

News Briefs

February 2010

Latest News, Announcements & Vignettes

Joseph M. Smith to Serve as DCBC Interim Regional Minister

The District of Columbia Baptist Convention (DCBC) has named Dr. Joseph M. Smith as Interim Regional Minister, following the recent resignation of Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, who left his post as Executive Minister/Director. Smith, who has been a part of Baptist life in the D.C. metropolitan area for 40 years, will serve on a half-time basis, providing overall staff support and leadership to two of the Convention's ministry center teams, the Center for Ministerial Leadership (CML) and the Center for Representative Process, Administration and Governance (CRAG), as well as consultation services to the Search Committee as efforts proceed to determine the next permanent Executive Director/Minister. Click [here](#) to read the news release.

You Are Invited: Search Committee Holds Town Hall Meetings

The DCBC Search Committee is holding several town hall meetings and a special meeting to give DCBC constituents an opportunity to pray and to share their views regarding the type of person to be called for the position of Executive Director/Minister. There will be three (3) simultaneous town hall meetings at **10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 3** in the following locations:

Washington, D.C.

Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church
3000 Pennsylvania Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20020
202.581.1500

Montgomery County

Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church
801 University Blvd. W
Silver Spring, Md. 20901
301.593.1130

Prince George's County

Village Baptist Church
1950 Mitchellville Rd.
Bowie, Md. 20716
301.249.6448

The Search Committee will gather the information from the Town Hall Meetings and will present the results during a **Special Meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 25 at Montgomery Hills Baptist Church, 9727 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Md. 20910**. To print a flyer for the Special Meeting, click [here](#). For more information or to RSVP, contact DCBC at 202.265.1526 or via email at info@dcbaptist.org. Please RSVP so that we will be able to properly prepare for each meeting.

In addition, the Search Committee has developed a survey to help determine the most important qualities the new Executive Director/Minister should have. You can complete the survey online by clicking [here](#) or you can print out a copy, (click [here](#)) and mail or fax it back to DCBC at 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009, fax: 202.667.8258. Responses to the survey should be completed **no later than March 1, 2010**.

Prayer Service for Haiti

There will be a Prayer Service for Haiti from 7-8:30 p.m. **on Thursday, February 11** at Trinity Baptist Church, 1900 Beechwood Road, Hyattsville, Md. 20783. For more information, contact DCBC at 202.265.1526.

Pastoral Counseling Being Offered

Persons in need of pastoral support following the earthquake that devastated Haiti can contact Rev. Adrien Ngudiankama, a member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, at 240.595.2127, or Rev.

Israel Philogene at 301.288.7556, both of whom are able to provide counsel in French. A list of professional counseling services in the region is also available by clicking [here](#).

Church Starting Support Group

Informal quarterly meetings and lunch for those engaged in starting new churches will begin on **Tuesday, February 9** at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Meetings will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Other meeting dates are May 19, August 12 and November 8.

Forgiveness Seminar To Be Held at Johenning

There will be a Forgiveness Seminar, entitled, "The Power of Forgiveness" at the Johenning Baptist Community Center, 4025 Ninth Street, SE, Washington, D.C. on **Saturday, February 13** from 10 a.m. to noon. Dr. Robert Cochran will be the facilitator of the session, which will include a video, Bible study and discussion. Register [here](#).

Valentine's Day Dinner

CenterPoint Baptist Church in Temple Hills, Md. is hosting its 7th Annual Valentine's Day Dinner on **Sunday, February 14** from 6-10 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel, 6400 Oxon Hill Rd., Oxon Hill, Md. (near the Waterfront). Tickets are \$85 per couple (\$65 for vegetarians). Contact CenterPoint Co-Pastors: Rev. Orlando Bego at ojbego@hotmail.com or Rev. Chauntia Bego at ccbego@hotmail.com. RSVP by February 7.

Exploring Church Hurt

On **Wednesday, February 23** at noon, the Ministers Fellowship will focus on "Church Hurt: Transforming Conflict in Your Congregation." Robert Cochran will serve as the facilitator. Lunch will be provided; the cost is \$8. Please RSVP **no later than Friday, February 19** to Rev. Starlette McNeill at Starlette.mcneill@dcbaptist.org.

