

News Briefs

September 2010

Latest News, Announcements & Vignettes

DCBC Thanks Joseph Smith for Service. Rev. Dr. Joseph Smith, who was named Interim Regional Minister for the D.C. Baptist Convention earlier this year, has ended his tenure in this position. Dr. Smith has served the Convention faithfully as Interim Regional Minister, helping the DCBC move forward during a time of transition. We are grateful for his work and look forward to witnessing how God will use him during the next phase of his ministry.

Youth United for Christ. The D.C. Baptist Convention is sponsoring a two-day summit on **Friday, September 17** and **Saturday, September 18, 2010**. *The Youth United for Christ Summit* will include two days of praise and worship with dynamic preaching and teaching, resourceful and holistic workshops, performances by DCBC youth groups and other local artists, and transformative Christian fellowship. The summit is for children, youth and young adults (ages 9-21). There is even a workshop for parents, so bring the entire family because there is something for everyone! Join us at Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, located at 3000 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. Registration is \$10 per person. Please contact our office for group rates or if you have questions at 202.265.1526.

NCAMO Focus Week. September 12-19 has been designated as the focus week for the National Capital Area Mission Offering (NCAMO). During this week, member churches of the D.C. Baptist Convention are asked to set aside time to emphasize the NCAMO by:

- placing bulletin inserts in church bulletins;
- putting offering envelopes in the pews or having ushers hand them out;
- distributing the special children's bank to the Youth Ministry and other children in your congregation; and,
- disseminating the bookmarks, encouraging members and others to place them in their Bibles and pray for the NCAMO recipients that week according to the daily devotionals on the back.

If every member and friend of a DCBC church would make a contribution to NCAMO of at least \$15, we would be able to meet our region wide goal of \$100,000 to support the important ministry work of the DCBC. Of course we would appreciate a gift of any amount.

Through the NCAMO, the Convention is able to help those with the greatest need as well as to support member churches in their outreach and ministry endeavors. Your prayers and sacrificial giving will allow us to witness real transformation in the lives of those with the greatest need in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

DCBC Annual Meeting. Get ready 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." For more information or to register online, click [here](#).

Welcome! Two DCBC churches have called new pastors. Rev. Carl Greg is the new pastor of Broadview Baptist Church in Chesapeake Beach, MD and Rev. Abby Thornton is the new pastor of Broadneck Baptist Church in Annapolis, MD. We welcome you to our region and look forward to having you as part of our fellowship!

Celebrating Vacation Bible School with a "Blessed Pot." On **Saturday, September 11**, there will be a "Blessed Pot" luncheon and celebration for Vacation Bible School workers. Bring your favorite dish or dessert and find out what DCBC churches did for Vacation Bible School this year. The Blessed Pot gathering is a wonderful fellowship and a way to get ideas for next year's VBS. The event will be held from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Memorial Service for Christine Alexandre

There will be a Memorial Service for Christine Alexandre on **Saturday, September 11** at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Hyattsville. Alexandre was a faithful member of Takoma Park Baptist Church for many years and actively participated in the work of the D.C. Baptist Convention. Please keep her family and friends in prayer.

Women in Ministry Roundtable

If you are a woman in ministry and have an appetite for stimulating conversation and thought-provoking topics, then a place at the table has been set just for you. Join us for the first quarterly gathering of the Women in Ministry Roundtable. The Roundtable will meet on **Monday, September 13** at noon at Lauriol Plaza, located at 1835 18th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Rev. Starlette McNeill at 202.265.1526, ext. 209.

Rising Clergy Leadership Seminar

Do you know how many hours a week you should work? What type of salary and benefits you should request? How much devotional time is necessary for recharge? Beginning **Tuesday, September 21**, the Rev. Paul Clark, a seasoned pastor, clergy coach, and pastoral leadership development specialist, will lead a series of seminars for clergy seeking a church, new clergy in the first two years of ministry, and clergy with less than five years of experience. The cost is \$35 per session (\$140 for the four-session seminar) which includes lunch and materials. The seminars will be held at the Baptist Building, located at 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. To register or for more information, please contact Rev. Paul Clark at [202.321.1519](tel:202.321.1519) or via email at RevPaulClark@verizon.net.

