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From the Desk of the Executive Director/Minister

By Rev. Dr. Robert D. Cochran

A Most Frightening Death

Concern appears to be rising, finally among Baptists, among other evangelicals, among Catholics, because of the lack of care across the years for children and other vulnerable people. I grew up in varied Baptist churches, and I have served them as a minister throughout my adult life. As a child from the 50s and 60s, I never experienced the tragedy of abuse, sexual or otherwise, something for which I am thankful. As an adult, I have become personally aware during my ministry of only one or two instances of such abuse, instances addressed immediately and directly by those near me in positions of authority.

It is truly tragic that many organizations (congregations, groups of congregations and denominational groups) now must admit to abuse they have allowed run rampant among them for far too long. Those once secure in their public righteousness now sit exposed to the general public, not simply before a religious, merciful audience. They experience now an exposure as frightening to them as physical exposure was to little ones who suffered in the past acts of abuse. Chaos, if not more, destruction and death, loom before these abusers. The reality of the Scripture once again is validated, "There is none righteous, no, not one: with their tongues they have used deceit, the poison of asps is under their lips . . . the way of

peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes." (Romans 3:10-18) Their deeds expose the tragic flaw of their theology. The step-stone to this tragedy is as it always has been, the human desire to be a god, craving to be the Heavenly Judge.

How should we respond as we observe this terrible, tragic scene? Let us not become hopeless. Let us instead celebrate should these, individuals or groups, take responsibility for their past abuses with their accompanying arrogance. Let us look with pity upon both them and those they violated while fearing that we, too, could fail in following Christ. A special end awaits those who practice such wickedness (Matthew 18:2-6).

Let us use this embarrassing, shocking tragedy to pledge once again to protect the treasures which we know Jesus holds dear, including children (Matthew 19:13-15), despised in some past cultures, apparently even in our own. Let D.C. Baptists, as individuals and congregations, vow to keep children, as well as any who are vulnerable, safe in Christ.

I think of all the possible deaths that I might experience; drowning *with a millstone necktie*, frightens me most.

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Staff Meeting
9:30AM

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Editor's Note

about this month's
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Welcome to March!

Welcome to the month of March!

We are so pleased that you have taken the time to read this month's edition of Capital Baptist entitled Forgiveness.

As we enter into this time of year of DCBC trainings, we encourage you to partake upon the various needed trainings for each ministry in your church.

Lastly, we welcome you to this season of LENT. We know that many of you have upcoming Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services next month so feel free to send us those flyers/announcements so that we may share them with the convention and its members.



Blessings,

Kimberly Anne



District of Columbia Baptist Convention

& The Office of Empowering Congregations presents

A Conversation for
Sunday School Directors
& Teachers

My verses **Versus** *Your verses*

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth."
| Second Timothy 2.15

How did Scripture get between us? Stuck in the middle, we put the pressure on holy writ to make us right and others wrong? But, this is not the work of salvation. In divisive times, how can we teach in ways that invite others to surrender to Christ—not us? A new generation of believers is also stuck in the middle. Join us as we discuss ways to get us all on Christ's side.

Saturday, March 16, 2019

9:30 – 12:30 p.m.

The Baptist Building

1628 16th Street NW | Washington, DC 20009

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The Office of Engaging Communities presents ...

Active Shooter Training for Houses of Worship

How to Prepare for and Respond to Active Shooter Situations



OBJECTIVES:

History & demographics of Active Shooter events
Recognition of pre-attack indicators & suspicious behavior
Lockdown principles & protocols
Five keys for Survival
Bleeding Control Basics
Importance of an Emergency Action Plan

Location: The Baptist Building
1628 16th Street, NW | Washington, DC 20009

Date: Saturday, March 23, 2019
9 am until 11 am

www.dcbaptist.org | engage@dcbaptist.org
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Definition for Forgiveness

A definition for forgiveness could be -- giving up my right to hurt you, for hurting me. It is impossible to live on this fallen planet without getting hurt, offended, misunderstood, lied to, and rejected. Learning how to respond properly is one of the basics of the Christian life.

The word “forgive” means to wipe the slate clean, to pardon, to cancel a debt. When we wrong someone, we seek his or her forgiveness in order for the relationship to be restored. It is important to remember that forgiveness is not granted because a person deserves to be forgiven. Instead, it is an act of love, mercy, and grace.

