

## News Briefs

February 2011

### Latest News, Announcements & Vignettes

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16 (NKJV)*

During this month when Valentine's Day is observed, we celebrate and rest in knowing that God's love is everlasting!

### Church Starters Support Group Meeting This Month

The Church Starters Support Group meets quarterly for lunch and fellowship. Clergy and laypersons interested/involved in starting new congregations are invited to participate. The next meeting is on **Tuesday, February 8** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Other meeting dates for 2011 are: May 18, August 11 and November 7. Click [here](#) to register.

### Forgiveness Seminar

Ephesians 4:32 says, "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." Sometimes forgiving others can be one of the most difficult things for us to do; however, forgiveness is a mandate for followers of Jesus Christ. The D.C. Baptist Convention will hold a seminar on the topic, "**The Power of Forgiveness**" on **Saturday, February 12** from 9:30 a.m. until noon, to help participants learn more about forgiveness so that they may apply it to their own life situations, within their congregations and in their communities. There will be a video, Bible study and discussion. Dr. Robert Cochran, DCBC Associate Executive Director will facilitate the seminar, which is being held at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. To register, click [here](#).

### Calling all youth leaders and workers!

The Center for Ministerial Leadership's Youth Ministry Initiative would like to hear from you. Rev. Jevon Billups, Senior Pastor of the Holy Comforter Baptist Church, is hosting a D.C. Area Youth Leaders Interest Meeting on **Monday, February 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Jochenning Baptist Community Center, 4025 Ninth Street, SE, Washington, D.C. For more information and to register, please contact Rev. Starlette McNeill at 202.265.1526 ext. 209 or [Starlette.mcneill@dcbaptist.org](mailto:Starlette.mcneill@dcbaptist.org).

### Thank You and Farewell!

The leaders and staff of the D.C. Baptist Convention extend our deepest thanks and gratitude to **Gloria Grogan**, who has served the Convention in various capacities—most recently as the Consultant for Emergency/Disaster Preparedness and Special Ministries. We are indebted to her for her visionary leadership and dedicated service.

### Meet DCBC's New Consultant

The D.C. Baptist Convention welcomes **Rev. William Jones, Sr.** as a consultant. He is the new Coordinator for Disaster Relief/Emergency Preparedness. In addition, he will also serve as the consultant for Baptist Men and Special Missions Ministries. Rev. Jones is a member of Forest Heights Baptist Church and was formerly the pastor of Branch of Zion in Clinton, Md.

### DCBC Observes Federal Holiday

In observance of President's Day, the D.C. Baptist Convention office will be closed on **Monday, February 21**.

### Training for Teachers and Leaders

There will be several training sessions for teachers and leaders of Sunday school, Bible study and Missions Education on **Friday, February 25 and Saturday, February 26**. All classes will be held at First Baptist Church of Hyattsville, 5701 42nd Avenue, Hyattsville, Md. The schedule for these training sessions is as follows:

#### Training for Directors and Superintendents

Friday, February 25

7-9 p.m. led by Dr. Robert D. Cochran, Associate Executive Director, DCBC

#### Training for Teachers of Adults

Saturday, February 26

9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. led by Pat Dunnavant, Clifton Park Baptist Church and Ellen Teague, WMU Executive Director, Baptist Women's Ministries

#### Training for Teachers of Youth

Saturday, February 26

1-3:30 p.m. led by Rev. Dub Pool, Heritage Baptist Church and Rev. Arlene Anderson, Youth Consultant, Baptist Women's Ministries

#### Training for Teachers of Children & Preschoolers

Saturday, February 26

1-3:30 p.m. led by Rev. Deborah Cochran, Associate Pastor, FBC of the City of Washington and Gail Lacy, Baptist women's Ministries

For more information, contact Gail Lacy at 202.265.1526 or [gail.lacy@dcbaptist.org](mailto:gail.lacy@dcbaptist.org). To register, click [here](#).

### Ministers Fellowship Focuses on Taxes

It's that time again—tax season! All ministers are invited to this month's Ministers Fellowship, which will focus on tax preparation. The monthly fellowship will be held on **Tuesday, February 22 at noon** and feature special guest Mr. Adrian Simmons, CPA. He is a

financial expert who has the ability to explain complex financial terminology in laymen's terms.

During his presentation, Simmons will provide:

- sound financial principles and practices;
- tools for maintaining good personal finances; and,
- steps to take to ensure that one is on the road to financial security even in a time of recession.

Lunch is provided for your convenience. The cost is \$8. The meetings are held at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Parking is available and the building is metro-accessible. For more information and to register, please contact DCBC at 202.265.1526 or Rev. Starlette McNeill at [Starlette.mcneill@dcbaptist.org](mailto:Starlette.mcneill@dcbaptist.org).

### **Women in Ministry Roundtable To Meet**

The "Women in Ministry Roundtable" will meet at Clyde's Restaurant, 707 7th Street, NW, Washington, D.C., on **Monday, February 28 at noon**. The Roundtable seeks to continue to strengthen partnerships with DCBC member churches and female clergy and to better support women in ministry by providing relevant programming, ministry resources, practical trainings and occasions for both fellowship and networking. For more information, contact Rev. Starlette McNeill at [starlette.mcneill@dcbaptist.org](mailto:starlette.mcneill@dcbaptist.org).