Telephone Encouragers Training--RESCHEDULED

On **Saturday, February 27** from 10 a.m. until noon there will be Telephone Encourager Training to prepare participants to help answer phone calls from people who call the Evangelism Response Center to find out more about following Jesus Christ. DCBC is participating in this program through "God's Plan for Sharing." The workshop, led by Larry Hentz of Fort Foote Baptist Church, is free and will be held at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth St., NW, Washington, D.C. To register, click [here](#).

In-Service Training for Teachers and Leaders

Several in-service training sessions are planned for teachers and leaders of Sunday School and Missions Education on **Friday, February 26 and Saturday, February 27**. All classes will be held at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth St., NW, Washington, D.C. To register, click [here](#). The schedule for these in-service training sessions is as follows:

*Training for Sunday School Superintendents and Directors

Friday, February 26, 2010

7-9 p.m. led by Dr. Robert Cochran

*Training for Teachers of Adults

Saturday, February 27

9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. led by Dr. Connie Stinson and Gail Lacy

*Training for Teachers of Youth

Saturday, February 27

1-3:30 p.m. led by Rev. Dub Pool and Rev. Arleen Anderson

*Training for Teachers of Children and Preschoolers

Saturday, February 27

1-3:30 p.m. led by Rev. Deborah Cochran and Jennifer Newman Ives

Third Baptist Calls New Pastor

The Third Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. has called Rev. Dr. Michael Wayne Hopkins to serve as its

seventh pastor. Installation services will be held the week of March 15. Visit www.thirdbaptistchurch.org for more information.

Rivers of Joy Celebrates 11th Anniversary

Congratulations to Rivers of Joy Bible Fellowship Church for its 11 years of service to God's kingdom! DCBC celebrates this milestone with you and prays for God's continued blessings on your ministry.

Employment Opportunities

Executive Director/Minister. The District of Columbia Baptist Convention has opened its search for an Executive Director/Minister. The Executive Director/Minister will serve as the principal executive officer of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention administering all funds, programs, and ministries of the Convention under the direction of the Executive Board and the Executive Committee.

Applicants must be an ordained minister with a degree from an accredited seminary; by education, skill and experience is capable of being an executive director/minister of an urban-suburban convention; able to be an effective pastor to pastors with listening and coaching skills, have proven administrative skills, knows how to bring creative persons together for ministry and mission, and able to work with all Convention affiliations and partners. For a more comprehensive list of the position qualifications and responsibilities, click [here](#) for a pdf file or [here](#) to view the job description in MS Word. The deadline to apply is **Monday, March 1**.

Please send inquiries and letters of application and resumes to:

Dr. Ella Redfield
Chair, Search Committee
DC Baptist Convention 1628 16th Street NW
Washington DC 20009
(202) 265-1526

Fax to (202) 667-8258 or email to dcbc@dcbaptist.org. Please indicate "Executive Director/Minister Applicant" in the subject line.

Treasurer/CFO, Associate General Secretary for Finance. American Baptist Churches USA is in a search process for the person who will be its next Treasurer/CFO, Associate General Secretary. This is a full-time position located at the Mission Center in Valley Forge, Pa. Candidates are encouraged to apply who have an extensive background in various financial activities either in a non-profit or corporate environment and who would embrace the opportunity to use their professional financial skills to serve God in this aspect of Christ's work in the denomination. To apply send a cover letter, resume and the name/address and phone numbers of three professional references to jobs@abc-usa.org by **February 19**. Click [here](#) to view the job description.

Office Manager. National Baptist Memorial Church in Washington, D.C., is looking for an Office Manager. The Office Manager shall be primarily responsible for church office administrative and managerial duties. Click [here](#) for a complete job description. Resumes should be sent via email to minkjones@msn.com, or fax, 202.265.8889. In the subject line or on fax cover sheet write "Attn: Church Office." No phone calls please.

Director of Preschool. Vienna Baptist Church is seeking an experienced director for its half day inclusive preschool. Vienna Baptist Church is seeking an experienced director for its half day inclusive preschool. For further details of this full time position please go to www.vbc-va.org and click on children's center for position description and the search team email address.