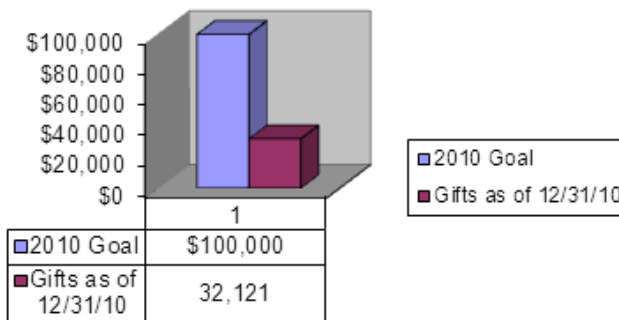
with international students attending GW. These volunteers may schedule social events for international students, participate in on-campus Bible studies and/or host international students over the holidays. For more information, contact Rev. J. Siafa Johnson at jsiafa@gmail.com.



The Conference of National Black Church (CNBC) met in Washington, D.C. in December to re-launch efforts to serve as a unified voice of Black religious bodies.



National Capital Area Missions Offering (NCAMO) 2010 Contributions



DC Baptist Convention
Church Mission Giving
For the Eleven Months Ended November 30, 2010

| Churches | DCBC - 65%; Coop - 35% | | | | 100% Designated | | | | YTD Total Gifts |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | Unified Coop | SBC Coop | ABC Unified | PNBC | DCBC Designated | SBC Designated | ABC Designated | Misc. | |
| Agape Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 204.00 | 3,344.00 | - | 600.00 | 4,148.00 |
| Agape Bible Christian Fellowship | - | - | - | - | 900.00 | - | 100.00 | - | 1,000.00 |
| Alafia Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 550.00 | 500.00 | 700.00 | 300.00 | 2,050.00 |
| Antioch Baptist Church DC | - | - | - | - | 800.00 | - | - | - | 800.00 |
| Broadneck Baptist Church | - | - | 2,125.00 | - | 1,594.00 | - | - | - | 3,719.00 |
| Broadview Baptist Church | - | - | 1,200.00 | - | 500.00 | - | - | - | 1,700.00 |
| Brookmont Baptist Church | 200.00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 200.00 |
| Calvary Baptist Church | - | - | 3,750.00 | - | 7,500.00 | - | 2,700.00 | 4,250.00 | 18,200.00 |
| Calvary Burmese Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 870.00 | - | - | - | 870.00 |
| Camody Hills Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | - | 150.00 | - | - | 150.00 |
| Chevy Chase Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 800.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | - | 1,000.00 |
| Christian Family Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 598.10 | - | 300.00 | 100.00 | 998.10 |
| Clifton Park Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 3,000.00 | - | 1,383.00 | 486.59 | 4,869.59 |
| Commonwealth Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 917.33 | - | - | - | 917.33 |
| Dayspring Community Church | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| East Washington Heights Baptist | - | - | 3,600.00 | 1,800.00 | - | 1,361.55 | - | 2,572.00 | 9,333.55 |
| Eglise Baptiste Du Calvaire | - | - | - | - | 500.00 | - | - | - | 500.00 |
| Emanuel, Iglesia Bautista | - | - | - | - | 225.00 | - | - | - | 225.00 |
| First Baptist Church Of The City of Washin | - | - | - | - | 16,562.50 | 973.33 | 3,573.32 | 6,762.02 | 27,871.17 |
| First Baptist Church Camp Springs | - | - | - | - | 10,000.00 | 1,368.05 | 3,017.13 | 1,185.48 | 15,570.66 |
| First Baptist Church/Front Royal | - | - | 2,512.00 | - | - | - | 1,395.00 | - | 3,907.00 |
| First Baptist Church Gaithersburg | - | - | - | - | 5,849.00 | - | 19,721.10 | 8,786.45 | 34,356.55 |
| First Baptist Church Georgetown | - | - | 100.00 | - | 600.00 | - | - | 400.00 | 1,100.00 |
| First Baptist Church Hyattsville | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,000.42 | 1,000.42 |
| First Baptist Church Silver Spring | - | - | 1,211.55 | - | 21,119.41 | - | 9,894.25 | 955.00 | 33,180.21 |
| First Baptist Church Upper Marlboro | - | - | - | - | 830.00 | - | - | - | 830.00 |
| First Baptist Church/Wheaton | 250.00 | - | - | - | 500.00 | - | - | 250.00 | 1,000.00 |
| First New Horizon Baptist Church, The | - | - | - | - | 100.00 | - | - | - | 100.00 |
| First Temple Hills Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 270.58 | - | - | 266.33 | 536.91 |
| Forest Heights Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 4,247.59 | 4,824.59 | - | - | 9,072.18 |
| Fort Foote Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 68,146.00 | 8,014.00 | - | 1,679.00 | 77,839.00 |
| Fort Washington Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 3,600.00 | 1,800.00 | - | - | 5,400.00 |
| Georgetown Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 1,856.95 | 70.00 | - | 260.00 | 2,186.95 |
