

News Briefs
October 2010
Latest News, Announcements & Vignettes

DCBC Names Clark Interim Regional Minister. The D.C. Baptist Convention has named Rev. Paul Clark as its new Interim Regional Minister, effective October 1. Rev. Clark is no stranger to DCBC having directed the Christian Education and Church Support program from 1983-1997. He also served as a consultant in the role of Minister for Stewardship in 2006. A seasoned clergy coach, pastoral leadership development specialist, church consultant and intentional interim pastor, Rev. Clark 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).

Search Re-opened. The DCBC Search Committee for the next Executive Director/Minister announced at the September 27 Executive Board meeting that it will re-open the search for the next DCBC Executive Director/Minister. The deadline for submitting an application for this position is Tuesday, November 30. Click [here](#) to read the report of the Search Committee. For a full job description of the Executive Director/Minister position, click [here](#).

Register Now for the DCBC Annual Meeting. It is time to register for the 134th D.C. Baptist Convention Annual Meeting! The meeting will be held **October 25-26**, 2010 at Israel Baptist Church, which is located at 1251 Saratoga Ave., NE, Washington, D.C. An impressive group of speakers and workshops are planned focused on the theme, "Churches United in Advancing the Emerging Work of God." Speakers for this year's Annual Meeting include:

Rev. Glynis LaBarre
Church Transformation Strategist
American Baptist Churches USA
Valley Forge, PA

Dr. Robert Parham
Executive Director
Baptist Center for Ethics
Nashville, TN

Rev. Eldridge Spearman
Pastor
Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church
Silver Spring, MD

There will be two Convocations immediately prior to the beginning of the DCBC Annual Meeting on Monday, October 25 at Israel Baptist Church, 1251 Saratoga Ave., NE, Washington, D.C.

Older Adults Explore Tough Conversations. At **12:30 p.m. on Monday, October 25**, the Older Adult Ministries Convocation will explore how older adults can hold difficult conversations about life issues beginning at 12:30 p.m. Using the theme "Tough Conversations for Grownups—at Midlife and Beyond," keynote speakers Judge Carolyn Miller Parr and Mr. Sig Cohen will provide guidance on how to keep peace and move from conflict to collaboration. There is a complimentary lunch for those who RSVP. To register for the OAM Convocation, click [here](#) to register for the Annual Meeting. Once you have registered as a delegate or non-delegate for the Annual Meeting, you will be given the option to sign up for the OAM Convocation. If you have questions or need more information, contact DCBC at 202.265.1526.

Ministers Convocation. This year's Ministers Convocation, which will begin at **2:30 p.m. on Monday, October 25**, features Dr. Kirk Houston, Sr., the Founder and Senior Pastor of Gethsemane Community Fellowship Baptist Church in Norfolk, VA. All licensed and ordained ministers are invited to participate. The Ministers Convocation will include a special time of prayer and edification for new pastors of DCBC churches.

Join us for all or part of the Annual Meeting! For more information or to register online, click [here](#).

Procession of Ministries. We are gathering information for the Procession of Ministries that takes place during the Annual Meeting. Each year, we highlight the important ministry work that our member churches are doing. The Procession of Ministries features some of the creative and innovative approaches our member churches have used to fulfill their mission. Please send us details about the work your ministry has been involved in over the past year, including a brief description (1-2 pages maximum), photos, PowerPoint slides and/or video. Forms for the Procession of Ministries can be printed out by clicking [here](#). Completed forms should be sent **no later than Tuesday, October 15** to D.C. Baptist Convention, Attn: Rev. Leslie Copeland-Tune, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009, or emailed to communications@dcbaptist.org. If you have questions, please contact DCBC at 202.265.1526.

Our Deepest Sympathy. Please join the leaders and staff of the D.C. Baptist Convention in extending our heartfelt sympathies to Rev. Dr. Wallace Charles Smith, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, in the loss of his mother and to Mrs. Linda DeVries, a member of First Baptist Church of the City of Washington and of the DCBC Executive Board, in the death of her son. Our prayers are with you.

All Aboard with the Older Adult Ministries! The Older Adult Ministries is setting sail down the Potomac on **Saturday, November 6**. Join them on the Spirit of Washington's Gospel Cruise for good fellowship, engaging entertainment and delicious food. Space is limited

and reservations should be made as soon as possible. The cost is \$60 per person, which includes a buffet lunch. Checks should be made payable to DCBC and sent to Older Adult Ministries, D.C. Baptist Convention, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009. For more information, contact DCBC at 202.265.1526.

DCBC 2011 Calendar Available. The 2011 Calendar of Activities, "Our Pastors...Our Cities," will be available for purchase at the Annual Meeting. In addition to featuring a baker's dozen of our pastors, we are very excited to feature photos from our region that were taken by Chuck Lee, a member of Twinbrook Baptist Church in Rockville, Md. The cost of the calendar is \$15. Please consider purchasing a copy of the calendar. This year's calendar will feature the following pastors:

Chaplain Saul Garcia

Buenas Nuevas de Salvacion
Washington, DC

Dr. Henry Green

Heritage Baptist Church
Annapolis, MD

Rev. Elizabeth Hagan

Washington Plaza Baptist Church
Reston, VA

Dr. Steven Hyde

Ravensworth Baptist Church
Annandale, VA

Rev. Kasey Jones

National Baptist Memorial Church
Washington, D.C.

