

News Briefs

May 2011

Latest News, Announcements & Vignettes

Celebrating Mothers! This month we celebrate our mothers—those who have given birth to, loved, prayed for and nurtured future generations. We celebrate and thank God for you!

In Memoriam

The staff and leaders of the D.C. Baptist Convention extend our condolences to the family and friends of the Rev. Fred Herring and the Rev. Robert Carrol Bruce.

Rev. Herring was a member of Fort Foote Baptist Church in Fort Washington, Md. He faithfully served DCBC, lending his expertise in various capacities, including: Disaster Relief, the Baptist Men's Ministry, Special Missions and the Healthy Church Institute. Rev. Herring also served as the Convention's Vice President and President in 2003 and 2004, respectively. We were certainly made better by his presence and he will be greatly missed.

Rev. Robert Carrol Bruce served as the first pastor of Fort Foote Baptist Church in Fort Washington, Md. from 1956 until 1961. Rev. Bruce, who lived in Fairfax, Va., died on Tuesday, April 19. We thank God for his witness and for the seeds that he planted at Fort Foote Baptist Church. Memorial contributions can be made to Midway College, c/o Roy Munday, Vice President of Development, 512 E. Stephens, Midway, Ky. 40347.

Please keep their families and Fort Foote Baptist Church in your prayers.

Expanding Discipleship Workshop "Transforming Hearts for Discipleship"

On **Saturday, May 7** from 9:30 a.m. until noon there will be an Expanding Discipleship conference that focuses on the theme "Transforming Hearts for Discipleship." The keynote speaker will be Claude King, Discipleship Specialist at LifeWay Christian Resources. King has authored numerous books including "Come to the Lord's Table," and "The Call to Follow Christ." Workshops will be led by Claude King, Annette James and Gloria Jenkins. Click [here](#) to register.

New Testament Greek Class

Beginning **Tuesday, May 10**, the D.C. Baptist Convention will offer an Introduction to New Testament Greek class at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. The class, which is being held at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington D.C., will run through December. Starting with the basics—the Greek alphabet and fundamentals of pronunciation—this two-hour class offers a step-by-step guide through Greek grammar, usage and translation strategies, building a strong foundation in New Testament Greek. By the end of the course participants will know over 80% of the words occurring in the Greek New Testament. Dr. Robert Cochran, DCBC Associate Executive Director, is the instructor. Tuition is \$300. This class will only be offered if there is sufficient registration, so register early! Reservations can be made at www.dcbaptist.org or call 202.265.1526.

Congratulations to Rev. Dr. Ed Williams!

Rev. Dr. Ed Williams, Senior Pastor of Streams of Hope @fbcw in Wheaton, Md., will celebrate his 20th Pastoral Anniversary this month. Find out more about Rev. Williams in the June/July issue of the *Capital Baptist* where he will be one of the featured pastors.

"Set Free" Refresh Her Women's Retreat

"Set Free" is the theme of this year's Refresh Her Women's Retreat, which will be held on **Saturday, May 14** from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. at The Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, 3000 Pennsylvania Ave. SE Washington, D.C. 20020. The day will feature spiritual, physical, and emotional refreshment for women and girls, including worship, Bible study, music, a Missions Challenge, exercise, scrapbooking, fellowship, food and fun! There will also be a seminar especially for teenage girls. Sponsored by Baptist Women's Ministries, the Refresh Her Retreat costs \$15 (lunch is included). Please make reservations by **May 10**.

Service Project: This year Refresh Her participants are invited to bring jewelry items to donate for recycling. Women on the mission field can improve the lives of their families by turning unwanted items into saleable jewelry. Click [here](#) to register.

Women in Ministry Roundtable Meets in May

The "Women in Ministry Roundtable" will meet this month on **Monday, May 16 at noon** at B. Smith's Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Ave. NE Washington, D.C. The Roundtable seeks 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.

Church Starters Support Group Meets 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 **Wednesday, May 18** 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: August 11 and November 7. Click [here](#) to register.