| Greenbelt Baptist Church | 2,400.00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,400.00 |
| Heritage Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 4,312.00 | - | - | - | 4,312.00 |
| Hillandale Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 3,000.00 | - | - | - | 3,000.00 |
| Holy Comforter Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 350.00 | - | - | - | 350.00 |
| Israel Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 1,805.00 | - | - | - | 1,805.00 |
| Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 900.00 | - | 900.00 | 2,397.00 | 4,197.00 |
| Montgomery Hills Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 12,375.00 | - | 15,134.57 | - | 27,509.57 |
| Moming Star Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 500.00 | - | - | - | 500.00 |
| Mt. Airy Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 550.00 | - | - | - | 550.00 |
| Mt. Gilead Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 1,000.00 | - | - | 10.00 | 1,010.00 |
| Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 500.00 | - | - | - | 500.00 |
| Mt. Moriah Baptist Church | - | - | - | 900.00 | 1,350.00 | - | - | - | 2,250.00 |
| National Baptist Memorial Church | - | - | - | - | 3,500.00 | - | - | - | 3,500.00 |
| Nations United Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 5,140.99 | 22,952.77 | - | - | 28,093.76 |
| New Creation Baptist Church | - | - | 1,100.00 | - | - | - | 500.00 | 602.00 | 2,202.00 |
| Nineteenth Street Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 500.00 | - | - | - | 500.00 |
| Paramount Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 1,752.48 | - | 2,600.00 | 1,450.00 | 5,802.48 |
| Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, The | - | - | - | - | 5,750.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 6,000.00 | 14,750.00 |
| Purity Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 500.00 | - | - | - | 500.00 |
| Ravensworth Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 3,492.00 | - | 1,140.00 | 2,850.00 | 7,482.00 |
| Rivers Of Joy Bible Fellowship Church | - | - | - | - | 800.00 | - | 200.00 | 200.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Riverside Church | - | - | - | - | 1,000.00 | - | - | - | 1,000.00 |
| Saint Mary's Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 1,500.00 | - | 1,500.00 | 1,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Saint Matthews Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 1,000.00 | - | - | - | 1,000.00 |
| Shiloh Baptist Church - DC | - | - | - | - | 1,000.00 | - | - | - | 1,000.00 |
| Takoma Park Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 8,580.00 | - | 3,960.19 | - | 12,540.19 |
| Temple Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 1,200.00 | - | - | 1,650.00 | 2,850.00 |
| The People's Community Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 2,000.00 | - | - | - | 2,000.00 |
| Third Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 200.00 | - | 50.00 | - | 250.00 |
| Trinity Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 8,839.31 | 12,783.31 | - | 1,891.00 | 23,513.62 |
| Twinbrook Baptist Church | - | 2,122.85 | 176.01 | - | 744.99 | 3,357.00 | 596.95 | 311.00 | 7,308.80 |
| University Baptist Church/College Park | - | - | - | - | 16,414.37 | 53.00 | 15,391.32 | 6,664.48 | 38,523.17 |
| Upper Room Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 1,088.00 | - | - | - | 1,088.00 |
| Vienna Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 10,420.00 | - | 9,316.83 | - | 19,736.83 |
| Village Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 3,000.00 | - | - | - | 3,000.00 |
| Washington Plaza Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 750.00 | - | - | - | 750.00 |
| West Hyattsville Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 692.00 | 400.00 | 250.00 | 800.00 | 2,142.00 |
| Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church | 3,015.53 | - | - | - | - | 5.00 | 463.00 | 214.00 | 3,697.53 |
| Zion Baptist Church | - | - | - | - | 250.00 | - | - | - | 250.00 |
| Sub-Total | 5,865.53 | 2,122.85 | 15,774.56 | 2,700.00 | 259,396.60 | 63,556.60 | 96,386.66 | 56,042.77 | 501,845.57 |