Drs. Myrtle & Freddie Jones

Word for Life Church
Ft. Washington, MD

Rev. Darin Poullard

Ft. Washington Baptist Church
Ft. Washington, MD

Dr. Morris Shearin

Israel Baptist Church
Washington, DC

Dr. Wallace Charles Smith

Shiloh Baptist Church
Washington, DC

Rev. Todd Thomason

FBC, Hyattsville
Hyattsville, MD

Rev. San No Thuan

Falam Baptist Church
Frederick, MD

Dr. Ed Williams

FBC, Wheaton
Wheaton, MD

Advertise in the *Capital Baptist*. The *Capital Baptist* is now accepting advertising! Discounted rates are available to DCBC member churches. Please contact Rev. Leslie Copeland-Tune for more information at [202.265.1526](tel:202.265.1526) or communications@dcbaptist.org.

Sacks to Teach at the College of Prayer DC. Cheryl Sacks, a national conference speaker and author of *The Prayer Saturated Church*, will be the featured speaker at the College of Prayer DC, November 11-13 at Fort Foote Baptist Church, 8310 Fort Foote Road, Fort Washington, MD. The module features three days of instruction, intercession and fellowship. Early bird registration is \$125 (spouses are an additional \$50) until October 27 and group discounts are available. After October 27 the cost increases to \$150. For more information or to register, email Patricia Bolinger, registrar of the College of Prayer, at patricia.bolinger@yahoo.com.

More News...

City Gate Celebrates 10 Years of Ministry. City Gate will celebrate its 10th Anniversary on **Sunday, October 10** with a dinner and tour of its programs and ministries. The dinner and Open House will be held at the Merrick Center, 4275B Fourth Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20032. For more information or to register for this event, visit www.city-gate.org or call 202.237.1799.

Religious Educators Support Group To Meet. The next meeting of the Religious Educators Support Group will be on **Tuesday, October 12** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth St., NW, Washington DC. This group, which meets quarterly, is for ministers and laypersons who lead the ministry of religious education in their churches. Lunch will be served.

Holy Comforter Baptist Church to host "From Silence to Shouting" for girls ages 12-18. The Outreach Ministry of Holy Comforter Baptist Church will hold "Generation to Generation: From Silence to Shouting" at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 14 at Johnenning Baptist Community Center, 4025 Ninth Street, SE, Washington, D.C. The focus of the workshops is to prepare mothers and daughters to engage in the conversations needed to assist teens in making healthy decisions to prevent teen pregnancy and HIV/AIDS. Sessions will include information conversations, refreshments, educational workshops on teen pregnancy and HIV/AIDS prevention and some fun activities. For more information, contact Faye Boswell at 301.455.5224. Click [here](#) to print a flyer.

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. The Baptist Women's Fellowship of Metropolitan Washington invites your participation in a special prayer service to mark the *Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer*. On **Monday, November 1**, there will be a Prayer Service followed by a potluck lunch from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Upper Room Baptist Church, 60 Burns Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20019-3359. The theme is "In Step with the Spirit." Join us as we pray for our sisters around the world and take up a special offering to support projects that help women affected by human trafficking. Bring a covered dish or dessert for lunch. Beverages will be provided. For more information, contact Gail Lacy at 202.265.1526.

Holt to be Honored. Mayme Wilkins Holt, a long-time member of Takoma Park Baptist Church, will be honored on **Sunday, October 17** during the chartering celebration of the Washington, D. C. Branch of the National Association of Negro Musicians, Inc. (NANM). NANM revived its local branch in July and named it in the memory of her son, Ben Holt, a world-renowned operatic baritone. A native Washingtonian, Ben performed at such esteemed companies as the Metropolitan Opera, Virginia Opera, and made his Kennedy Center debut with Young Concert Artists, Inc. The chapter will be known as the Ben Holt, Jr., Memorial Chapter of NANM. Patrick McCoy, who is the Minister of Music at Takoma Park Baptist Church, will serve as the President of the new branch. For more information on the chartering celebration, click [here](#). Read the news [release](#).

DCBC Pastor Qualifies for Boston Marathon. We want to extend our congratulations to Dr. Bob Albritton, pastor of Vienna Baptist Church, for qualifying to run in the Boston Marathon in April 2011. What a great accomplishment! Kudos!

Employment Opportunities

Executive Director/Minister. The District of Columbia Baptist Convention is seeking an Executive Director/Minister to 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](#).

Please send inquiries and letters of application and resumes to:

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DC Baptist Convention
1628 16th Street NW
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[\(202\) 265-1526](tel:2022651526)

Faxed to [\(202\) 667-8258](tel:2026678258) or emailed to search_committee@dcbaptist.org by **Tuesday, November 30, 2010**. Please indicate "Executive Director/Minister Applicant" in the subject line.