

News Briefs

September 2011

Latest News, Announcements & Vignettes

This month marks the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks our nation experienced on Sept. 11, 2001. While worship services, memorials and other activities are planned to commemorate this day, let us remember in our prayers those who mourn the loss of loved ones even as we pray for the continued healing of our nation.

New Teacher Orientation for Children

On **Thursday, Sept. 8**, Rev. Deborah Cochran will serve as the facilitator for the Orientation for New Teachers of Children. The orientation, which will begin at 7 p.m., will be held at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street NW Washington, D.C. For more information and to register, please contact our office at 202.265.1526.

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 at the Annual Meeting. Programs and ministries of DCBC churches that are using creative and innovative approaches to fulfill their mission are featured during a multimedia presentation. Please send 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 found under "Info and News" at www.dcbaptist.org. Completed forms should be sent to DCBC, Attn: Rev. Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune, 1628 Sixteenth Street NW Washington, D.C. 20009 or via email, communications@dcbaptist.org no later than **Monday, Sept. 12**. If you have questions, please contact DCBC at 202.265.1526.

DCBC Appreciates Clergy

October is clergy appreciation month but we just couldn't wait until then! So, on **Monday, Sept. 19** at 6:30 p.m., we invite you, along with your spouse, to join us for an evening of thanksgiving at the Baptist Building (Ballroom), located at 1628 16th Street NW in Washington, DC. A catered dinner at no cost to you will be provided as we gather to reflect on and appreciate your ministries in the metropolitan region. For more information and to register, please contact Rev. Starlette McNeill via email at starlette.mcneill@dcbaptist.org or by phone at 202.265.1526 ext. 209.

Youth Summit 2011

The D.C. Baptist Convention is calling all youth and youth leaders to join us for a Youth Summit at Clifton Park Baptist Church, located at 8818 Piney Branch Road in Silver Spring, Md. on **Saturday, Sept. 24** from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. This year's summit theme is "Moving--- Forward with a Whole Heart" inspired by Jeremiah 24:7 and will feature a dynamic worship service and multiple workshops to choose from. We are expecting this time of fellowship to be a mountaintop experience! The cost of registration is \$10 and includes all meals, materials, and registration. For more information and to register, please contact Rev. Starlette McNeill at 202.265.1526 ext. 209 or via email at starlette.mcneill@dcbaptist.org.

"The Blessed Pot" Celebration

The Vacation Bible School's "Blessed Pot" celebration originally scheduled for Saturday, September 10, has been rescheduled for **Saturday, Sept. 17** from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Center for Congregational Health, Evangelism and Discipleship (CHED) and facilitated by VBS Consultant Rev. Gloria Jenkins, this is an opportunity for all VBS teachers to come together for good food and fellowship. For more information and to register, please contact our office at 202.265.1526.

DCBC 135th Annual Meeting

Join us for the 135th Annual Meeting of the D.C. Baptist Convention, which will be held Oct. 24-25, 2011 at Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Md. The theme is, "Moving Forward with a Whole Heart" taken from Jeremiah 24:7 which reads, "I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart." (NIV) The Annual Meeting provides D.C. Baptists with an opportunity to fellowship, experience corporate worship, attend enriching and skill-building workshops and to conduct the business of the Convention.

This year's gathering will be particularly significant since installation services will be held for DCBC's new Executive Director/Minister Rev. Ricky Creech. He will also unveil his vision for the future of the Convention. Registration information will be online and mailed later this month. We hope you will join us for this historic meeting in the life of the Convention. If you have questions or would like more information, contact the DCBC office at 202.265.1526.

DCBC Leadership Meetings

The DCBC Executive Committee will meet from 1-3 p.m. on **Monday, Sept. 12** at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20009. The Executive Board will have its Fall meeting on **Monday, Sept. 26** at First Baptist Church of the City of Washington, 1328 Sixteenth Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20009. Dinner will be served at the Board meeting. For both meetings, responses are requested. Please call DCBC at 202.265.1526 to RSVP.