How we act toward that person may change. It doesn't mean we will put ourselves back into a harmful situation or that we suddenly accept or approve of the person's continued wrong behavior. It simply means we release them from the wrong they committed against us. We forgive them because God forgave us ([Ephesians 4:31-32](#) and [Romans 5:8](#)).

What does God say about forgiveness?

- The Bible gives us much instruction when it comes to forgiveness. We forgive because we have been forgiven by God ([Ephesians 4:32](#)). We forgive in obedience to God ([Matthew 6:14-15](#); [Romans 12:18](#)).

We forgive others to gain control of our lives from hurt emotions ([Genesis 4:1-8](#)).

We forgive so we won't become bitter and defile those around us ([Hebrews 12:14-15](#)).

What if I don't feel like forgiving others?

There are times we don't feel like forgiving those who have wronged us. It is easier to act our way into feeling than to feel our way into acting. Having a nature of not forgiving others brings about bitterness, and bitterness has been linked to stress-related illnesses by some medical researchers. By forgiving others, we free ourselves spiritually and emotionally. Forgiveness is an act of our own personal will in obedience and submission to God's will, trusting God to bring emotional healing.

How can I help those struggling with forgiveness?

People who have experienced abuse, trauma, or loss need time to sort things out and let God bring them to the place of forgiveness in His time. God's timing is always the right time for each individual. The act of forgiving others is between us and God. The only time we need to forgive a person face-to-face is at the moment we are asked by that person to forgive them for the hurt they have caused.

There are things we can do to help those struggling with the forgiveness of others. We can support them with encouraging words and by listening to them. Taking our time and being gentle with them will allow them to progress through the steps of forgiveness the way God wants them to proceed.

A prayer of forgiveness

Dear God, I choose as an act of my will, regardless of my feelings, to forgive the person who has wronged me. I release them, and I set myself free to Your healing. With Your help, I will no longer dwell on the situation or continue to talk about it. I thank You for forgiving me as I have forgiven them. I thank You for releasing me. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen.

<https://www.allaboutgod.com/definition-for-forgiveness-faq.htm>

Kindness


BE KIND AND
COMPASSIONATE
TO ONE ANOTHER,
FORGIVING EACH OTHER,
JUST AS IN
CHRIST GOD
FORGAVE YOU.



Ephesians 4:32

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<h1>40 DAYS of Lent</h1> <p>Ash Wednesday</p>						
<p>"I was hungry. You gave me food."</p>	<p>Day 5</p> <p>SAVE a prayer of thankfulness today for all you have in your life.</p>	<p>Day 6</p> <p>GIVE a word of thanks to someone in your life.</p>	<p>Day 7</p> <p>FAST by eating only one full meal today and remember, no meat!</p>	<p>Day 8</p> <p>PRAY that your desires take a backseat to what God desires for you.</p>	<p>Day 9</p> <p>GIVE help to anyone you see today who appears to be in need.</p>	<p>Day 10</p> <p>FAST from worldly excesses. (alcohol, gossip, internet, etc)</p>
<p>"I was thirsty. You gave me drink."</p>	<p>Day 11</p> <p>GIVE others the benefit of the doubt today.</p>	<p>Day 12</p> <p>LEARN more about a global issue of suffering.</p>	<p>Day 13</p> <p>PRAY for people who are homeless.</p>	<p>Day 14</p> <p>VISIT the Blessed Sacrament often; if only for 5 mins.</p>	<p>Day 15</p> <p>FAST from going out tonight.</p>	<p>Day 16</p> <p>FAST from asking for things...depend only on what is given.</p>
<p>"I was a stranger. You welcomed me."</p>	<p>Day 17</p> <p>PRAY for chances to show respect, grace and charity today.</p>	<p>Day 18</p> <p>GIVE unconditional love to one who challenges you today.</p>	<p>Day 19</p> <p>FAST from watching violent movies or television today.</p>	<p>Day 20</p> <p>PRAY for those who have lost loved ones to violence.</p>	<p>Day 21</p> <p>FAST from using Facebook today.</p>	<p>Day 22</p> <p>REFLECT on Isaiah 40:28-31; what do the verses say to you.</p>
<p>"I was naked. You clothed me."</p>	<p>Day 23</p> <p>FAST from expensive meals and meat today.</p>	<p>Day 24</p> <p>PRAY, "Jesus I Love You." between tasks today.</p>	<p>Day 25</p> <p>FAST from being impatient today.</p>	<p>Day 26</p> <p>PRAY for the poor.</p>	<p>Day 27</p> <p>FAST from interrupting others today.</p>	<p>Day 28</p> <p>PRAY for patience and openness with all you meet.</p>