College of Prayer May 2011 Focuses on the Family

This is the College of Prayer's year to focus on the family--to cultivate God's presence in each of our homes. Families will be at the forefront of our teaching in the May module, "Lord, as Families, Teach Us to Pray." The COP's commitment is biblical, practical and balanced. Bruce and Susan Bliss are the presenters in May. This module of the College of Prayer will be held at the Fort Foote Baptist Church, 8310 Ft. Foote Rd., Fort Washington, Md. 20744 on **May 19-21**. To print the brochure, click [here](#). To register, click [here](#).

Ministers Fellowship Focuses on Balance

It's a balancing act! Join us at this month's Ministers Fellowship on **Tuesday, May 24** at noon when our guest facilitator will be the Rev. Robin Williams-Evans, founder of "A Pastor's Place," an organization created to provide respite care for clergy. She will lead participants in dialogue and provide tools for "Finding the Balance Between Church, Home and Self." As always, lunch is provided for your convenience; the cost is \$8. The Baptist Building, located at 1628 Sixteenth Street NW Washington, D.C. is metro and wheelchair accessible. Limited parking is available. For more information or to RSVP, contact Rev. Starlette McNeill at starlette.mcneill@dcbaptist.org or 202.265.1526.

Ministry on the Mall

It's time to begin preparing for Ministry on the Mall! The nation's capital attracts visitors from across the country and around the world. This summer, teams from D.C. Baptist Convention member churches will be sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with those who visit the National Mall. Churches interested in participating in Ministry on the Mall this year should contact Rev. William Jones at revwjonesr@aol.com or call DCBC at 202.265.1526.

Darfur, Sudan Rally at Lafayette Park on May 15

On **Sunday, May 15** at 1:30 p.m., the Darfur Interfaith Network, Genocide Intervention Network/Save Darfur Coalition and concerned citizens will gather for the "Hope for Darfur/Justice in Sudan" Rally to call attention to the continuing plight of Darfur and the need for justice and peace in all of Sudan.

The march will start at the Metropolitan AME Church, 1518 M Street NW and proceed to the White House at Lafayette Park. In case of inclement weather, the rally will remain at Metropolitan AME Church. Visit www.hope4darfurrally.org for registration, speakers and updates on musical performances.

Memorial Day Holiday

The DCBC Office will be closed on **Monday, May 30** in observance of Memorial Day. Wishing you a restful and safe holiday.

More News...

Literacy Workshop Postponed

The Literacy Workshop, which was scheduled for June 11 and 18 has been postponed. An announcement will be posted on DCBC's website, www.dcbaptist.org and go out via email when it has been rescheduled.

Fostering Reconciliation after Violence

How can Christians help foster reconciliation in neighborhoods plagued by violence? This question and many others will be explored at the "Neighborhood Violence and Reconciliation Workshop," which will be held on **Saturday, June 4** from 9:30 a.m. - noon. This workshop will be facilitated by Marinetta Cannito Hjort who has worked extensively in the area of peace and reconciliation in Italy and Mexico as well as the U.S. The workshop will be held at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth, Street NW Washington, D.C. For more information, call 202.265.1526.

Grant Proposal Writing Conference

Plan to attend the D.C. Baptist Convention's Grant Proposal Writing Conference, **June 10-11** at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street NW Washington, D.C. Find out how to identify and secure grants to support ministry efforts. Details on speakers and how to register will be posted on DCBC's website, www.dcbaptist.org, this month.

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.

NCCF Hosts 9th Annual Art & Soul Charity Benefit Auction

The National Center for Children and Families will host the 9th Annual Art & Soul Charity Benefit Auction at 6 p.m. on **Friday, June 3** at the Silver Spring Civic Building in Silver Spring, Md. To become a sponsor or to find out more information about the event, contact Heidi Webb at hwebb@nccf-cares.org or call 301.365.4480.

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 their pastor, 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 for more information.

Employment Opportunities

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 or dayspringnet@aol.com. Applications may be emailed (preferable) or snail-mailed to our church office at the following address:

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Phone: (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.