

## News Briefs

January 2010

### Latest News, Announcements & Vignettes

#### DCBC 2010 "My Passion Is..." Calendar Available!

The 2010 DCBC "My Passion Is..." Calendar of Activities is now available! Each month features a pastor from one of our member churches and shares a little bit about what motivates them. The calendar also includes a directory and features the activities of DCBC and its member churches during the year. You may purchase a copy of the calendar for \$12 by contacting DCBC at 202.265.1526 or click [here](#) to purchase online.

Pastors who are featured this year include:

Rev. Kip Banks, East Washington Heights Baptist Church  
Rev. Dr. Cynthia Turner, Dayspring Community Church  
Rev. Dr. Bob and Rev. Becky Albritton, Vienna Baptist Church  
Rev. Dr. Connie Stinson, Luther Rice Memorial Church  
Rev. Rollin Van Bik, Lai Baptist Church  
Rev. Dr. Ernest Trice, Takoma Park Baptist Church  
Rev. Phillip Hurst, Trinity Baptist Church  
Rev. Dr. Marion Criddle, Rivers of Joy Bible Fellowship  
Rev. Dr. Lynn Bergfalk, Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church  
Rev. James Martinez, Agape Baptist Church  
Rev. Essentino Lewis, Clifton Park Baptist Church  
Rev. Kip Ingram, Twinbrook Baptist Church

#### Opportunity to Serve-Volunteer Needed

The D.C. Baptist Convention is looking for a volunteer to serve as our receptionist on Wednesdays. Please contact Lashanor Doolittle, Business Manager, at 202.265.1526 or [info@dcbaptist.org](mailto:info@dcbaptist.org) if you are interested.

#### Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

On Monday, January 18, 2010, the DCBC Office will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

#### IRS Sets New Mileage Rate

The new standard mileage rate set by the IRS for the use of a car (also vans, pickups, or panel trucks) is 50 cents per mile for business miles driven. The rate was 55 cents per mile.

#### Volunteers Needed for Summer Mission Trip to New Orleans

American Baptist Churches USA, in conjunction with the National Council of Churches' Special Commission for the Just Rebuilding of the Gulf Coast, will be hosting "Ecumenical Work Week IV," **August 1-7, 2010** in New Orleans. In its fourth year, "Here Until the Work Is Done: A Time for Ecumenical Worship, Witness and Work" is seeking volunteers from churches to participate in hands-on efforts to rebuild homes, communities and lives in New Orleans, where many residents are still trying to recover from losses due to Hurricane Katrina. Volunteers may come for part of or the entire week. Travel and housing arrangements must be made by the individual or group. Click [here](#) for registration form.

#### Religious Educators To Meet—DATE CHANGED

There will be a Religious Educators Support Group meeting on Tuesday, January 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. These are informal quarterly meeting and lunch for ministers and laypersons who lead religious education in their churches. Meetings will be from 11a.m. to 1 p.m., January 19, April 13, July 13, and October 12. Sign up for specific dates here. For more information, call 202.265.1526.

#### Annual DCBC Committee/Team Orientation

The Annual Committee/Team Orientation will be held on Thursday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist

Church of the City of Washington, D.C. All members and chairs of DCBC centers, committees and teams are urged to attend. Dinner will be served. Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, January 11 at 202.265.1526 or via email, [info@dcbaptist.org](mailto:info@dcbaptist.org).

### **Immigration Work Group Meeting**

The Immigration Work Group will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 14 at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Pastors and other leaders of immigrant congregations are especially encouraged to attend.

### **Spiritual Gifts Workshop**

DCBC will host a workshop on Spiritual Gifts on Saturday, January 23 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Johenning Baptist Community Center. The seminar will help lay persons to discover gifts God has given them to establish or to strengthen their local church ministries. Dr. Robert Cochran, Associate Executive Director of DCBC will be the facilitator. The workshop is free and will be held at the Johenning Baptist Community Center, 4025 Ninth Street SE, Washington DC. Register here.

### **Ministers Fellowship To Discuss Trauma**

Time magazine has called it the "Decade from Hell." There was the Y2K scare, September 11, Hurricane Katrina, and the economic crisis. How do people of faith define this difficult period in American history? How do we, as Christians, respond to mass trauma? "Faith and Mass Trauma" will be the topic of discussion at the first Ministers Fellowship of 2010. The workshop, which will be led by Rev. Dr. Sherrill McMillan, Minister of Counseling and Family Services at Metropolitan Baptist Church and President of the Garment's Hem, Inc., a nonprofit affiliate of the church, will be held on Tuesday, January 26 at noon at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009. Lunch will be available. The cost is \$8. Please R.S.V.P. no later than Friday, January 22nd. For more information, contact Rev. Starlette McNeill at 202.265.1526 or email her at [starlette.mcneill@dcbaptist.org](mailto:starlette.mcneill@dcbaptist.org).