DC Baptist Convention Church Mission Giving

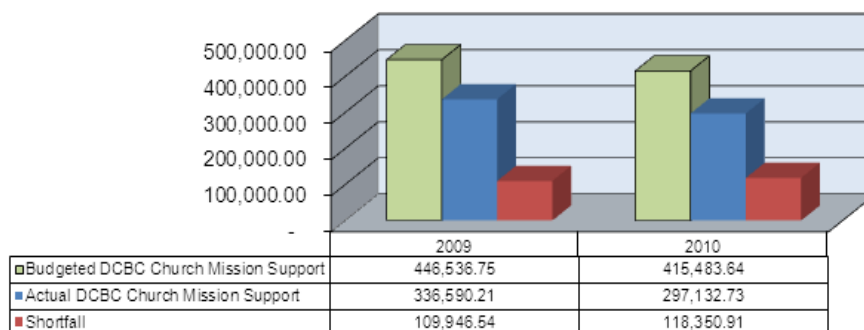
For the Eleven Months Ended November 30, 2010

| Missions & New Church Starts | DCBC - 65%; Coop - 35% | | | | 100% Designated | | | | YTD Total Gifts |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------|-------------|------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------|-----------------|
| | Unified Coop | SBC Coop | ABC Unified | PNBC | DCBC Designated | SBC Designated | ABC Designated | Misc. | |
| Balm in Gilead Ministry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| Beloved Community Church | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| Clinton Korean Baptist Church | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 230 | 0 | 0 | 730 |
| Falam Baptist Church, Maryland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1100 |
| Glory Baptist Church (Korean) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| Greenbelt Vietnamese Baptist Church | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1160 | 0 | 963.08 | 2123.08 |
| Lai Baptist Church | 0 | 0 | 4000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4000 |
| Lighthouse Christian Church | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| Olive Branch Community Church, Inc. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 |
| Power House Baptist Church | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 300 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 400 |
| Salem Gospel Ministries (Baltimore) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 550 | 0 | 100 | 50 | 700 |
| Word and Spirit Baptist Church | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 |
| Word for Life Church Ministries | - | - | - | - | 1,000.00 | - | - | 665.00 | 1,665.00 |
| Sub-Total | - | - | 4,000.00 | - | 3,350.00 | 1,390.00 | 100.00 | 1,113.08 | 9,953.08 |

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|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| TOTAL | 5,865.53 | 2,122.85 | 19,774.56 | 2,700.00 | 262,746.60 | 64,946.60 | 96,486.66 | 57,155.85 | 511,798.65 |
|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|

