

News Briefs

June 2011

Latest News, Announcements & Vignettes

Honoring Fathers! This month we honor our fathers—those who have mentored, supported, prayed for and guided us and future generations to come. We celebrate and thank God for you!

Prayer for Disaster Victims

Let us remember in prayer all those who have been affected by the tornadoes and floods that have ravaged our nation. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 encourages us to pray without ceasing. Our prayers of support and encouragement coupled with our actions of giving and missions will help victims during this time of recovery and restoration. More information is forthcoming about how you can partner with the D.C. Baptist Convention to assist in recovery efforts of disaster victims.

DCBC Hosts Grant Writing Workshops. The D.C. Baptist Convention is hosting two workshops on Grant Proposal Writing. The first will be held this **Saturday, June 11** at noon and will be a luncheon featuring Patricia Pasqual, the Director of the D.C. office of the Foundation Center. The Foundation Center provides non-profits with resources and tools to identify and obtain grants. Through data, analysis, and training, the Foundation Center connects faith-based and other organizations with the resources they need to achieve their missions. Ms. Pasqual will present the many resources that are available through the Foundation Center and how you can tap into those resources.

The second workshop will be on **Saturday, July 9** at 10 a.m. and will feature Rev. Ricky Creech, DCBC's Executive Director/Minister. Rev. Creech will walk participants through how to put together a successful grant proposal. Participants will begin writing grants during the workshop and are asked to bring information about a grant they would like to apply for to the workshop.

There is a \$10 registration fee for the workshops. Scholarships are available. To register for these workshops, click [here](#). For more information, contact Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune at leslie.copeland-tune@dcbaptist.org or call 202.265.1565, ext. 208.

Greenbelt Baptist Church Welcomes New Pastor

Join us in welcoming Rev. T. Michael Christ, who is the new pastor of Greenbelt Baptist Church in Greenbelt, Md.

USDA Summer Food Program for Youth

The Summer Food Service Program provides free, nutritious meals to low-income children who are 18 years old and under. Each summer, more than 22 million students are at risk of going hungry when the school year ends and school lunches are no longer available. There are a number of ways churches and other faith-based organizations can become involved in this program, including becoming a sponsoring site. There is a need for more participants in this summer's food program. For information about the SFSP program or how to participate, visit <http://www.summerfood.usda.gov/> or contact Emily Buckham Buday at Emily.buckham@fns.usda.gov or 703.605.0772.

Congratulations to Calvary Baptist on their 149th Anniversary!

Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. is observing their 149th year in ministry this month. Celebrations on Sunday, June 5 will also mark the beginning of a season of celebration leading up to the church's 150th Anniversary next year. Dr. Amy Butler serves as the pastor of Calvary Baptist.

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, June 12 is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the Disciples as they waited in the Upper Room as Jesus had told them. According to the Book of Acts, "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." (vv.1-4, NIV).

May the power of the Holy Spirit refresh and renew you and your ministry during this season.

Community Day at PABC

The Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. will host a Community Day on **Saturday, June 11** from noon until 5 p.m. There will be entertainment, games, food and a free health fair. The church is located at 3000 Pennsylvania Ave. SE Washington, D.C. 20020. For more information, contact the church at 20.281.1500. Click [here](#) to download a flyer.

CPBC Holds Married Couples Conference

Clifton Park Baptist Church, 8818 Piney Branch Rd. in Silver Spring, Md. is hosting "Planting for the Harvest: A Marriage that Endures All Seasons," a conference for married couples from 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 11. The cost, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch, is \$40 per couple and \$20 for those attending without their spouse. For more information, contact the church office at [301.434.2456](tel:301.434.2456) or visit <http://www.cliftonparkbaptistchurch.org/>.

Prayer for the Poor

On Monday, June 13 at 7 p.m. the D.C. Baptist Convention will host "Prayer for the Poor" at Hillandale Baptist Church, 2601 Powder Mill Rd, Adelphi, Md. 20783-1143. Join us as we intercede on behalf of those who are experiencing lack in our region and nation. Your participation is welcome in this service of worship, praise and prayer sponsored by the Center for Church & Community Ministries. For information call 202.265.1526.

Ministry on the Mall—Volunteers Needed This Summer

Each year, Washington, D.C. attracts visitors from across our nation and around the world. On six Saturdays this summer, teams from

D.C. Baptist Convention churches will share bottles of cold water, tourist information and the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those who visit the National Mall. If your congregation has a puppet team, musical group, juggler, dancers, people who do face painting or can share friendly smiles, this is a ministry opportunity for you. The dates for Ministry on the Mall are: June 18 and 25, July 9 and 23 and August 6 and 20, at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. If interested please contact Rev. William Jones at [202.213.3075](tel:202.213.3075) or DCBC at 202.265.1526.