<https://resource4christians.blogspot.com/2014/03/40-days-of-lent-holy-week-feast-of.html>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<p>"I was ill. You comforted me."</p>	<p>Day 29</p> <p>FAST from making excuses- get tasks done.</p>	<p>Day 30</p> <p>PRAY for the courage to lean into an uncomfortable situation.</p>	<p>Day 31</p> <p>GIVE your support today to someone who is in a tough leadership position.</p>	<p>Day 32</p> <p>PRAY about how you feel today- angry, sad happy, etc.</p>	<p>Day 33</p> <p>PRAY for a loving and forgiving spirit.</p>	<p>Day 34</p> <p>SAY to yourself; "I forgive you, I love you and it's time to move on."</p>
<p>"I was in jail. You came to see me."</p> 	<p>Day 35</p> <p>PRAY and plan as a family how to help the poor.</p>	<p>Day 36</p> <p>PRAY for humility today.</p>	<p>Day 37</p> <p>PRAY today for others' needs and concerns instead of your own.</p>	<p>Day 38</p> <p>WRITE a note to someone who needs encouragement.</p>	<p>Day 39</p> <p>PAY compliments, be grateful, smile.</p>	<p>Day 40</p> <p>PRAY for the suffering of people around the world.</p>



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District of Columbia Baptist Convention

Offices of **Empowering Congregations** and
Administration & Stewardship

'Righting' Your Church's Constitution and Bylaws

Saturday, March 9, 2019

Agenda

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Registration & Continental
Breakfast

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Bylaws & Constitutions Session

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch and Q&A

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Document Review and Q&A

Baptist Building
1628 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

On site parking is available
Metro accessible

For more information, please
contact Rev. Starlette Thomas or
Mrs. Lashanor Doolittle at
202.265.1526, exts. 205 and 203,
respectively.

The D.C. Baptist Convention's Offices of
Empowering Congregations and
Administration & Stewardship have teamed up to
provide our member churches with
essential training from an experienced leader and
legal expert on Church Constitutions and Bylaws. Join
us along with our guest speaker,
Michelle D. Rhett, Esq.



Registration is \$50 per person and includes
materials, a continental breakfast, and lunch. The
morning will consist of a lecture/dialogue format and
the afternoon will be a workshop to work through
your documents. Each participant is encouraged to
bring copies of their church's Bylaws and
Constitution to get the most out of the session.



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2019

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& STEWARDSHIP

WORKSHOP



Join us as we begin an in-depth conversation on how to acquire seed money for program funding.

lunch learn

with
Farm

Thursday, March 21, 2019
11:30AM

District of Columbia Baptist Convention
1628 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 200018

(Lunch will be provided)

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The church's welcome sign

Ushers are the first faces that visitors see, the first traces of your church's hospitality. You will project the mission, vision and values of the congregation to the neighbor and the stranger. Are you a welcome sign?

Saturday, April 6, 2019

9:30 – 12 p.m.

Purity Baptist Church

1325 Maryland Avenue NE | Washington, DC 20002

Bring your entire team for a continental breakfast and a timely conversation. For more information and to register, please visit our website at www.dcbaptist.org. There is limited parking. Carpooling is encouraged. The church is also Metro and handicap accessible.

Meet

Rev.

Paige
Harris

DCBC Vice President

Reverend Paige A. Harris humbly serves as the 8th pastor of the historic Third Baptist Church (TBC) in Washington, District of Columbia. Before being selected to pastor TBC in March 2015, he served as Executive Assistant to Rev. Cheryl Sanders at the Third Street Church of God in Washington, DC. From 2007 to 2012, Pastor Harris served as Executive Officer and Associate Pastor at the Temple of Praise in Washington, DC, where Bishop Glen A. Staples is the Senior Pastor.

From 2003 to 2007, Pastor Harris served as the Senior Pastor at the Church of the Harvest in Cleveland, Ohio. Under his pastorate, the church grew from 23 members to over 250. Prior to serving at the Church of the Harvest, Pastor Harris served as an Associate Pastor at New Fellowship Christian Church in Columbus, Ohio, from 1998 to 2000, and as Interim Pastor at Jeffersonville Church of God in Jeffersonville, Ohio in 2001.

