

November 2018 - VOLUME 11

BUT SINCE YOU EXCEL IN EVERYTHING

IN FAITH, IN SPEECH, IN KNOWLEDGE, IN COMPLETE EARNESTNESS AND IN THE LOVE WE HAVE KINDLED IN YOU

SEE THAT YOU ALSO EXCEL IN THIS

GIVING.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7



Tragedy Erupts in Pittsburgh

By Robert D. Cochran

There is hardly any word that can convey the sorrow of every D.C. Baptist about the carnage that occurred, ironically at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA some weeks ago. The horror of the deaths of 11 worshippers and the injury of four others, most seeking God through worship, shock us. A similar disaster occurred three years ago in Charleston at Mother Emmanuel Church where nine persons were murdered and three were injured while in prayer. What is going on in this country?

One thing is clear. Dangerous radicals are on the loose. What makes a radical? Anyone might start on the path to becoming a radical, for to become so, one must have a desire to live a worthwhile life. Such is not a terrible desire. To go further down the path towards radicalization, a person must feel that their significance is under threat. Sometimes that threat may be real; sometimes it is either falsely perceived or demonically suggested. Often, no true threat exists. The final step toward radicalization comes when the crowd by their own radical words and activities lead persons to violent acts. These are the steps towards radicalization that lead to dangerous and violent actions we see now, often daily.

Churches have the opportunity to interrupt this process along the way.

They can guide persons in their searches for worth-while lives. They can reveal the *Living Hope* for people in the grace and mercy of God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, they can value words and activities which treasure God's creation, not only the human, but surely including human life. Churches and social institutions that fail to value God's creation not only violate God's intent but also contribute to the violent tragedies which erupt, like those in Charleston and in Pittsburgh.

While our thoughts and prayers should be for the Jewish community in Pittsburgh as they are for the Christian community in Charleston, let us resolve to be communities which reveal God's hope for all and which model hopeful words and activities.

A. Fritz, "Some Ingredients Needed for All Types of Radicalization," <u>Washington Post</u>, November 2, 2018, pg. A3, citing the work of A. Kruglanski, research psychologist, University of Maryland.



TABLE OF CONTENTS

FEATURES

Pastoral Anniversaries 12

2018 Annual Gathering Photos 16-17

Meet the New DCBC Baptist Men's Ministry - 20

2018 Annual Gathering Photos 22-23

2018 DCBC Awardees 24-25

2018 Annual Gathering Photos 26-29

Statement of Resolve: Immigration 32-33

IN EVERY ISSUE

From the Desk of the Executive Director/Minister 2

Calendar 3

Editor's Note 5

News You Can Use 15

One More Thing... 35

FOLLOW US





District of Columbia Baptist Convention

1628 16th Street NW Washington, DC 20009 202.265.1526 (office)

www.dcbaptist.org

Office of Executive Director/Minister

Executive Director/Minister

Robert Cochran Ext 214

Jennifer Perry, ERT Coordinator/ Ministry Assistant Ext 211

Office of Empowering Congregations

Minister to Empower Congregations

Starlette Thomas Ext 205

Loretta Polite-Shipman Ministry and Missions Services Assistant Ext 213

Office of Administration and Stewardship

Chief Operations Officer

Lashanor Doolittle Ext 203

Wilbur Willis, Ministry Assistant Ext 204

Saul Garcia, Building Maintenance Ext 212

Fam SaeChao Chock, Accounting and Administrative Specialist Ext 206

> Robin Foulk, JBCC Building Coordinator Ext 215

Jennifer Perry, Finance Assistant Ext 211

Office of Communications

Minister of Communications

Kimberly A. Palmore-Ferguson Ext 208

Office of Engaging Communities

Minister to Engaging Communities

Andre Towner Ext 210

Jennifer Perry, ERT Coordinator/ Ext 211

Loretta Polite-Shipman Ministry and Missions Services Assistant Ext 213

> Gloria Grant, OAM Coordinator Ext 216



Welcome to November!

Thank you so much for joining us for the 2018 DCBC 142nd Annual Gathering! We enjoyed serving you and pray that you will join us next year.

This month we celebrate the spirit of giving!

Join us as we give back to the Headley Elementary School by

donating non-perishables and turkeys.