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

**Budget vs. Actual
as of November 30, 2009 and 2010**

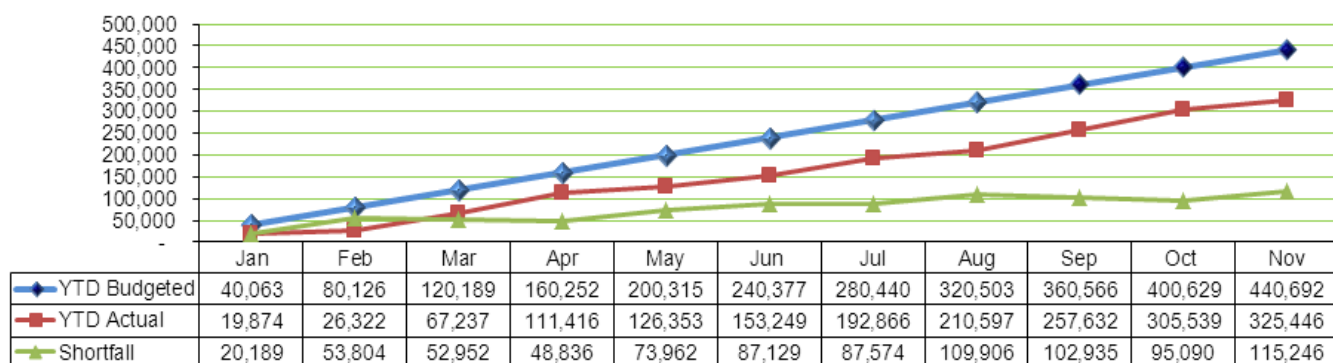


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| Total Contributing Churches/Missions & New Starts: | 85 |
| Total Non-Contributing Churches: | 38 |
| Total Non-Contributing Missions/New Start | 29 |

Comparative Analysis

The 2010 actual DCBC church mission support is **28.5%** or **\$118,351** below the budgeted amount.

YTD Church Support Trend



News Briefs

First Baptist Church-Wheaton Changes Its Name

As of January 1, the First Baptist Church of Wheaton has changed its name to “Streams of Hope @fbcw.” The church will move from its current location in Wheaton to a new facility in Olney, Md. next year, at which time the name will become “Streams of Hope.” The new website address is www.sohonline.org and the church email address is info@sohonline.org. Contact the church at 301.949.6585.

Women in Ministry Roundtable To Meet in February

The Center for Ministerial Leadership has revitalized its Women in Ministry component with the “Women in Ministry Roundtable.” The Roundtable, which will meet on Monday, February 28 at noon, seeks to continue to strengthen partnerships with DCBC member churches and female clergy and to better support women in ministry by providing relevant programming, ministry resources, practical trainings and occasions for both fellowship and networking. Mark your calendar. More details about the February event will be in the next issue of the *Capital Baptist*. For more information, contact Rev. Starlette McNeill at Starlette.mcneill@dcbaptist.org.

Training Opportunity for Ministry Assistants

LifeWay Christian Resources and the National Association of Southern Baptist Secretaries (NASBS) are hosting the 2011 National Meeting for Ministry Assistants, April 27-29, 2011, at First Baptist Church, Sevierville, Tenn. This event only happens every other year; so pastors and ministerial staff, make plans now for your ministry assistants to attend this year. The theme for the event is “What Is Your JOY?” This event offers professional training, worship, inspiration, personal renewal and fellowship with ministry assistants from across the United States. A separate track will also be offered for Professional Course Certification for Ministry Assistants. This is a great way for your church or association to recognize your ministry assistants(s) during Office Professionals week. For more information, go to www.lifeway.com/event/132/ or www.nasbs.net.

BJC Announces Essay Contest for High School Students

The Religious Liberty Council of the Baptist Joint Committee announces its 6th annual Religious Liberty Essay Scholarship Contest, which is open to all high school students in the 2011 and 2012 graduating classes. This year’s contest asks students to consider what happens when religious rights clash with other rights or laws and how the student would determine an appropriate outcome. The scholarship contest offers a grand prize of \$1,000 and airfare and lodging for two to Washington, D.C. Second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$100. Essays must be between 800-1200 words and postmarked by March 15, 2011. Winners will be announced in the summer of 2011. Contest entry forms and more examples are available online at www.BJOnline.org/contest.

CDs from the Annual Meeting Available

Did you miss all or a part of the 134th Annual Meeting but wish you could have been there? Or, did you enjoy a sermon or breakout session so much that you would like a copy of it? The Convention now has CDs available. The CDs are available for \$10 each if you pick them up from the Baptist Building at 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009. If you would like CDs mailed to you, please add \$2 to your order for shipping and handling. Indicate which CD you would like in the “Memo” section of your check. For more information, contact Lashanor Doolittle or Karen Strider at 202.265.1526.

