

Memorial Day Observance. The DCBC Office will be closed on Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day.

Refresh Her Women's Retreat May 8. If you are looking for a day of **spiritual, physical, and emotional refreshment** then join the Baptist Women's Ministries on **Saturday, May 8**, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 755 Eighth Street NW, Washington, D.C. Registration is \$15. Please call DCBC at [202.265.1526](tel:202.265.1526) to make reservations. The Refresh Her Retreat will feature corporate worship, Bible study, music, a missions challenge, exercise, mini Spa, fellowship, food, and fun! New this year will be a seminar especially for teenage girls. This year, Refresh Her participants will also have the opportunity to participate in a disaster response service project by donating items needed for the White Cross, "Gifts of the Heart" Health Kits (see list of items below).

Disaster Response Service Project

Disaster survivors need essential items to reclaim their homes and lives. You can help prepare special recovery kits that provide tangible assistance to people in need and show that neighbors near and far truly care. The kits will be distributed by Church World Service wherever they are needed in the U.S. or around the world. Each health kit is valued at \$10.

Items needed for each kit:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels).
- One washcloth.
- One wide-tooth comb.
- One nail clipper.
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper).
- One toothbrush (in original packaging).
- Six Band-Aids®.

Monetary donations are also accepted toward the cost of shipping or purchase of kit items. Make checks payable to DCBC.

College of Prayer's May Module. "Revive My Church Today" is the theme for the May module of the College of Prayer, which will be led by **Richard Owen Roberts**, an itinerant preacher and Bible expositor who is also the President and a founding Director of International Awakening Ministries (IAM). This module will be held at Fort Foote Baptist Church, 8310 Fort Foote Road, Fort Washington MD 20744 on **May 13-15**. Register today! The cost to register is \$150 and includes six meals. Onsite registration does not guarantee meals. Click [here](#) to register.

Housing Possibilities/Options for Seniors. Older Adult Ministries Advocacy Training will host a workshop on **Saturday, May 22** from 10 a.m. to noon at the D.C. Baptist Convention, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009, to discuss housing options for older adults. For more information, contact Rev. Gloria Grant at glogrant@comcast.net. Click [here](#) to register.

Introductory New Testament Greek Class. Greek classes will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. starting May 11 and ending on December 7. The classes will be held at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009. This class, which will start with the basics—the Greek alphabet and fundamentals of pronunciation—guides you step-by-step through Greek grammar, usage and translation strategies, building a strong foundation in New Testament Greek. By the end of the course you will know more than 80% of the words occurring in the Greek New Testament. This class will be taught by Robert Cochran and Carol Wilson. For information contact [Robert Cochran](#). Tuition is \$300. To register, click [here](#).

Public Theology Continuing Education Workshop. Many Christians in the greater Washington, D.C. area work as public servants with only a vague sense of public service as a form of Christian vocation. This one day workshop entitled, "Public Service as Christian Vocation," will explore issues related to this population, building a theology of public service, maintaining a spirituality to sustain work in public life, and leading participants to construct a public theology. The workshop will be held on **Friday, May 15** from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Wesley Seminary at Mount Vernon Square, 908 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. Speakers include: **Mike McCurry**, former Press Secretary for President Bill Clinton; **Shaun Casey**, Professor of Christian Ethics, Wesley Theological Seminary; and **Leah Daughtry**, CEO, the 2008 Democratic Convention and the Fall 2009 Resident Fellow, Harvard University's Institute of Politics. Registration: \$25; Registration Deadline: May 10. Lunch is included. Register at: www.wesleyseminary.edu/evs/events. For more information, contact 202.403.0962.

Ministers Fellowship. *Join the Fellowship. It's not just another meeting. It's our ministry to you.* On **Tuesday, May 25**, we will be joined by Dr. Jesse Wood, Assistant to the Senior Servant at Metropolitan Baptist Church, and will focus on "The *Dark Night of the Soul: Clergy Self-Care in an Age of Busyness.*" The fellowship is held from 12-1:30 p.m. at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009. Lunch is provided; the cost is \$8.

More News...

Ham Radio Training for Emergency Preparedness. Past experience has taught us that reliable communication is essential in times of disaster. On **May 21-22**, there will be a Ham Radio training course for those interested in learning how to operate this important communications tool. Sponsored by Maryland/Delaware Baptist Disaster Relief and the Anne Arundel Radio Club, this course is designed for anyone interested in obtaining a Level One (Technician) Ham Radio License. No previous radio or disaster relief experience is necessary. Click [here](#) for the flyer. Register at www.yourbcm.org/ham-radio-2010.