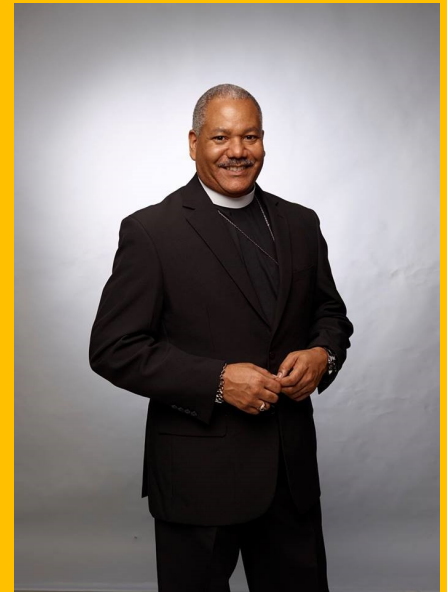
Pastor Harris was called into Christian service in 1996, under the leadership of Bishop Timothy J. Clarke, Senior Pastor, First Church of God in Columbus, Ohio. Here, he served as an Associate Minister and Director of the Men's Ministry.

Pastor Harris was first ordained in 2001 through the Church of God Reformation Movement (Anderson, Indiana). In 2008, he was also ordained as a Baptist Minister at the former Johenning Baptist Church, which is now the Temple of Praise in Washington, DC.

During his service in the United States Air Force, Pastor Harris served in Operation Desert Storm, where he received a medal of commendation for service beyond the call of duty.

Pastor Harris is married to Min. Carmen Knight. He is the father of two sons, Todd and David Harris. As a son of the ministry, he joins his father, Elder Al Harris, former professor at the School of Biblical Theology in Columbus, Ohio; his maternal grandmother, Reverend Louise Staples (deceased); and uncle, Bishop Glen Staples, Senior Pastor, Temple of Praise in Washington, D.C.; and brother, Pastor Lance T. Aubert, Sr., Grace Temple Christian Church, Houston, TX.

Above all else, Pastor Harris is SAVED by the Grace of God and strives to answer the call God has placed on his life.



PASTOR

*Darryl
Roberts*

NINETEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH

**Senior Pastor Dr.
Darryl Roberts**

is a gifted preacher and teacher who will advance the church's mission of meaningfully sharing God's grace and love with local, national, and global communities. Roberts believes that Nineteenth Street is a great fit in this new season of ministry because of its distinctive mission and core values: "Nineteenth street's unique commitment of supporting men and women in leadership, deep appreciation for purpose & mission-driven ministry, rich history of empowering preaching & teaching, and unusual passion for Christian witness that strives to share Christ's love with the world makes this a unique opportunity that only comes once or twice in a life-time."



PASTOR

*Cynthia
Turner-Wood*

DAYSPRING BAPTIST
CHURCH



Reverend Dr. Cynthia T. Turner-Wood is the second pastor of the 21-year-old Dayspring Community Church in Lanham, Maryland, a position she has proudly held since 2005.

Dr. Turner-Wood graduated from the United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, in December 2006 as a Curtis-Watson Fellow. There she received the Doctor of Ministry degree, with an emphasis on prophetic preaching. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, and a Bachelor of Science degree in broadcast journalism from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Prior to entering ministry full-time, Reverend Turner-Wood served in both the Clinton and Bush Administrations as Deputy Director of Public Affairs and Speechwriter to Assistant Secretary for Health and the US Surgeon General David Satcher. She brings to ministry more than 25 years' experience in publishing, health communications, and public health.

GENERAL

Prayer Newsletter

This is the first General Prayer Newsletter following its last publication in November of 2018. During this break, the Executive Director/Minister has been on a three-month sabbatical. Thank you for picking up again on the prayer concerns of the D.C. Baptist Convention, now distributed digitally.

The Burma Work Group continues its good work which is a result of the work of the churches made up of immigrants from Myanmar which are members of the DCBC. Further, the "Blessing" (also known as the NCAMO Offering) focused some of its receipts on the work of this group. The group is made up of about ten current members from our churches; the interest is growing in the efforts of the Work Group. Give thanks for all that is done through the Burma Work Group. We will mention later the mission work that is occurring this month.