September is National Preparedness Month: Disaster Relief Training Opportunities. The D.C. Homeland Security and Emergency

Management Agency will be hosting the Faith-Based Forum on Preparedness on Wednesday, September 8 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Trinity University's Social Hall, which is located at 125 Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C. The theme for this year's Forum is "Readiness, Resources, and Responsibilities – The Faith Community's Role in Emergency Preparedness." Topics to be discussed include: disaster planning, emergency sheltering and mass care, funding opportunities and family preparedness. There are several ways to register for this event, which is free of charge. You may register online at <http://tinyurl.com/hsemafaithforum>. You may print out the registration form by clicking [here](#) and fax it to 202.715.7288. Or, you can send an email to hsema.outreach@dc.gov with "Faith Based Forum" in the subject line. Click [here](#) to print a flyer with details about the event.

There will also be **Disaster Relief Training** at First Baptist Church/Camp Springs from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on **Saturday, September 18**. Volunteers will be able to be certified or recertified to work with Southern Baptist Disaster Relief. Training on the feeding unit and family emergency preparation will be provided in partnership with the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware. The church is located at 6936 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, Md. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Click [here](#) to register.

A Show of Appreciation for Clergy

There are many ways that persons choose to show their appreciation. In an effort to express our gratitude, we invite all pastors, clergy, and ministers to the first "Clergy Day of Appreciation" wherein a meal will be served at no cost to you. There will also be expressions of thanks, door prizes, and giveaways! Join us at the Baptist Building, located at 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. on **Tuesday, September 28, 2010** at noon. For more information and to reserve your seat, please contact Rev. Starlette McNeill at [202.265.1526](tel:202.265.1526) ext. 209.

More News...

Orientation for New Teachers of Children

There will be an orientation for new teachers of children and preschoolers on **Thursday, September 9** from 7- 9 p.m. at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Rev. Deborah Cochran, Associate Pastor of FBC of the City of Washington, will lead the session. There is no cost for the class.

TPBC Hosts Friends and Community Day Weekend

Takoma Park Baptist Church is having its Outreach Weekend September 11-12. Community Day will be held from noon until 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 11 at the church, which is located at 635 Aspen Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Then on Sunday, September 12, the church will host "Friends Day." All are invited to attend Bible study at 9 a.m. and worship service at 10:30 a.m. There will be a picnic on the church grounds following the morning worship service. For more information, contact Lillian Ingram at 202.723.4700.

The Work of the Church Clerk

A workshop focused on the work of the church clerk will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on **Thursday, September 23** at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. This training for church clerks will include tips for:

- keeping records
- taking accurate minutes
- maintaining membership rolls
- providing statistical reports

To register for this event, click [here](#). If you would like more information, contact Gail Lacy at 202.265.1526.

Fall Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board will have its fall meeting at 6:30 p.m. on **Monday, September 27** at FBC of the City of Washington. All members of the Executive Board are asked to be in attendance for this important meeting. Dinner will be served. For more information, contact DCBC at [202.265.1526](tel:202.265.1526) or email info@dcbaptist.org.

Volunteers Needed. The D.C. Baptist Convention is looking for volunteers to serve as our receptionist on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays each week. Please contact Lashanor Doolittle, Business Manager, at [202.265.1526](tel:202.265.1526) or info@dcbaptist.org if you are interested.

Employment Opportunities

DCBC Seeks Interim Regional Minister

The District of Columbia Baptist Convention is seeking an Interim Regional Minister. This is a part-time (20 hours per week to include office presence) position with no medical or retirement benefits.

Applicants must have a degree from an accredited seminary, be an effective pastor to pastors with listening and coaching skills, have proven administrative skills, and know how to bring creative persons together for ministry and program building. For a more comprehensive list of the position qualifications and responsibilities, click [here](#).

Inquiries and letters of application, including resumes and two (2) professional references attesting to your qualifications for this position should be sent to:

Dr. Ella Redfield
Search Committee, Chair
DC Baptist Convention
1628 16th Street NW
Washington DC 20009
[202.265.1526](tel:202.265.1526)

Applications can be faxed to [202.667.8258](tel:202.667.8258) or emailed to dcbc@dcbaptist.org. Please indicate "Interim Regional Minister Applicant" in the subject line.

CPBC Seeking New Minister of Music

Clifton Park Baptist Church located in Silver spring, MD is seeking a Minister of Music. Clifton Park is a multicultural, multigenerational congregation of 525 active servants of Christ. We are seeking a talented and Spirit-led Minister of Music to grow and develop the music ministry of the church, lead worship services and play appropriate accompaniment (piano, keyboard or organ). The salary is negotiable. To apply please forward a resume and salary requirements to the Worship, Music and Arts Committee via e-mail to Music-Arts@cpbc.net. For more information, contact the church at 301.434.2456.