NCAMO Week of Prayer

Sept. 11-18 has been designated the National Capital Area Mission Offering (NCAMO) Week of Prayer. NCAMO provides DCBC with the resources we need to help those in need in our region as well as to support our member churches in their outreach and ministry endeavors. From now until December 31, we are urging DCBC member churches to put a special emphasis on the NCAMO and to give sacrificially to help others. Visit DCBC's website, www.dcbaptist.org or click [here](#) for more information.

Church Bulletins:

City Gate Community Day – Serve, Salute, Celebrate!

As a part of the National Day of Service, City Gate, Inc. is bringing together volunteers from all over the D.C. metropolitan area for a unified day of service and fellowship on **Saturday, Sept. 10**. In commemoration of both the 9/11 attacks, and the renewed spirit of national community those attacks fostered, volunteers will serve from 9 a.m. to 1p.m. at either Mary Virginia Merrick Center in Southeast D.C., or Clay Terrace in Northeast. Once there, volunteers will have the opportunity to work alongside members of those communities to distribute clothing, food, books, and other donated goods. City Gate will also coordinate beautification projects of nearby neighborhoods and parks as a complement to the food and clothing drive. Following the service project, volunteers are invited to a brief salute to those affected by the attacks and a cookout to celebrate the strength of spirit and unity of purpose of our national community. For more information, directions or to register, please call 202.237.1799 or email serve.salute.celebrate@gmail.com. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

Mt. Jezreel Hosts Community Day

A car wash, fun and games for youth, health screenings, food, giveaways, music and more will be the featured attractions at Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church's Community Day on **Saturday, Sept. 10** from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The church is located at 420 University Blvd. East in Silver Spring, Md. For more information, visit www.mtjezreel.com, call the church office at 301.431.2800 or click [here](#) for a flyer in English and Spanish.

Community Day Celebration at Takoma Park Baptist

Takoma Park Baptist Church, located at 635 Aspen St., NW Washington, D.C., will be hosting a Community Day celebration on **Saturday, Sept. 10** from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the church. This is a time of outreach to the community. Free food, blood pressure checks, health information and recreation for the kids will be provided to those in attendance. For more information, contact the church at 202.723.4700.

A Community Interfaith Service of Remembrance

Washington Plaza Baptist Church in Reston, Va. will join with the Reston Interfaith Ministerium to participate in a Community Interfaith Service of Remembrance marking the 10th Anniversary of 9/11. The community-wide service of music and reflection will be led by area clergy, including Rev. Elizabeth Hagan, pastor of WPBC. The service will be held **Sunday, Sept. 11** at 5 p.m. at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 1700 Wainwright Drive in Reston, Va. Mosaic Harmony Interfaith Gospel Choir will share a portion of the musical service and a reception will follow.

CPBC Launches Academy

Clifton Park Baptist Church (CPBC) in Silver Spring, Md. is scheduled to launch the Clifton Park Baptist Church Christian Academy this month. They are committed to providing a full-day early learning program based on best practices that will enhance the academic, spiritual and social development of children four through 13 years of age. The D.C. Baptist Convention awarded CPBC a \$7,000 grant to aid in its efforts. For more information or to pre-register, visit <http://cliftonparkacademy.com>.

Covenant Community Baptist Church Charter Weekend Celebration

A weekend of activities will serve to formally [launch](#) Covenant Community Baptist Church where Rev. Dr. Guy A. Williams, Sr., is Pastor. On **Saturday, Sept. 10**, there will be a cookout at Fairland Recreational Park in Burtonsville, Md. Then on **Sunday, Sept. 11**, the Charter Day Services will be held at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. with guest preachers Rev. James Dixon, Jr., pastor of El Bethel Baptist Church in Ft. Washington, Md. at the 10 a.m. service and Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, pastor of First Baptist Church of the City of Washington in the District at the 4 p.m. service. The morning service will be held at Greencastle Elementary School, 13611 Robey Rd. in Silver Spring, Md., where the church holds its weekly worship services. The afternoon service will be held at the Silver Spring Civic Building located at One Veterans Plaza in the Great Hall. For more information, visit <http://www.covenantcbc.org> or call 301.585.1460.

50th Preaching Anniversary Celebration for Dr. H. Beecher Hicks

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 for more information or visit www.metropolitanbaptist.org.

More News...