DCBC continues to work with varied state conventions and regional groups with which we have had partnerships across many years, along with two national conventions, the ABC, USA and the Progressive National Baptist Convention (PNBC). We are preparing to partner with the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Baptist General Association of Virginia in training chaplains who have been endorsed by these two state conventions. Pray for this meeting which occurs during the second week of April. DCBC will be sharing with these chaplains about World Religions, specifically Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism and Islam. Several leaders from the DCBC will be involved in this effort. Our partnerships with these groups continue.

We need to begin our prayers for our national Baptist meetings that are coming this summer. The American Baptist Churches, USA will be meeting near our home. This year's Mission Summit/ Biennial will be held in Virginia Beach, VA. DCBC is assisting during this meeting in the orientation of new pastors to the fellowship of the ABC, USA. Pray for these efforts in orientation which also will host several new pastors to the DCBC. Pray not only for the development of the orientation for the pastors, but also for the general health of the ABC, USA as the group meets and fellowships with one another this summer.

The D.C. Baptist Convention has hosted the Early Childhood Academy at the Anna B. Jochenning Community Center for more than a decade. Our relationship has helped to provide space for the education of children as well as an avenue of ministry for families in the Ward 8 neighborhood which we have served for many years. Now, this charter school has found a new location, which by the way, is the site of the former Anna B. Jochenning Baptist Church, across the alley from the Jochenning Center. The staff and the Stewardship Committee of the DCBC are working together to determine the future purpose of the Jochenning Center and the property around it. Pray for this good work, for Rev. Robert Pines, chair of our Stewardship Committee and our treasurer, Mrs. Lashanor Doolittle as well as for the Stewardship Committee as these work together to make decisions about the property in the following months.

Let us remember to pray for the new churches of the D.C. Baptist Convention. Two joined us this past year Church of the Great Anointing and Greater New St. Paul Baptist Church. These two churches are located in different areas of the metropolis, the former in the Temple Hills area and the latter on the near north side of Washington. Give thanks for these two new member congregations and ask God to bless them and the DCBC through them.

We spoke of the Burma Work Group earlier, but now we turn our attention and prayer to the Haiti Work Group. Our staff member Rev. Andre Towner is seeking to develop the leadership of this Work Group through those involved in our member churches made up of immigrants from Haiti, both Eglise Baptiste du Calvaire (Calvary Baptist Church, Haitian) and First Haitian Baptist Church of Washington. Pray for Rev. Towner and for the work group. They have the possibility of several projects in both northern and southern Haiti, giving opportunities for mission service to DCBC-related churches and their members. One of these projects has to do with the drilling of a fresh water well in Romeo, Haiti (in the north), a project that has been delayed due to administrative challenges.

Another prayer concern is that of the Regional Executive Ministry Council of the ABC, USA and its meetings which are held each April at the Green Lake Conference Center in Wisconsin. This meeting is one the Executive Director/Minister of the DCBC (whoever that is) attends, coordinating efforts with other Regional Executives from across the country. Pray for the meeting and for the shared mission, vision and values which continue to emerge from this interaction. Give thanks for the ministries of these Executive Ministers across the country.

The DCBC continues to be a valued partner to the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) and also the North American Baptist Fellowship (NABF). DCBC has provided participants in these meetings across the past several years and currently provides the Treasurer for the NABF. The efforts of the DCBC at the January meeting of the NABF were very helpful for the NABF. Give thanks for these organizations, pray for their leaders and for their ministries, Rev. Jeremy Bell and Dr. Elijah Brown.

Let us pray for the work of our planning committee for the Annual Gathering of the DCBC. Rev. Jevon Billups has accepted the responsibility of chairman of that committee again this year upon request by President Paul Moutsos. Pray for the committee as it makes decisions about the place and the agenda for the meeting. Last year's meeting was a great time of fellowship, training

and worship together which more than 225 attended, even with severe weather approaching. The increased activities did bring more expense to the meeting, and we must find a solution to this challenge for the coming years.