Kingdom Tutors Summer Enrichment Program

Kingdom Tutors, Inc., a non-profit Christian organization, is sponsoring a Summer Enrichment Program for youth ages five through 12 years old. The Summer Enrichment Program runs from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday-Friday from Monday, June 20 until Friday, August 19 and will be held at 3613 Saint Barnabas Rd., Suitland, Md. (in the rear parking lot entrance). The cost is \$60 per week. The program provides a safe environment where students can excel in all areas of academics, performing arts and sports and recreation activities. Several field trips are also planned for the summer. In addition to registering students for the summer program, Kingdom Tutors is also seeking to partner with area churches to help provide materials and to support the program. For more information, contact Pastor Jevon Bullups at [240.389.4584](tel:240.389.4584) or via email at kingdomtutorsinc@gmail.com. Click [here](#) for a list of materials that are needed. For more information about the program, click [here](#). To download a flyer, click [here](#).

NBMC Hosts Annual Summer Camp

National Baptist Memorial Church will host their annual summer camp. This year's camp is called "Explorer Camp: DC," a six-week Christian summer camp for children ages five to 12 years old. The mission of the camp is to show Christ's love and teachings to children and youth by providing a safe, stable, encouraging and fun environment. The camp, which runs from June 27-Aug. 5, is \$200 if you register by June 1 and increases to \$250 after that. A \$25 non-refundable deposit/application fee is required to register. Registration includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner as well as weekly field trips and trips to the pool. Space is limited so please register as soon as possible. Registration is available online at <http://nbmchurchdc.org>. For more information, e-mail: nbmckids@msn.com.

Grace and Race Ministries, Inc. Celebrates Third Anniversary

The Board of Directors of Grace and Race Ministries, Inc. and Rev. Brenda Girton-Mitchell, Founder and President, cordially invite you to share in their third anniversary celebration. Grace and Race Ministries is an ecumenical ministry developed to equip and empower participants to provide leadership to help foster racial understanding, healing and reconciliation. Rev. Girton-Mitchell is the Minister of Stewardship and Missions at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Largo, Md., a DCBC member church. Guest speakers will be **Rev. Dr. Valerie Bridgeman**, associate professor of Hebrew Bible/Homiletics & Worship at Lancaster Theological Seminary, and the founding president and CEO for WomanPreach! Inc.; and, **Curt Thompson, M.D.**, a psychiatrist, author of *Anatomy of the Soul* (Tyndale, June 2010) and founder of Being Known, which develops teaching programs, seminars and resource materials to help people explore the connection between interpersonal neurobiology and Christian spirituality. The event will take place at Metropolitan Day School, 1240 Randolph Street, NE Washington, D.C. The registration fee of \$30 includes a continental breakfast and lunch. For more information or to register, visit www.graceandrace.org.

DCBC Reports Due

This year's Annual Meeting at Mount Jezreel Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Md. on October 24-25 is quickly approaching. All D.C. Baptist Convention center, committee and team leaders are asked to prepare a report for the Convention of your activities during the year since the last Annual Meeting. Reports are included in the Book of Reports and should include the year's programs, outreach efforts, projects and other activities. Please submit your report to Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune at leslie.copeland-tune@dcbaptist.org or by snail mail to her attention at 1628 Sixteenth Street NW Washington, D.C. 20009 no later than **Monday, Sept. 12**.

Baptist Gatherings This Summer

SBC To Meet in Phoenix

The Southern Baptist Convention, a DCBC denominational partner, will meet June 12-15 in Phoenix. The Annual Meeting consists of representatives, or "messengers," as they are called, from cooperating churches, who gather to confer and determine the programs, policies, and budget of the Convention. Each church may be represented by up to 10 messengers, ensuring equal accessibility for small and large congregations alike. For information on obtaining messenger cards, contact Dr. Robert Cochran at [202.265.1526](tel:202.265.1526) or Robert.cochran@dcbaptist.org. To get more information or to register for the SBC Annual Meeting, visit <http://www.sbcannualmeeting.net/sbc11/default.asp>.

ABCUSA Biennial Meets in San Juan

Members of American Baptist Churches USA, a DCBC denominational partner, will gather in San Juan, Puerto Rico this month for its biennial meeting. The event also marks the 50th anniversary of the Baptist Convention of Puerto Rico officially becoming a region with ABCUSA. For more information about the meeting, which has "Celebrate!" as its theme, visit www.abc-usa.org or www.celebrate2011.com.

