

## News Briefs

November 2009

### Latest News, Announcements & Vignettes

**Haggray Announces Departure.** Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, Executive Director/Minister of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention (DCBC), has announced that he will become the pastor of First Baptist Church of the City of Washington, D.C. Haggray, who was voted in by the church on Oct. 11, has headed DCBC for more than eight years, having served as its first African American Executive Director/Minister. He will also become the first African American pastor in First Baptist Church's 208-year history. For more information, click [here](#).

**DVDs and CDs Available.** If you missed this year's Annual Meeting but would like to hear the powerful messages, copies are available.

**"The Face of Possibility."** DCBC is asking member churches and individuals to support the National Capital Area Missions Offering (NCAMO) this year. Join us by giving to NCAMO and turn possibilities into realities and see the tremendous outcomes for God's kingdom.

**College of Prayer.** On November 12-14, participants will learn how to "Release the Family Blessing" as they gain skills to cultivate the presence of God in the home. This module will be held at Fort Foote Baptist Church, 8310 Fort Foote Road, Fort Washington, Md. For more detailed information about this module, click [here](#).

**The Ministers Fellowship will be held on Tuesday, November 17.** Join us at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C., for the final Ministers Fellowship of the year.

**Learn More about Being Prepared for Disasters. Serve DC—The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism,** is hosting the "Prevent, Prepare, Protect: Preventative Strategies for Faith-based Communities," conference on **Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 8 a.m.** at the Marriott at Metro Center (it was originally scheduled for Sept. 30). The conference will help clergy, lay leaders and staff prepare themselves and those they serve before an emergency occurs. There is no cost for the conference and it includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Register by going to [www.regonline.com/PPP2009](http://www.regonline.com/PPP2009).

**Deacons and Deaconesses Training.** On Saturday, November 14 at 9 a.m. there will be training for new and experienced Deacons and Deaconesses at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. On Saturday, November 14 there will be an orientation from 9 a.m. - noon for new and potential deacons and afternoon seminars from 1 - 4 p.m. for new and experienced deacons. Individuals may attend either the morning or afternoon sessions or both. The afternoon seminar topics include: "Ethics, Morality, and the Deacon" and "Planning to Improve the Ministry of Deacons."

For those churches that have a Deaconess Ministry separate from the Deacon Ministry, deaconesses can benefit from the morning orientation for new and potential deacons, and there

will be a special workshop for new and experienced deaconesses in the afternoon. A light lunch will be available by reservation only for those attending the morning and afternoon sessions. For information and reservations click [here](#).

**HIV/AIDS Conference to Engage and Support Faith Communities.** “One in the Spirit: A Faith Leaders HIV/AIDS Symposium” will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at the Washington Convention Center, L and 7th Streets, NW, Washington, D.C. This is the First annual conference to engage and support DC faith communities in the fight against HIV/AIDS in the District of Columbia. The conference is sponsored by the Trinity Development Corporation, Black Leadership Commission on AIDS DC Chapter, DC Places of Worship Advisory Board and the DC Dept. of Health HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD & TB Administration.

Featured speakers are Dr. Beny Primm, nationally renowned expert on HIV/AIDS and actress/educator Sheryl Lee Ralph. The free event will feature an introduction to HIV/AIDS, the state of the epidemic in DC, and workshops on engaging youth, women, men and senior citizens in faith communities. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Space is limited. Please register online at [www.DCTakesOnHIV.com](http://www.DCTakesOnHIV.com) or call 202. 67.15063.

**Disaster Relief Fall Training Conference.** If you are interested in being a part of a disaster relief team, there will be a training conference **November 6-7** at First Baptist Church, Upper Marlboro, 7415 SW Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, Md. 20772. This Disaster Relief Fall Training Conference is for persons willing to give of their time and energy to help others that are in crisis. Training is required in order to go on a deployment with any disaster relief team. Disaster Relief volunteers must be retrained at least every 3 years to maintain their current status.

**New Volunteers:** Must be 18 years or older and be a member of a Southern Baptist church. Must complete Introduction to Disaster Relief and at least one hands-on unit course.

**Disaster Relief Volunteers:** Must retrain at least every 3 years to maintain their current status.

**Where:** First Baptist Church, Upper Marlboro, 7415 SW Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, Md. 20772

This is a two-day event. Overnight accommodations are available onsite, by reservation, free of charge.

**Cost:** New Volunteers - \$25; Returning Volunteers - \$20

Click [here](#) for a description of training classes being offered at the conference and overnight accommodations.

**REGISTER** at <http://bcmd.org/dr-conference1> or contact the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware: Donna Shiflett at 410-290-5290 ext 226, [dshiflett@bcmd.org](mailto:dshiflett@bcmd.org) OR Ellen Udovich at 410-290-5290 ext 216, [eudovich@bcmd.org](mailto:eudovich@bcmd.org)

**Emergency Preparedness in Fairfax County  
Continuity of Operations Planning for Faith Communities**

Another opportunity to find out more about how to prepare for emergencies will be held in Fairfax, Va. on November 5th at 9 a.m. Click [here](#) for flyer.

**Free legal clinic to help those wrongfully imprisoned.** Matthews Memorial Baptist Church Prison Outreach and the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project will hold a legal clinic at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 12 at 2616 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. Click [here](#) for more information.

**DCBC's office closings.** DCBC will be closed on November 11 for Veteran's Day and November 26-27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

### **Employment Opportunities**

**DCBC Foundation Executive Director.** The District of Columbia Baptist Convention Foundation is seeking an Executive Director to serve, beginning January 1, 2010, as its chief executive officer, to replace the present Executive Director, who is retiring. This is a part-time position, scheduled for fifteen hours per week, and budgeted for compensation at \$20,000 per annum. The Foundation will make FICA contributions, but there are no medical or other retirement benefits.

The responsibilities associated with the position include administering the Foundation's church loans and scholarships programs; administering its investment policy; developing agendas and resources for its Board and committees; and managing its administrative office. **There will not be, at this time, any work in planned giving promotion.** The Foundation's Executive Director may be asked to serve with related committees or teams of the D. C. Baptist Convention.

Applicants must be familiar with Baptist church life; familiarity with the churches and structure of the D. C. Baptist Convention is preferred. Administrative and management skills are important. Click [here](#) for a copy of the position vacancy announcement.

Inquiries and letters of application, including resumes, should be sent to:

Dr. Joseph M. Smith  
1628 16th St., NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
202-234-7194  
[dcbaptistfoundation@juno.org](mailto:dcbaptistfoundation@juno.org)

**Senior Pastor.** Mount Horeb Baptist Church has announced its search for a new Senior Pastor to be the visual leader of the congregation; primary shepherd of the church and its membership; preaching, as well as mentoring other pulpit ministers. Mount Horeb Baptist Church is a moderate sized place of worship that encompasses a variety of facilities and active ministries. The deadline to apply is **November 6, 2009**. For more information or to apply, visit [www.mthoreb.org](http://www.mthoreb.org). You may also click [here](#).

**Campus Minister.** DCBC is looking for a part-time Campus Minister to serve at American University in Washington, D.C. The Campus Minister is responsible for organizing and maintaining weekly Baptist student fellowships at the university, including such key elements as Bible study, discipleship, personal evangelism, mission service, and fellowship among students. For a complete job description, click [here](#).