

News Briefs

October 2009

Latest News, Announcements & Vignettes

Annual Meeting 2009. Register now for the 2009 Annual Meeting, which will be held on October 26 and 27 at Fort Foote Baptist Church in Fort Washington, Md. This year's theme is "Strengthening our Network and Building God's Kingdom." Rev. Neville Callam, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, Rev. Gene Mims, pastor of and Rev. D. Edward Williams, pastor of FBC Wheaton, are two of the key speakers. All DCBC churches are encouraged to participate. You may register online or click [here](#) for the registration form. Call 202.265.1526 if you have questions. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to worship and fellowship together.

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.

DCBC Offers Two Courses for Clergy and Laity. Two eight-hour courses, "Discovering Your Christian Ministry" and "Creating Change in Baptist Communities," will be held for those interested in strengthening the ministry in their local church. "Discovering Your Christian Ministry" is an eight-hour course for designed for those interested in a more significant ministry in their local church. Participants will learn about servant leadership and discover the gifts they bring to ministry. "Creating Change in Baptist Communities" is an eight-hour course for lay persons and clergy. Participants will receive Biblical and theological foundations for change.

Both courses will be held at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. on October 10 and 24, November 7 and 21. "Discovering Your Christian Ministry" will be held from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., while "Creating Change in Baptist Communities," will meet from 1p.m. to 3 p.m .

DCBC churches call new pastors. The D.C. Baptist Convention is welcoming the following new pastors into our fellowship:

Rev. Larry Owens, Jr.
Canaan Baptist Church
Washington, D.C.

Rev. Robin Toogood
Purity Baptist Church
Washington, D.C.

Rev. Marcellus Ridgeway
Brookland Union Baptist Church
Washington, D.C.

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. Sponsored by the Baptist Women's Fellowship of Metropolitan Washington, the Women's World Day of Prayer celebration will be held at 10:30 a.m. on **Monday, November 2** at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 2409 Ainger Place SE, Washington, D.C. There will be Bible study, prayer for our sisters around the world, and a special offering will be taken to benefit projects that aid victims of human trafficking. Participants are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert for lunch. Beverages will be provided. Click [here](#) for flyer. Click [here](#) to go to the BW Day of Prayer website.

College of Prayer. On November 12-14, participants will learn how to "Release the Family Blessing" as they gain skills on cultivating the presence of God in their home. This module will be held at Fort Foote Baptist Church, 8310 Fort Foote Road, Fort Washington, Md. For more detailed information about this module, click [here](#).

Volunteers Needed for NBMC After School Program. National Baptist Memorial Church, which is located at 1501 Columbia Road, NW, Washington, D.C. is looking for volunteers to help with The Well After School Program. Volunteers are needed to help with homework, arts and crafts, read to children in the program 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.

MORE NEWS...

Interested in becoming an Intentional Interim Pastor? Certificate Training for Interim Pastors starts this month on **Tuesday, Sept. 8**. There is an upcoming training for clergy who are interested in becoming certified as an Intentional Interim Pastor. The instructor for the training is **Rev. Paul A. Clark**, M.Div., M.Ed.,

M.A., B.A., a Certified Intentional Interim Pastor, Clergy Coach, Church Consultant and former Pastor.

Requirements for the certificate training include: three (3) training sessions in interim leadership development and the completion of a supervised interim pastorate. The three training sessions will be held at the D.C. Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. and 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). For more information, contact Rev. Paul Clark at revpaulclark@verizon.net, 202.321.1519 or click [here](#).

Emerging Clergy Leadership Development Seminars will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the DC Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C., starting Tuesday, Oct. 20. 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 a healthy self who maintains 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 be the instructor for these seminars, which will take place on the following dates:

October 20, 2009

November 17, 2009

December 8, 2009

January 5, 2010

The cost for training is P \$25 per training day. Free parking is available. For more information, contact Rev. Paul Clark at revpaulclark@verizon.net, 202.321.1519 or click [here](#).

DATE CHANGE: Serve DC—The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism, is hosting the "Prevent, Prepare, Protect: Preventative Strategies for Faith-based Communities," conference on **Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 8 a.m.** at the Marriott at Metro Center (it was originally scheduled for Sept. 30). The conference will help clergy, lay leaders and staff prepare themselves and those they serve before an emergency occurs. There is no cost for the conference and it includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Register by going to www.regonline.com/PPP2009.

Baptist Men Gather for Breakfast, Fellowship and Focus. Southern Baptist Men in the United States and Canada will be joining Baptist Men in Great Britain and Nigeria on October 10, 2009, for a "somewhat" simultaneous men's breakfast. For Southern Baptists, The Bigger Breakfast theme is about mission action both in the community and beyond. The following day is World Hunger Day in Southern Baptist churches, and The Bigger Breakfast will emphasize that at the men's Saturday gatherings. Southern Baptist churches planning to participate in The Bigger Breakfast are asked to register at www.bmen.net/breakfast. Church men's leaders will also find a recommended program plan for their breakfast meeting at this site. For more information, contact Joe Conway at 770.410.6497 or visit www.bmen.net/breakfast.

Free Resources at *The Parish Paper*

Download the following FREE resources at www.TheParishPaper.com:

- Thirty-four volumes of *Church Effectiveness Nuggets*. Each volume provides principles and procedures that strengthen effectiveness with a particular ministry.
- Planning Process-- *How to Accomplish Effective Congregational Planning*
- Core Values-- *The Powerful, Invisible Influence of Core Values: Why Every Congregation Needs to Identify Them*
- Financial Stewardship--*Planning and Leading a Miracle Sunday Campaign*

[Click here](#) for the latest edition of *The Parish Paper*.

Employment Opportunities

Mount Horeb Baptist Church is looking for a 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**. For more information or to apply, visit www.mthoreb.org. You may also click [here](#).

ABC NY is seeking an Executive Minister. The American Baptist Churches of New York State is looking for an Executive Minister to lead the organization. Nominations need to be submitted by **October 10** and applications received by **October 20**. Click [here](#) for a full position description.

Senior Pastor. Great Hills Baptist Church (www.ghbc.org) is actively seeking a full-time senior pastor. Great Hills is located in Austin, Texas, has two Sunday morning worship services weekly, with a combined attendance of 1500-1600. Great Hills is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptists of Texas. Resumes may be sent to P.O. Box 200340, Austin, TX 78720-0340 or via email to ghbcpsc@gmail.com. For more information, click [here](#).

Baptist History & Heritage Society is seeking a new 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.