In addition, we are excited to celebrate those pastors and churches who are celebrating anniversaries! Praise God for your dedication and commitment to God and the community.

Lastly, in this month's edition we will highlight some of the great moments during the 2018 DCBC 142nd Annual Gathering through a pictorial collage.



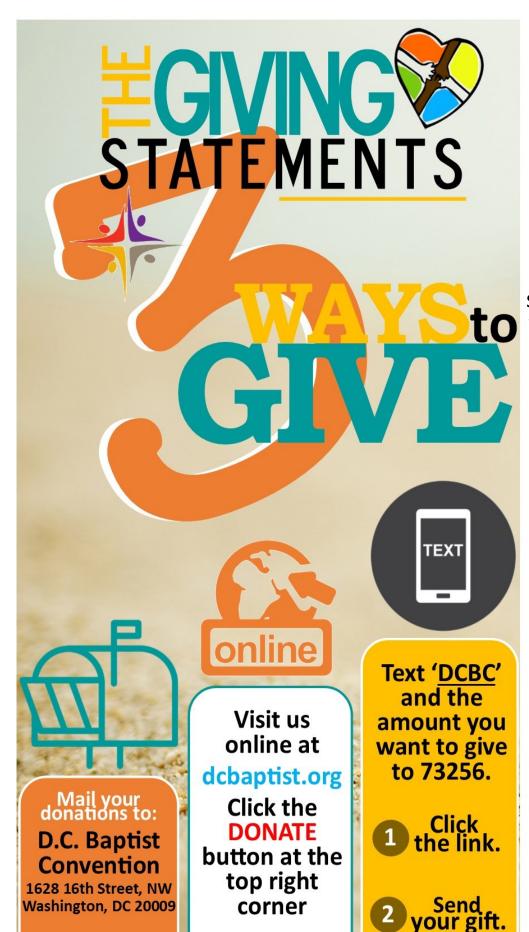
Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!



HELP A FAMILY IN NEED HAVE THEIR THANKSGIVING DINNER!

Collections will take place November 5-21, 2018 at the DC Baptist Convention office 1628 16th Street, NW Washington, DC 20009





Our hands are open. As your partner in ministry and co-laborer in the gospel, the D.C. Baptist Convention aims to connect you to opportunities, resources and services that multiply your ministry efforts. And we are able to do this because month after month. year after year, generation after generation, your hands have been open.

You have given to us in a myriad of ways.