Now we note also that there are two mission teams in Myanmar (Burma) this month. The effort in the Chin State (central Burma) is partly sponsored by Lai Baptist Church and Sizang Chin Baptist Church. Rev. Steven Price (of FBC, Hyattsville) and Dr. Pat Hernandez (of both Washington Plaza Baptist Church and the General Secretary's office of the ABC, USA) are teaching leaders about trauma and how to minister with people who have experienced such. Rev. Rollin Van Bik and Dr. Thuam Khai are working with Steven and Pat. In the Kachin State, largely supported by First Virginia Kachin Baptist Church, Roi Ji Marip and Deborah Cochran will seek to strengthen educational efforts within the refugee camps. Robert Cochran will lecture of Baptist Principles and Practices at the Kachin Baptist Seminary. Pray for all these efforts and for the results that will assist our Baptist friends in Myanmar. Some expenses of this mission work are coming from the NCAMO (the Blessing) Offering received last year.

A Benefit for
**The National Center for
Children and Families**
Greentree Adolescent Program (GAP)

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**SUNDAY
May 5, 2019**

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5:00pm

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7:00pm



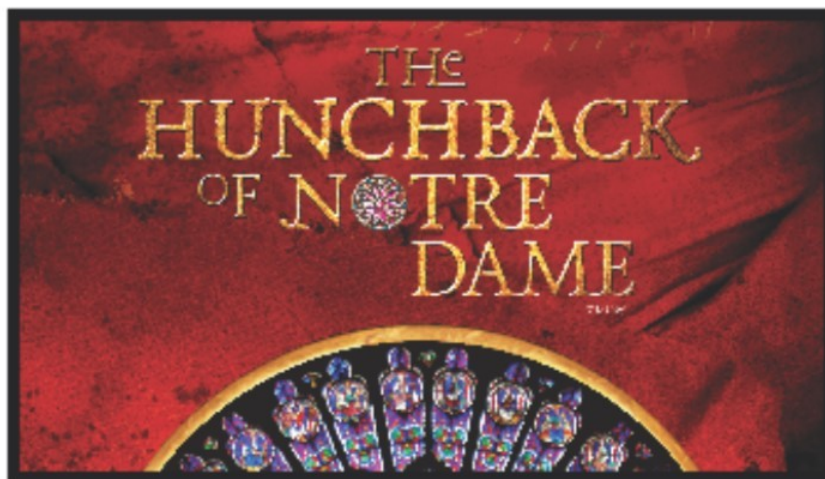
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The Hunchback of Notre Dame

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DUE BY: MARCH 17, 2019

EMPLOYMENT

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & WORSHIP (PART TIME)

The First Baptist Church of Silver Spring (FBCSS) is currently accepting applications for a part-time Director of Music and Worship. FBCSS is an urban church with a culturally and ethnically diverse congregation. Click [here](#) for qualifications and position responsibilities. Applications will be accepted until position has been filled..



BUSINESS MANAGER (PART TIME)

Takoma Park Baptist Church is seeking a part-time business manager. For a copy of the position description and application, go to www.takomaparkbaptistchurch.org and select Business Manager carousel. You can email your application and resume to takomaparkbaptist@gmail.com. You can also contact the administrative assistant, Lolinda Mosley, at 202-723-4700

PASTOR

The Diaconate, Trustees and Members humbly and respectfully open a diligent search for a driven, devoted Pastor to serve the members of Spirit of Peace Baptist Church. This candidate must be a strong believer of God and exhibits a Godly characteristic. In addition he/she must possess the following attributes:

- Sober
- Devoted to prayer
- Vigilant
- Prudent
- Respectable
- Hospitable
- Experienced teacher
- A life Long Learner
- Reconciling Spirit
- Gentle
- Slow to Anger

The candidate should be a good manager of his/her own house, a seasoned convert, not self-willed but self-controlled. He/she must also be willing to make the necessary time commitments to fulfill his/her responsibilities to the Church, members and community.

Most importantly he/she must be a believer in the preaching of the Gospel of Christ, the basic doctrine of faith as held by the Baptist denomination and have the ability to articulate a vision for the church that emphasizes spiritual growth and Christian Education.

To Apply:

Please mail resume including ministerial accomplishments by April 19 to:

Spirit of Peace Baptist Church
3709 Rhode Island Ave
P.O. Box 94
Mt. Rainier, Maryland 20712

PASTOR

*Robin A.
Toogood, II*

**Purity Baptist Church and
Urban Center**



Reverend Dr. Robin A. Toogood, II is the proud son of Trustee Patricia A. Richey. His grandparents are Deaconess Elma C. Melton and Mr. John W. Melton. He is a native Washingtonian.

