

News Briefs

Latest News, Announcements & Vignettes

NewsBriefs goes online. DCBC's "Capital Baptist NewsBriefs," now "eNewsBriefs," will no longer be mailed. Each month an email will alert subscribers that a new edition is available from the DCBC website, www.dcbaptist.org. If you would like to continue receiving "News Briefs" in the mail, please call 202.265.1526 or and we will be happy to send you a copy.

Help Provide Hope To Haiti. Eglise Baptiste Du Calvaire and Metropolitan Baptist Church have been working together to bring hope to Haiti. They are encouraging other DCBC churches to get involved and help provide ongoing support for Haiti. If you want to help right away, Eglise Baptiste Du Calvaire is receiving donations of supplies that will be shipped free to Haiti at the end of March. The items most needed are school supplies and over-the-counter medicines. For more information please contact the church at 301.431.0030.

DCBC Offers Usher Training. DCBC will hold Usher Training at Purity Baptist Church, 1325 Maryland Ave., NE, Washington, D.C. on Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The training, which is sponsored by the Center for Congregational Health, Evangelism and Discipleship, is to help ushers represent their church with a spirit of hospitality and welcome as well as to become an aid in Christian outreach. There will be separate classes for adults and youth ushers. Lunch will be provided. Register [here](#) or call 202.265.1526.

The Intercessory Prayer Team to meet at Hillandale Baptist Church this month. The Intercessory Prayer Team will meet for an hour of powerful prayer from 8-9 a.m. on Saturday, March 21 at Hillandale Baptist Church, 2601 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, Md., 301.434.6033. All are welcome to come and lift up our churches, city, nation and the world in prayer.

Baptist Women Get Ready to Renew. Mark Your Calendars for [Refresh Her 2009!](#) Sponsored by DCBC's Baptist Women's Ministries on Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 755 8th Street NW. Join us for a day of spiritual, physical, and emotional renewal for women. The conference will feature worship, Bible study, exercise, a mini spa, and fellowship. The conference will be in English and Spanish. A \$15

registration fee includes lunch. Make reservations by **May 4** or call 202.265.1526.

DCBC Recognized by Church World Service; "Gifts of the Heart" Kits Program seeks donations. The DC Baptist Convention has received a Certificate of Recognition from Church World Service in appreciation for our contributions to their "Gifts of the Heart" Kits Program. The Baptist Women's Ministries will be participating in this program again and is collecting items for school, baby and health kits that will be used in disaster relief in the U.S. and around the world. Click here for more information on this important and ongoing work. To find out how your church can be a part of meeting this need, contact Baptist Women's Ministries at 202.265.1526.

Scholarships Available for Seminarians. The District of Columbia Baptist Convention Foundation is accepting scholarship applications for students entering or returning to seminary in the Fall 2009 semester. The DCBCF provides scholarship assistance up to \$1,600 per semester to seminary students who meet the Foundation's criteria. Applications will be accepted until **May 1, 2009**. All decision awards are subject to funds availability. For a copy of the complete rules governing these scholarships and for an application form, [Click here](#) or contact the Foundation's Executive Director, Dr. Joseph M. Smith at 202.234.7194 or dcbaptistfoundation@juno.com.

BIGM Presents the Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Concert. The Balm in Gilead Ministry will host a concert by the Duke Ellington School of the Arts Show Choir at the Jochenning Center, 4025 9th Street, SE, Washington, D.C. on Sunday, March 29 at 5 p.m. Ticket donations are \$20. All proceeds will benefit the BIGM Department of Community and Social Services. For tickets, please call 202.577.9406.

Church Building Available Sunday Mornings. Brookmont Baptist Church has space available at its church on Sunday morning for worship services. The sanctuary holds about 250 people and there is a chapel that holds 50 people. The church is located between MacArthur Blvd and Glen Echo in Bethesda. For more information, contact Peter Ainslie at 301.320.3498.

College of Prayer Module Focuses on "Weapons of Warfare," May 14-16. The next module for the College of Prayer will be held at Fort Foote Baptist Church in Ft. Washington, Md. and will focus on the "Weapons of

Warfare" available to Christians. The speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Bernadette Glover-Williams, executive pastor of the Cathedral International in Perth Amboy, N.J. and preacher-in-residence at New Brunswick Theological Seminary. [Click here](#) for more information or [click here](#) to register.

DCBC sponsors Mobilization to End Poverty. DCBC will join other faith-based organizations as a local sponsor for Sojourners' Mobilization to End Poverty conference, April 26-29, 2009, here in the nation's capital. For more information about this important conference, [click here](#).

The Minister's Fellowship Continues Road Trip—Next Stop: Howard University School of Divinity. The DCBC Minister's Fellowship is visiting area seminaries and schools of divinity to find the answer to the question, "What does the church need from theological schools?" This month DCBC pastors and ministers will visit Howard University School of Divinity on Tuesday, March 24. Details are forthcoming and will be available [here](#) but mark your calendars now.

Internationally Acclaimed Pianist in Concert at FBC, DC. The First Baptist Church of the City of Washington, DC warmly invites you to hear International Steinway Concert Artist Thomas Pandolfi in recital on Sunday, March 15th at 4pm at 1328 16th Street NW, Washington DC. Mr. Pandolfi, an internationally acclaimed pianist, will be performing works by Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt and Gershwin. This recital is a gift from their congregation to the community and to the city. Please join them for this very special event.