Please visit

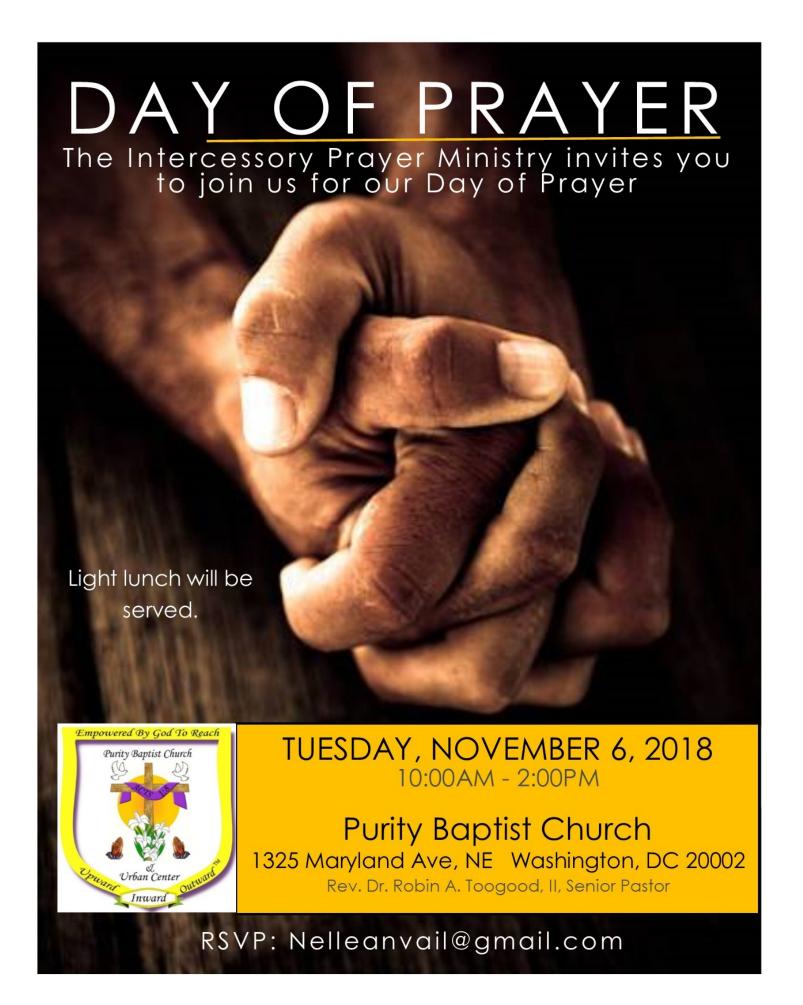
www.dcbaptist.com/

to view more on THE GIVING STATEMENTS!



Do you receive the weekly eNews?

Sign up today by sending us an email to communications@dcbaptist.org

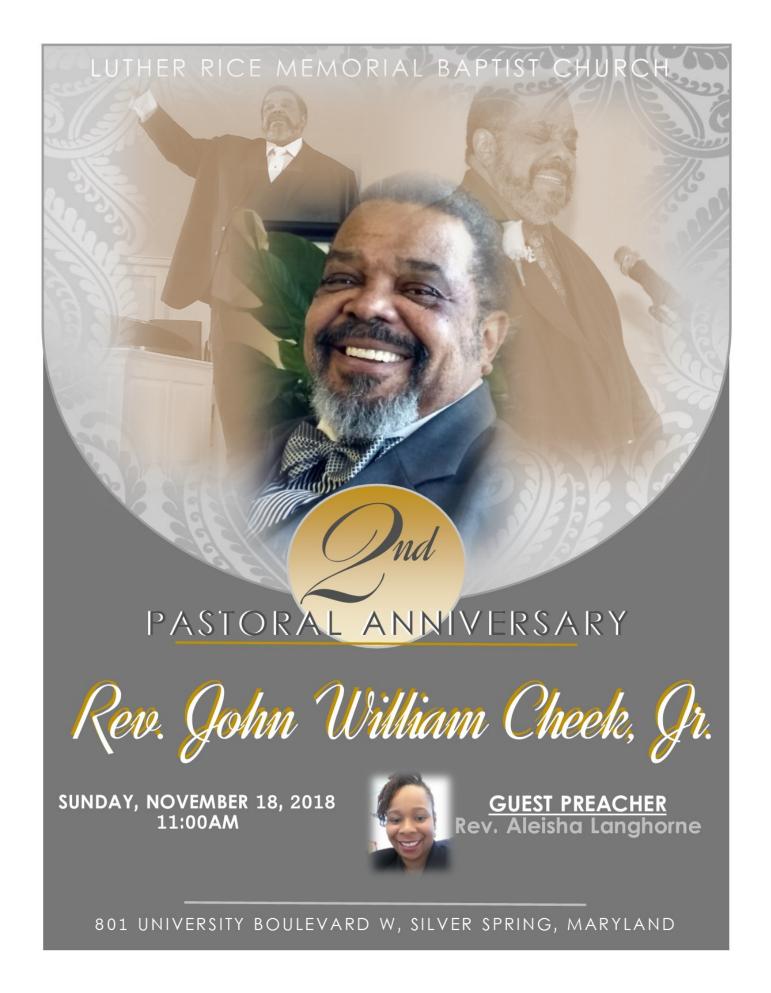




The Blessing is a campaign for the DCBC family to extend the reach of individual member congregations by collectively supporting ministries of compassion.



All monies collected will go directly to support the ministries . With more than 150 member churches, we believe we can reach this goal together.





Rev. Dr. Darin Poullard

Fort Washington Baptist Church 16th Anniversary October 28, 2018

Rev. Dr. Kendrick Curry

Pennsylvania Ave. Baptist Church 15th Anniversary November 4, 2018

Rev. John Cheek

Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church 2nd Anniversary November 15, 2018

Rev. Dr. Robin A. Toogood

Purity Baptist Church and Urban Center 9th Anniversary November 18, 2018

Exceptional CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS

Tantastic Fabulous

Gerrific OUTSTANDING

Tabulous UTSTANDING Exceptional

Terrific

Our Sponsors!