He has attended Purity Baptist Church all of his life. He is a product of Purity's Sunday School, Junior Deacons, Junior Ushers and Youth Ministries. The late Pastor J. Terry Wingate was his mentor and helped him to realize his spiritual potential. Since acknowledging his call to ministry in 1994, Pastor Toogood has served as Associate Minister, Senior Associate Minister, Assistant to the Pastor and Assistant Pastor at Purity. He was ordained on September 16, 2000.

On November 29, 2009, Reverend Toogood was bestowed the high honor of being installed as the Fourth Pastor of Purity Baptist Church, his home church. Since that time, Pastor Toogood has served the people of God at Purity faithfully. Without hesitation he leads for the good of the church and has given both his heart and hand to ensuring Purity Baptist Church be all God has destined. Pastor Toogood sees his pastorate as the opportunity to steward the legacy of those Pastors who have served before him, as well as move the church in the direction God has set forth for this time.

**Pastor Julie Pennington-
Russell**

(known by many as “Pastor Julie”) became Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of the City of Washington, D.C., on Jan. 1, 2016.

Before coming to Washington, Julie served and led three churches in Decatur, Ga.; Waco, Texas; and San Francisco. She earned her B.A.

from the University of Central Florida in Orlando and her M.Div. from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif.

Her messages have been featured on the television broadcast 30 Good Minutes, Day-1 Radio and at the Festival of Homiletics.

Julie is married to Tim Pennington-Russell, a “techie” and occasional poet and bass guitar player. They have two young adult children, Taylor and Lucy. She reports that because of their “ridiculously long last name,” many people simply refer to them as *The P-Rs*.

Julie loves the poetry of Mary Oliver, William Stafford & Scott Cairns, exploring the sights of D.C. and perfecting the fine art of procrastination. She’s also a sucker for Ben & Jerry’s New York Super Fudge Chunk. Mostly, Julie loves seeing the surprise and relief in a person’s eye when he or she experiences the love and welcome of Jesus. She is crazy about the Church and loves to lean with the people of God into big-picture, kingdom-of God-adventures.



PASTOR

*Julie
Pennington
Russell*

**First Baptist Church of
City of DC**

FAITH

in the Public Square

By Andre Towner



During the last week of February, the D.C. Baptist Convention's (DCBC) Minister to Engage Communities, Rev. Andre Towner, joined Rev. Jennifer Wilder, Pastor of DCBC member congregation Broadview Baptist Church of Sunderland, MD and other faith leaders in taking a group of high school students from Calvert County, MD to the state capital to meet with their elected members of the Maryland General Assembly. Initially, the students learned ways of expressing their views, shaped by their faith and/or personal experiences, on societal issues such as education, immigration, and the criminal justice system. Afterward, they observed legislative action from the State Senate and House of Delegates chamber galleries. Finally, groups divided into five to ten person teams, based on specific issues being championed, and met with elected officials and/or members of their staffs. During these meetings, students articulated how they came to support or oppose specific policies being considered by the General Assembly and also listened to their legislators' rationale for their stances on these issues. As the day concluded, students returned home with a greater sense of how they could work in the public arena to help improve the lives of their fellow citizens.



This event highlights the DCBC Office of Engaging Communities' move to build on its foundation of directly helping those in need (e.g. feeding programs, housing assistance, and home repairs) towards addressing some of the more systemic root causes that contribute to poverty and other issues the Church seeks to mitigate via outreach ministries. In September of this year, the D.C. Baptist Convention will host its second annual Public Theology Conference to help congregations discover and utilize skills that can help them translate their faith into action that increases the public good.





PASTOR

*Donald
Kelly*

**Olive Branch Community
Church**

Reverend Donald R. Kelly serves as the Senior Pastor of the Olive Branch Community Church. A native of Keithville, Louisiana, Rev. Kelly was licensed and preached his first sermon at Shiloh Baptist Church in Plainfield, New Jersey. After serving three years as Associate Minister at Shiloh, Rev. Kelly served as Associate Pastor at St. Stephens Baptist Church, Washington, DC, for approximately two years and Youth Pastor at The People's Community Baptist Church for two years. In 1991 when his career took the family to California, Rev. Kelly united with Star Light Baptist Church in Santa Ana, where he was ordained and became an Associate Pastor. While serving in that role, he simultaneously served as a Lay Minister at Mission Hills Church in Mission Viejo. After returning to the Washington Metropolitan Area in 2000, he and his family reunited with The People's Community Baptist Church where he served as the Family Life, Pastoral Care and Saturday Church Minister. Later, he became the interim Senior Pastor of the church until the spirit led him to begin the Olive Branch Community Church in October 2006.