Preaching Workshop for Clergy. The Beloved Community Church is excited to have Rev. Dr. Kenyatta Gilbert, Assistant

Professor, Homiletics of Howard University School of Divinity to present a Workshop for African American Clergy entitled, " *Journey and Promise of African American Preaching,*" on **Saturday, May 22** at Colony South Hotel, 7401 Surratts Road, Clinton, MD 20735. This workshop is about helping preachers to recognize what makes for sound and faithful preaching; to discover what their lives uniquely offer to the preaching moment; and to find or to recover their authentic preaching voice. The workshop is designed for preachers of all levels of experience, including seminary students and/or ministers in training. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to be blessed! The registration deadline is **Monday, May 17**. For more information, contact Rev. Dr. Deborah Jones at Mddeb@aol.com, or call the church at 240.899.7511. Click [here](#) to print a flyer. To print a registration form, click [here](#) or visit the website at www.belovedcommunitychurchmd.org.

ABCUSA Director To Speak at Takoma Park BC for International Missions Sunday. Dr. Eleazar O. Zihembere, Director for African American Mission with American Baptist International Ministries, will be the guest speaker at 10:30 a.m. on **Sunday, May 16** at Takoma Baptist Church, 635 Aspen Street, NW, Washington, D.C., as they celebrate International Missions Day. Dr. Zihembere has 33 years of experience in ministry. He was senior pastor in Rwanda for 15 years and actively involved in the Baptist Union of Churches in Rwanda before emigrating to the United States in 1997. He also served as General Secretary of the All African Baptist Fellowship. Dr. Zihembere joined the International Ministries of American Baptist Churches USA in 1999 where he served as Ambassador to the All African Baptist Fellowship, Missions Partnership Coordinator and Area Director for Africa before being called to his present position in 2009.

Upcoming Events:

Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting. The SBC will meet **June 15-16**, at the Orange County Convention Center (West Building), 9800 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819. To register or find out more information, visit <http://www.sbcannualmeeting.net/sbc10/> or request messenger cards from the offices of the DCBC at 202.265.1526.

Volunteers Needed for Summer Mission Trip to New Orleans

American Baptist Churches USA in conjunction with the National Council of Churches' Special Commission for the Just Rebuilding of the Gulf Coast, will be hosting "Ecumenical Work Week IV," **August 1-7, 2010** in New Orleans. Volunteers are needed to participate in hands-on efforts to help rebuild homes, communities and lives in New Orleans. Click here for more information.

June Ministers Fellowship. On June 22, the theme for the Ministers Fellowship will be *The Harvest is Plentiful, but the Laborers are Few: Developing Leaders in Your Congregation* and we will be joined by Pastor Ed Allen, pastor of the Gateway Church of South Riding, Va. The Fellowship is held from 12-1:30 p.m. at the Baptist Building, located at 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009.

DCBC Annual Meeting. DCBC Day in member churches is **Sunday, October 24**, and the Annual Meeting will be held **October 25-26** at Israel Baptist Church, 1251 Saratoga Ave., NE, Washington, D.C., 20018, where Rev. Morris Shearin is the pastor. More information is forthcoming. Contact DCBC at [202.265.1526](tel:202.265.1526) if you have questions.

Employment Opportunities

Part-time Choir Director. Washington Plaza Baptist Church (WPBC) is seeking a highly skilled individual to direct its adult choir. The selected individual should be experienced with church choirs and well-trained in all genres of liturgical music, including classical, contemporary and gospel. Also, the selected individual must have the ability to work with and to mold volunteer singers with various levels of training and experience, into a cohesive unit. The Choir Director will report to the Senior Pastor. Salary range: \$11k-15k depending upon experience. E-mail resume to the attention of WPBC Personnel Committee at Administrator@washingtonplazachurch.com. Click [here](#) for more information.

Minister of Music. Dayspring Community Church is prayerfully seeking a Minister of Music (MOM), who loves the Lord and loves God's people, to lead worship and play for and grow a 6-member praise team that sings primarily contemporary gospel music, along with some hymns. Services are lively, spirit-filled and interactive and are held Sundays at 10 a.m. The MOM will play three Sundays/month (and 5th Sundays) with a weekly rehearsal prior to each service. Participation in occasional special services is also expected. The MOM will have the opportunity to develop other choirs/praise teams and creatively to develop musical opportunities in the church. Pay is generous and negotiable. To view the complete job description, click [here](#).

If this sounds like you or you would like more information, please contact Pastor Turner at [\(301\) 580-6533](tel:301.580.6533) or dayspringnet@aol.com. Applications may be emailed (preferable) or snail-mailed to our church office at the following address:

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Executive Director. The Baptist State Convention of Michigan is seeking resumes for the position of Executive Director. The qualified applicant will be a visionary leader with administrative skills, have a minimum of a Masters level degree, pastoral experience, and proven SBC denominational leadership. Please send all resumes to search@bscm.org by May 15. For more information or if you have questions, contact:

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