Baptist Women Invited to Tour Holocaust Memorial Museum

Baptist Women’s Ministries will sponsor a tour to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum on Saturday, April 2. In addition to exploring the permanent exhibit, the tour will include interesting historical information about Baptists and the Holocaust and an opportunity to meet and to have a discussion with a Holocaust survivor. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited to 50 persons only. To register and receive the itinerary, send your full name, name of your church, phone number and email address to gail.lacy@dcbaptist.org or clundy@ushmm.org. For more information, contact Gail Lacy at 202.265.1526 or Carletta Lundy, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum at 202.488.2670.



Church & Staff News

Thanks!

The D.C. Baptist Convention extends its warmest thanks to Gail Lacy for serving as Recording Secretary from 2008-2010. Lacy is a member of the DCBC staff and First Baptist Church of Camp Springs in Maryland.

Billups Receives Award for Service

Rev. Jevon Billups was awarded the Barry & Margaret Copeland Youth and Community Service Award. The award, which was established in 2009 by the Master’s Circle of Christian Fellowship, recognizes significant impact and outstanding contributions to youth. Rev. Billups is the Overseer of Holy Comforter Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

Ministry Opportunity

First Baptist Church of Silver Spring (MD) is looking for an organist (33-rank Wicks Pipe Organ). Please contact Valeria Foster at valeria.foster@fbcss.org or the church at 301.585.5454 for more information.

OBCC Seeks Minister of Music

Olive Branch Community Church in Sandy Spring, MD is looking for a Minister of Music. To find out more about this position, please contact the church at obchurch@comcast.net or 240.389.1037 for more information.



Rev. Kip Ingram Pastor Twinbrook Baptist Church Rockville, MD

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

My passion is to be a person given to a thoughtful, gentle caring of God's people. As a pastor, I embrace the call to reflect God's creative love and sustaining care among those identified with Twinbrook Baptist Church and beyond them into the larger community.

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

My passion is reflected in the weekly rhythm of planning and leading vital, challenging and reflective worship services. It is also reflected in the many conversational moments I share with people—from informal ones shared in busy hallways to intense times in the hospital to common visits in the homes of people. I am mindful of the old words of Philemon of Alexandria: "Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle." And I keep those words in mind as I try to make space in my daily interactions with others in which I can hear and understand their vulnerabilities, struggles and hopes.

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

Part of being a minister in this D.C. region is to understand how the pace of life and the ever-changing conditions of our communities can overwhelm people, leaving them stressed or wounded or searching for something more secure in their lives. I cherish those moments when I can help to foster a meaningful connection between someone and a larger sense of God's caring purposes in life.

What is your favorite scripture?

"Jesus said, 'Where are they? Does not one condemn you?' She said, 'No one, Lord.' Then Jesus said, 'Neither do I.'" --John 8:10-11

I've always liked the gospel story of Jesus and the woman caught in adultery. For me, it shows dramatically the subversive nature of God's love over against a society with other agendas. My life passion is to participate, however imperfectly, in that kind of love.

In the Next Issue

The February/March 2011 issue of the *Capital Baptist* will feature the following articles:

- "Our Pastors...Our Cities" with Rev. Elizabeth Hagan, Washington Plaza Baptist Church in Reston, VA and Rev. San No Thuan, Falam Baptist Church in Frederick, MD
- DCBC's Youth Ministry Initiative
- Update from the Executive Director/Minister Search Committee
- DCBC Churches Promote Healthier Lifestyles
- Upcoming Events
- And more...

Do you have an article idea or something you would like published in the *Capital Baptists*? Do you have a photo from a church service or event that you would like to share? Email it to us at communications@dcbaptist.org.