PASTOR

*Joel
Hawthorne*

**Montgomery Hills Baptist
Church**

Rev. Joel S. Hawthorne is the Senior Pastor of Montgomery Hills. He has served the Lord here since July of 1998 as Senior Pastor, and also served as Associate Pastor from 1985-1992. Rev. Hawthorne is a graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. He served the First Baptist Church of Glens Falls, NY and the Briggs Memorial Baptist Church in Bethesda, MD before coming to Montgomery Hills. He is married to Terri, and has two grown sons, Geoffrey and Nathan. Rev. Hawthorne's passion is that everyone in the church discover and use their God-given gifts in ministry!



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MARCH 26, 2019

11:30AM

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20 SCRIPTURES FOR

FORGIVENESS

Colossians 3:13

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Matthew 6:14-15

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Luke 17:3-4

So watch yourselves. "If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them."

Ephesians 4:31-32

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Isaiah 43:25-26

"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more. Review the past for me, let us argue the matter together; state the case for your innocence.

Acts 3:19

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out,
that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the LORD. “Though your
sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are
red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The
old has gone, the new is here!

Ephesians 1:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of
sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace

Hebrews 10:17

Then he adds: “Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.”

Daniel 9:9

The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have
rebelled against him;

Colossians 1:13-14

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought
us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have
redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Psalms 103:12

as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our
transgressions from us.

Numbers 14:19-21

In accordance with your great love, forgive the sin of these people, just as you have pardoned them from the time they left Egypt until now.” The LORD replied, “I have forgiven them, as you asked. 21 Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the LORD fills the whole earth,

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Matthew 6:9-15

“This, then, is how you should pray: “ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’ For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

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Mark 11:25

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone,
forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your
sins.”

Matthew 26:28

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/topical-verses/forgiveness-bible-verses/>

FORGIVENESS



District of Columbia Baptist Convention
Office of Administration and Stewardship

Personnel Manuals

HR Practices

During this session, we will focus on what policies should be included in your HR manual and provided sample policies; discuss the new labor laws impacting DC, MD and VA; discuss the mandated monthly, quarterly and annual reporting; discuss the necessary components of a position description; and HR best practices. If it has been more than two years since your policies have been reviewed and/or updated, this session is for you.

**Friday, April 12, 2019
10:00AM – 12:00PM**

**District of Columbia Baptist
Convention**
1628 16th Street, NW
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Office of Engaging Communities
Baptist Men's Ministry



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District of Columbia Baptist Convention
Office of Administration and Stewardship

Financial Policies and *Best Practices*

This session will focus on the importance of financial management to include policy development, reporting requirements, and the essential components necessary to ensure the upmost integrity when handling the church's finances.

Friday, May 10, 2019
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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1628 16th Street, NW Washington, DC 20009

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Spring Missions Conference

Date: 28-29 March 2019

Location: Canaan Baptist Church, 3011 New Castle Avenue, New Castle, DE 19720

Host Pastor: Rev. Dr. Christopher A. Bullock

LECTURES

- Dr. Leroy Fitts – “The Legacy of Lott Carey”
- Dr. J. Michael Sanders and Dr. Duane Kay – “What Do Missional Pastor’s Congregations Look Like”
- Pastor’s and Minister’s Seminar, Facilitator: Dr. Sterling Freeman

DIVISIONAL MEETINGS

- Women in Service Everywhere (W.I.S.E.)
- Men on Missions

SERMONS

- Dr. Christopher A. Bullock, Canaan Baptist Church, New Castle, DE
- Dr. Tony Barr, Elm Grove Baptist Church, Reidsville, NC
- Rev. Tracy Brown, Ruth Fellowship Ministries, Plainfield, NJ



The *angel* said to
the women,
“Do not be afraid, for I know
that you are looking for
Jesus,
who was **CRUCiFied.**
He is not here;
He has *Risen,*
just as *He* said.

Matthew 28:5-6