### **Church Administrators Workshop**

There will be a workshop for church administrators on Tuesday, January 26 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. David McElveen, Administrator at Ft. Foote Baptist Church in Ft. Washington, Md., will facilitate. The workshop is free. Register here.

### **Telephone Encouragers Training**

On **Saturday, January 30** from 10 a.m. until noon there will be Telephone Encourager Training to prepare participants to help answer phone calls from people who call the Evangelism Response Center to find out more about following Jesus Christ. Calls come in from all over the D.C. metropolitan area and from across the country. DCBC is participating in this program through the North American Mission Board's "God's Plan for Sharing" campaign. The workshop, led by Larry Hentz of Fort Foote Baptist Church, is free, open to all and will be held at the Baptist Building, 1628 16th St NW, Washington DC. Register here.

### **Employment Opportunities**

**Executive Director/Minister.** The District of Columbia Baptist Convention has opened its search for an Executive Director/ Regional Minister. The Executive Director/Minister will serve as the principal executive officer of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention administering all funds, programs, and ministries of the Convention under the direction of the Executive Board and the Executive Committee.

Applicants must be an ordained minister with a degree from an accredited seminary; by education, skill and experience is capable of being an executive director/minister of an urban-suburban convention; able to be an effective pastor to pastors with listening and coaching skills, have proven administrative skills, knows how to bring creative persons together for ministry and mission, and able to work with all Convention affiliations and partners. For a more comprehensive list of the position qualifications and responsibilities, click [here](#) for a pdf file or [here](#) to view the job description in MS Word. The deadline to apply is **Monday, March 1**.

Please send inquiries and letters of application and resumes to:

Dr. Ella Redfield  
Chair, Search Committee  
DC Baptist Convention 1628 16th Street NW  
Washington DC 20009  
(202) 265-1526

Fax to (202) 667-8258 or email to [dcbc@dcbaptist.org](mailto:dcbc@dcbaptist.org). Please indicate "Executive Director/Minister Applicant" in the subject line.

**Director of Preschool.** Vienna Baptist Church is seeking an experienced director for its half day inclusive preschool. Vienna Baptist Church is seeking an experienced director for its half day inclusive preschool. For further details of this full time position please go to [www.vbc-va.org](http://www.vbc-va.org) and click on children's center for position description and the search team email address.

**Pastor.** First Baptist Church of Hurlock, Md. is seeking a full-time pastor. First Baptist Church of Hurlock, Maryland is seeking a full-time pastor. FBC of Hurlock is located in the midst of a rural town located in an area commonly referred to as the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The congregation hosts approximately 100 people. The church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware and Eastern Baptist Association. More details about the church can be found by visiting [www.fbchurlock.org](http://www.fbchurlock.org). The job announcement can be viewed [here](#). Resumes should be sent to:

First Baptist Church of Hurlock  
Attn: Pastor Search Committee  
301 Poplar Street  
Hurlock, MD 21643  
E-mail to: [dcanddiane@comcast.net](mailto:dcanddiane@comcast.net)

**Pastor.** The Littlewater Baptist Church in Patton, Mo. is looking for a full-time pastor. The Little Whitewater Baptist Church in Patton, Missouri is looking for a full-time pastor. The church provides a newly remodeled parsonage with salary and benefits. The church is located in rural Southeast Missouri, 33 miles from Cape Girardeau and 30 miles from Perryville, Missouri. The church has 200+ members. For more information click [here](#). Resumes should be sent to:

Nancy Mayfield  
Rt 1 Box 2110  
Patton, MO 63662  
573.866.3377  
E-mail: [mayfarms5@yahoo.com](mailto:mayfarms5@yahoo.com)

**Associate Pastor.** McLean Baptist Church in McLean, Va. is looking for an Associate Pastor. McLean Baptist Church is seeking an individual to minister to the congregation, and to serve God and the world. The Associate Pastor will use his/her gifts to encourage, strengthen and support youth and their parents in their journey of faith. This position will also include oversight and assistance in the continuing spiritual development of all age groups within the congregation. This includes Sunday morning education experiences as well as other small group studies. Particular attention is directed to Children's Ministry. He/she will help new and old participants within the congregation to be better assimilated into the fellowship, assisting church participants in discovering ways their lives intersect and connect. The Associate Pastor will be involved in worship planning and will regularly participate in worship. In part, the position will be shaped by the gifts, skills, and calling of the individual. This is a full-time position with commensurate salary and benefits. Please send resumes to:

McLean Baptist Church  
Attn: Associate Pastor Search Committee  
1367 Chain Bridge Road  
McLean, Virginia 22101  
Phone: 703.356.8080