Our Pastors...Our Cities



Rev. Dr. Steven Hyde

Senior Pastor

Ravensworth Baptist Church

Annandale, VA

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

I don't think ministry would be boring anywhere, but it's certainly not in the D.C. metropolitan area. The diversity, history and proximity to events of global significance bring an edge to ministry and provide an opportunity for relevance. Members of our congregations are on the front-line, and the world is at our doorstep. Any congregation in the D.C. area can experience a call to a particular area of ministry and make an impact. One example at Ravensworth is a Holy Land Peacemaking group which formed seven years ago and is deeply engaged in Israeli-Palestinian issues. Thirteen members of our congregation have visited the West Bank and seen the effects of the Israeli occupation on the daily lives of Palestinian families (and Palestinian churches).

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

What makes ministry in our area

challenging is also what makes it so interesting. For our congregation, becoming an AWAB church presented intimidating challenges, especially in the earlier years of discussing and voting and losing a few from our membership. But we have received such blessings for having faced the challenges. One practical challenge for me is being pastor to so many highly intelligent people. I have been in the D.C. area now for 30 years, and preaching is a challenge! The needs for ministry in our communities are so overwhelming, and discerning the call of God on where to place our time and resources is a constant challenge.

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

I never tire of Washington landmarks, and the Capitol building always gives me goose bumps, but I'm particularly drawn to all the places that hold the memory of Abraham Lincoln. However, my sense of awe is muted by

knowing that Jesus was not that impressed with the grandeur of Herod's Temple in first century Jerusalem.

What is your favorite scripture?

My favorite Scripture is the first nine chapters of Mark's Gospel. During my sabbatical last year, it was my privilege to stay a full month on the northwest shores of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus lived and did his Kingdom-work. I read Mark 1-9 there many times, and it came to life for me in a way I will never forget.

"I don't think ministry would be boring anywhere, but it's certainly not in the D.C. metropolitan area. The diversity, history and proximity to events of global significance bring an edge to ministry and provide an opportunity for relevance."

The 2011 Calendar of Activities highlights a few of DCBC's dedicated pastors as well as some of the sites and landmarks that make the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area unique. The photos in the calendar, which are also featured here, were taken by Charles F. Lee who is a member of Twinbrook Baptist Church in Rockville, Md. January features Dr. Hyde with the U.S. Capitol in the background.

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Periodicals

International Missions

Partnering For Christ in the Congo

By Rev. Dr. Adrien Ngudiankama, M.Phil, Ph.D. *
Pastor, Salem Gospel Ministries

Years of wars have left the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo (D.R.C.) with social, psychological and spiritual trauma that only the gospel of Christ will heal. Agonies from systematic rape, hatred and murders will only be healed by the gospel of Christ.

In our era of advanced technologies and mobility, there are thousands of people in well-known areas that have not been reached by the gospel of Christ. This is due to their social conditions and geographic locations. The people of the territory of Ngombe-Sud in the Lower Province of the D.R.C., known as Bas-Congo, are among such people. They are socially marginalized and daily dependent on animism. Unfortunately, the Village Mbunga, where my parents come from, belongs to Ngombe-Sud. Mbunga has no church, no clinic, no running water and no school.

Fellow disciple of Jesus Christ, I invite you to partner with me by setting up a basic evangelistic structure to reach the people of

Mbunga for Christ. In December, 20 people from Mbunga will be trained in Kinshasa, the capital city of the D.R.C., as village evangelists. By God's grace, through this effort, the gospel will reach other villages of Ngombe-Sud. Contributions are urgently needed of Bibles and Christian literature (in Kikongo language that will be purchased in Kinshasa), medical and school supplies as well as other items that will be used to reach the lost people of Mbunga for Christ. Moreover, you can financially sponsor village evangelists to be trained as village pastors and teachers.

Any person, church, or organization interested in partnering with the Mbunga For Christ Project can contact me at: mbungaforchrist@aol.com or 240.595.2127. Checks can be made payable to Salem Gospel Ministries and mailed to: Salem Gospel Ministries, 9727 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. This ministry is tax-exempt and is affiliated with the D.C. Baptist Convention.



*This article is an excerpt from a letter written by Rev. Dr. Adrien Ngudiankama, who recently traveled to his home village in the Congo.