A Xerox Company

MGAFEE ENERGY, ING.

Leveraging Collaboration
Creating Increase



Thank you to our Exhibitors!







We can help you...

Experience freedom from fear, depression, addiction, past hurts, etc.

See positive results in your child's behavior

Our Services

Individual & Group Psychotherapy

Family Therapy

Couples Therapy

Group Discussions

Workshops & Seminars

The Hope Center offers specialized treatment for:

Depression, Anger, Anxiety/ OCD, ADHD, Bipolar Disorders, PTSD, Relationship Issues, Learning Disabilities, Terminal Illnesses, Substance Abuse, Children/Youth Behavioral Issues

Our Purpose

The purpose of the Carmody Hills Hope Center is to bring holistic opportunities to propel everyone (HOPE). The Hope Center of Carmody Hills is rooted in healing a deteriorating, marginalized, disproportionate, and ostracized community known as Seat Pleasant, Maryland. According to the recent U.S. Census, the Seat Pleasant Community population is estimated 4,780, with a median household income of \$47,408, 16.6% is below poverty level; 20% of our population is without a high school diploma; and 11% are without insurance. Primarily, we are purposed to close the gap between file's misfortunes and the healing to overcome these circumstances.

The Hope Center of Carmody Hills will not only serve as a mediator among the government but it will further more foster support and individual development within the community.

Located at:

6501 Seat Pleasant Drive Capitol Heights, MD 20743

> Phone: (240) 719-2699

Email: Hopecentertherapy@gmail.com

Now Accepting



About Us

Vision Statement

Transforming the mentality of our community to build stronger holistic families.

Mission Statement

Giving the tools of today to provide the HOPE for tomorrow.

What does HOPE stand for?

Holistic Opportunities Propelling Everyone

Collaborations

Carmody Hills Baptist Church, in addition, to our licensed Counselors, Social Workers, and Psychologists have been working diligently with families in the church and local district. We regularly host family seminars and parenting workshops along with possessing a strong youth mentoring component that services the greater community.

While in the pilot stage of our program, we are able to train and employ the residents of Seat Pleasant. We have established a Board of Directors, that consist of Licensed Counselors, Social Workers, Clinical Psychologists, Doctors of Education, Behavioral Therapists, Accountants, Community Leaders, Chairman of the Trustees, Chairman of the Deacons, Executive Pastor, and the Senior Pastor.



Provider of Psychological and Educational Services for Children, Adolescents, and Adults.

www.carmodyshope.org

Upcoming HOPE Institue Classes

Classes weekly per listed month \$25 per session



Grief - September 2018 Sept. 8, 15, 22 & 29 Weekly at 11AM



Trauma - December 2018Dec. 8, 15, 22 & 29
Weekly at 11AM



Addiction - March 2019 Mar. 2, 9, 16 & 23 Weekly at 11AM



Intergenerational Parenting September 2019

Dates to be determined



Our Director

Dr. Joanne Frederick Leiva, LPC, has been in the field of Counseling for over 25 years as a University Professor and a counselor in private practice. Dr. Frederick specializes in treating people with anxiety, depression, relationship issues, terminal illnesses, and learning disabilities. She works with individuals, couples, groups, adults and children.



Correction: CFC and United Way donation codes for City Gate ministries

One of the City Gate flyers many folks picked up from our exhibit at the DCBC Annual Meeting had the wrong donation codes for the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and the United Way annual workplace giving campaigns. The correct City Gate CFC code is #83434, and the donation code to contribute to City Gate through United Way workplace campaigns is #9118.

City Gate has a long history of partnering with DCBC and convention churches, and is an approved charity for both the Combined Federal Campaign and United Way. These workplace campaigns provide a simple way to support City Gate in closing the achievement gap and opening a pathway to school and life success for children and youth impacted by poverty in DC and Prince George's County.

Israel Baptist Church (IBC) is prayerfully seeking a strong Senior Pastoral leader, sent by God, to serve as its 10th Senior Pastor. The candidate must be able to provide the vision and direction throughout the church and community by leadership, counseling, teaching and preaching to lead others to Christ.

HOW TO APPLY:

All interested and qualified persons must submit an initial candidate package consisting of the following documentation: The application is available at www.israelbaptistchurch.org.

Click on the IBC Pulpit Search Committee link located on the home page.