BWA Gathers in Kuala Lumpur

The Baptist World Alliance will host its Annual Gathering July 4-9 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This will be the first Annual Gathering in the new quinquennium. For more information about the Annual Gathering, including a schedule of events, visit <http://www.bwanet.org/bwa.php?m=events&p=detail&id=5>.

PNBC Celebrates 50 Years

Congratulations to the Progressive National Baptist Convention, a DCBC partner organization, which will mark its 50th anniversary on Aug. 7-12 at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in the District. The theme for the Annual Session is "Securing Our Future: Humility—A People of Fellowship." For more information, visit www.pnbc.org.

More News...

Procession of Ministries. Let others know what your church is doing! The D.C. Baptist Convention highlights the important ministry work that our member churches have been involved in the previous year at the Annual Meeting. We will feature ministries of our member churches that are using creative and innovative approaches to fulfill their mission during a multimedia presentation. Please send us details about the work your ministry has been involved in over the past year for the Procession of Ministries, 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 to D.C. Baptist Convention, Attn: Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009, communications@dcbaptist.org no later than **Monday, Sept. 12**. If you have questions, please contact DCBC at 202.265.1526, ext. 208.

Family Summit To Be Held at PABC in July

The Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church will hold its one-day Family Summit, "Moving Forward! Hearing the Heart of a Man" on Saturday, July 9. Authors, filmmakers and other experts will address issues related to fatherhood, marriage/family relations and healing from child abuse. For more information, contact Rev. Karen W. Curry at MyFamilySummit@gmail.com or call the church office at 202.581.1500. Click [here](#) to download a flyer and [here](#) to view the schedule.

Blume 2011: WMU National Acteen Conference To Be Held in July

The WMU National Acteen Conference "BLUME 2011" will be held July 13-16 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando. The conference provides teenage girls and collegiate young women with a four-day focus on missions. To find out how to join the DCBC group, contact Rev. Arleen Anderson via email at revaba@comcast.net. For more information or to register, visit the Blume website at www.blumeforgirls.com.

Mark Your Calendars: 50th Preaching Anniversary Celebration for Dr. H. Beecher Hicks in October

Join Metropolitan Baptist Church in celebrating the 50th Preaching Anniversary of Rev. Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Jr., on **Oct. 14-16**. During the weekend there will be celebratory fellowship, preaching and teaching including the H. Beecher Hicks Sr. Institute of Great Preaching on Saturday, Oct. 15. Call [202.238.5000](tel:202.238.5000) for more information.

Employment Opportunities

Co-Pastor. A historic urban church in **Paterson, N.J.**, Calvary Baptist, is seeking a co-pastor. The current Pastor is preparing for retirement after 40 years of ministry. The church sponsors a day care center, mentoring for troubled youth in collaboration with a community college and recruits, trains and supports foster parents. The Co-Pastor will have pastoral and administrative responsibilities and preach a minimum of twice a month. A D.Min and 3-5 years of pastoral experience is preferred. Click here to view the announcement. Resumes should be sent to:

Dr. Albert P. Rowe
415 19th Avenue
Paterson, N.J. 07514

Pastoral Intern. Are you looking for a warm, loving and progressive Baptist church to grow in ministry? Do you have gifts for working with children? Washington Plaza Baptist in Reston, Va. is looking for a part-time (weekend only) pastoral intern to develop and lead their growing children's/pre-teen ministry along with other pastoral duties around the church based on the intern's interest. Housing is available if needed for the commute along with a stipend. This position is perfect for a seminary student or someone interested in practical training in ministry. Interested? Contact Rev. Elizabeth Hagan at pastorhagan@comcast.net or 240.418.5800. They are looking for this position to be filled beginning June 15th or as soon as the intern is available.

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 to play for and grow a six-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, 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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9300 Annapolis Road, Suite 105, Lanham, MD 20706
Phone: [\(301\) 580-6533](tel:301.580.6533) | dayspringnet@aol.com
www.dayspringcommunitychurch.org

Part-Time Secretary. Forest Heights Baptist Church is seeking a dependable, self-motivated church secretary to answer phones and to prepare bulletins and the church newsletter. The position is part-time, 20 hours (4 days) a week. Basic Microsoft office experience needed. The successful candidate must have good communication skills. Interested applicants should e-mail or fax their resume to fjprather@verizon.net or 301.839.1721(fax).

Choir Director. Forest Heights Baptist Church is seeking a dependable, self-motivated Christian choir director to lead the music ministry in our small church. The individual will work closely with the pastor preparing selections for all services and lead the 15-member church choir. Interested applicants should e-mail their resume to fjprather@verizon.net or fax it to 301. 839.1721.