Foster Parents Needed

The National Center for Children and Families (NCCF) has more than 50 children and youth who are currently waiting for a safe and nurturing home to call their

own. For more information about becoming a foster parent, contact the Maryland Foster Care Recruiter at 301.365.4480, ext. 114 or the D.C. Foster Care Recruiter at 202.369.9330, ext. 25.

Fourth Annual Financial Literacy Leadership Conference. The Fourth Annual Financial Literacy Leadership Conference, which is sponsored by the Society for Financial Education and Professional Development will be held Oct. 3-4 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, located at 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Va. Dr. DeForest Soaries, Jr., the Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset, NJ will serve as the luncheon speaker for the conference and there will be a special workshop on "Faith-Based Financial Education Programs." Members of DCBC churches can register for \$175. More information is available at www.sfepd.org.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Materials Available

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering materials are now available. The theme for the 2011 offering is "His heart, His hands, His voice — I am Southern Baptist missions." This year, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering national goal is \$175 million, which will provide support for nearly 5,000 missionaries serving around the world. The Week of Prayer for International Missions is Dec. 4-11. We recognize your significant role to help engage Southern Baptists in personalized prayer for the missionaries serving among unreached people groups around the globe. For questions or other assistance, email LMCO@imb.org.

Employment Opportunities

The **First Baptist Church of Gaithersburg** is seeking to fill the following positions: Childcare Coordinator, Special Administrative Assistant and First Impression Coordinator. Persons interested in either of these positions should call FBC-Gaithersburg (MD) at 301.977.9007 or email Pastor Gary Long at glong@fbcgaithersburg.org. A full position description for each is available upon request. To find out more about FBC-Gaithersburg, visit www.fbcgaithersburg.org.

Childcare Coordinator

The coordinator is responsible for organizing child care for programs of the church. Specific duties include: recruiting, organizing, training, and overseeing all paid child care workers and volunteer child care workers for "Extended Session"; and, anticipating child care needs by looking ahead at the church calendar. Salary and Hours: \$12-15 per hour, 6-8 hours per week, discretionary schedule.

Special Administrative Assistant

This job is a temporary position, one year in length. It is funded by a designated

donation and may not be subject to renewal past a year. The administrator is responsible for the administrative support of the Vision Community. Specific duties include:

1. Attend Vision Community meetings to record activities of the working group.
2. Assist the Senior Pastor and the Vision Community chair in preparing for meetings. This will include making photocopies, room set up, hospitality arrangements and other preparatory details.
3. Organize and maintain the files on all Vision Community work.
4. Assist the Senior Pastor and Vision Community in preparing for churchwide gatherings related to vision discernment.
5. Assist the leaders of the Community Conversations team (sub group of the Vision Community, designed to engage the community outside the church in determining how the church can best serve the surrounding area).
6. Serve as a liaison to any outside consultants who may assist the Vision Community.

The salary is \$10-\$14 per hour with a mostly discretionary schedule, 10-12 hours per week. Attendance at Vision Community meetings are required as a part of the 10-12 hours.

First Impression Coordinator

This job is a trial position, one year in length. It is funded by a designated donation and may not be subject to renewal past a year. The coordinator is responsible for two areas: 1) creating a favorable first impression on guests on Sunday morning, beginning from the moment they first arrive on our campus; and, 2) beginning the assimilation process to move guests toward connection and membership in the church. Specific duties include:

1. Recruit, organize, train and oversee Sunday "First Impression" team members.
2. Oversee the signage and media on display on Sunday mornings to ensure that all information about the church is being communicated in accurate, timely and attractive ways.
3. Identify weekly guests and assign to ministry staff and volunteers for follow up contact.
4. Report to Senior Pastor weekly on all guests and prospective members about their vital statistics, change in affinity toward the church, and contact information.
5. Oversee the hospitality efforts of the church, such as the Guest Coffee after worship, by building and training effective teams who serve at events.
6. Assist the staff and church leaders in creating a culture that welcomes guests in inclusive and inviting ways.
7. Serve as liaison to guests as they move toward membership and deeper investment in the life of the church.

The salary for this position is \$12-15 per hour for 12-18 hours per week with a discretionary schedule.