### **Crossing Cultures Workshop**

The Crossing Cultures workshop, which was originally scheduled for January 22, will now take place on **Saturday, March 5** from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This workshop is designed for those interested in ministering internationally, particularly in Haiti. Topics will include: "The Country and People of Haiti," "Community Life in Haiti," "Religion in Haiti," "Practical 'How-Tos' for Building Relationships with Haitians," and "Cross-Cultural Ministry Guidelines." The workshop **will be held at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009**. A light lunch will be served. Please make reservations early. To register, click [here](#).

### **Answering the Call**

Are you interested in going to seminary or do you know someone who is? The John Leland Center for Theological Studies in Falls Church, Va., is hosting an Open House from 6:45 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, March 1**. You will have an opportunity to find out about degree and certificate programs, scholarships and admissions procedures as well as to visit a class. Leland is a broadly evangelical, pan-Baptist institution whose students and faculty have ties to a wide array of denominations and churches. The school is fully accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS). RSVP to Taryn Deaton at 703.812.4757, ext. 205 or email [ideaton@leland.edu](mailto:ideaton@leland.edu) by Friday, February 25. Download a flyer by clicking [here](#).

### **Historic Exhibit at the National Geographic Museum**

February is Black History Month and churches in the D.C. metropolitan area will have an opportunity to visit a historic exhibit at the National Geographic Museum. "America I am: The African American Imprint" features nearly 500 years of African American contributions to the development of the United States. One aspect of the exhibit explores the spiritual imprint of the African American community including its impact on how other communities worship, 19th century churches that took a role in the fight against slavery and the direct role that many churches and faith organizations played in the Civil Rights Movements. The museum is located at 17th and M Streets, NW, Washington, D.C. Ticket prices range from \$6-\$12 and group discounts are available. For more information, visit [www.americaiam.org](http://www.americaiam.org). The exhibit, which opened on Wednesday, February 2, will be in the District until Sunday, May 1.

### **More News...**

### **Grant Proposal Writing Conference Rescheduled**

Due to several scheduling conflicts, the Grant Proposal Writing Conference has been rescheduled for **June 10-11**. It was originally scheduled for March 4-5. Please mark your calendar with the new date. More details about the conference are forthcoming.

### **Workshop Series on Centering Prayer**

First Baptist Church of the City of Washington is hosting an introductory workshop series on "Centering Prayer." Presented by Contemplative Outreach of Metro Washington, the workshops will be held on Thursdays from February 10-March 17 at 7 p.m. First Baptist is located at 1328 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. A \$50 donation is suggested and registration is recommended. Scholarship help is available upon request. For more information or to register, contact Julie Pascu at 301.530.5258 or [juliepascu@starpower.net](mailto:juliepascu@starpower.net).

### **Doctors and Dentists Needed for Mission Trip to Jamaica**

National Baptist Memorial Church has worked with Women At Real Risk (WARR) to conduct medical missions to Jamaica for the past seven years. This year, WARR is in need of three additional doctors and would like three dentists to travel with them. The trip is scheduled for April 10-16. The organization will cover the administrative cost for practicing medicine on the island. Those interested in being part of the mission team will be financially responsible for all other expenses. It is estimated that the trip will cost \$1,500, which covers round trip airfare, hotel (all inclusive) and ground transportation. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mrs. Taylor at 202.202.462.4606 or by email at [tmnewby@netzero.net](mailto:tmnewby@netzero.net). Click [here](#) to print a flyer. Information about the organization can be found on their website at [www.warrdc.org](http://www.warrdc.org).

### **Quarterly Church Administrator Workshop**

At our next quarterly Church Administrators Workshop, which will now be held on **April 12 (rescheduled from April 26)** at noon, we will address Employee Handbooks. When was the last time your church's personnel policies were updated? What are some of the newly mandated policies? Is your church current on all of the new labor codes that affect your state? Do you have specific questions or need help with a particular policy? Or, maybe your church needs help to develop a handbook? This workshop will provide practical resources. Our guest speaker will be Cynthia Keith, PHR, of CHK Consulting Group. Please submit your topics of

interest and questions to Lashanor Doolittle at [Lashanor.doolittle@dcbaptist.org](mailto:Lashanor.doolittle@dcbaptist.org) by **March 11** and enter "Church Administrator Workshop" in the subject line of your email. Reserve your space now by calling the DCBC at 202.265.1526 or by registering online at [www.dcbaptist.org](http://www.dcbaptist.org), and selecting the "Register Here" button. Lunch will be provided.

### **Employment Opportunities**

**Organist.** First Baptist Church of Silver Spring (MD) is looking for an organist (33-rank Wicks Pipe Organ). Please contact Valeria Foster at [valeria.foster@fbcss.org](mailto:valeria.foster@fbcss.org) or the church at 301.585.5454 for more information.