After 32 years of dedicated and prophetic leadership, the Rev. Drs. Dennis and Christine Wiley retired as pastors in 2017. Therefore, we are looking for a full-time, settled (permanent) pastor who will be obedient to God's call on this church as we together write the next chapters of our history.

We are a predominately African-American, radically inclusive, congregational church where we believe everyone is equal at the foot of the cross. Our church is located in the nation's capital, Washington, DC, Ward 8, South West corridor.

Please visit http://covenantdc.org/pastor-vacancy for the full position description, minimal requirements, and instructions on how to apply. All submissions must be received by December 31, 2018.



16



40 CONCERT

Presented by the InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington



Baha'i
Buddhist
Hindu-Jain
Islamic
Jewish
Latter-day Saint
Protestant
Roman Catholic
Sikh
Zoroastrian

Honoring: Senator Gordon Smith

President and CEO of the National Association of Broadcasters

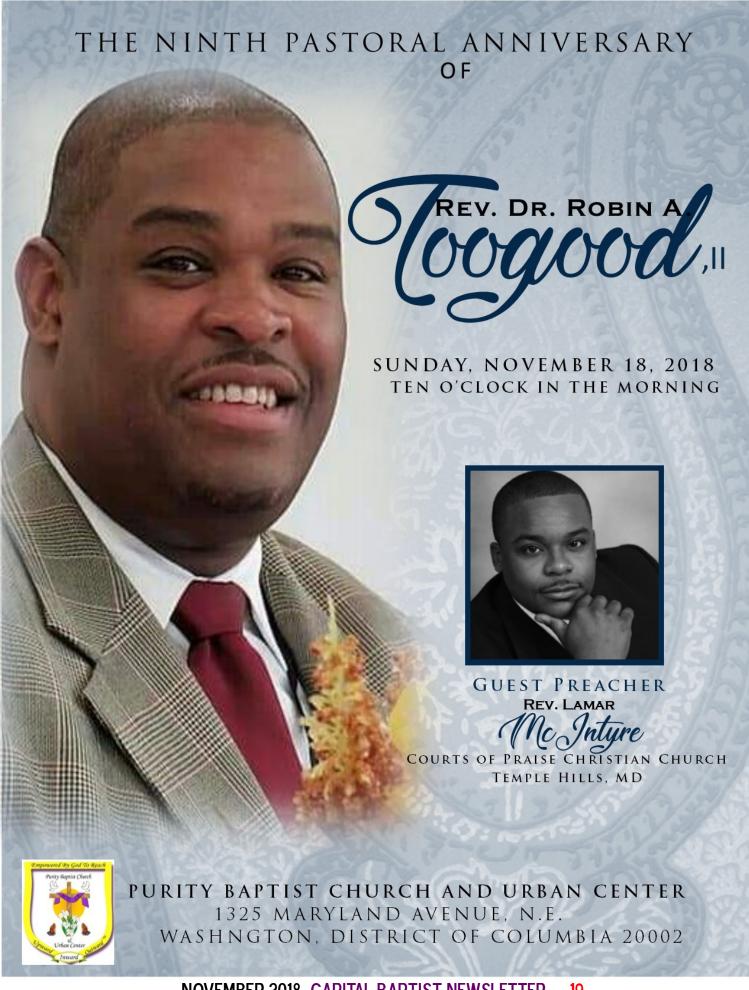
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2018 7:30PM

Washington Hebrew Congregation 3935 Macomb Street NW Washington, DC

Satellite Parking Available - FREE Trolley Shuttle Provided

Reserved Section: \$40, General Admission: \$20, Senior /Student: \$10

Ticketing & Sponsorship Information: www.ifcmw.org (202) 234 - 6300



CBC MEN'S MINISTR

We are so excited to introduce to you the new President and Vice President of the DCBC Men's Ministry

Rev. Calvin Hodgnett
President

Dea. Kelvin Lassister
Vice President



Rev. Dr. Morris Shearin

Israel Baptist Church November 18, 2017

Rev. Cornelius Carter

Pastor Emeritus
Canaan Baptist Church
January 3, 2018

Deaconess Elma Carter Melton

Grandmother of Rev. Dr. Robin Toogood, II January 3, 2018

Lestine Blaske

Daughter-in-law of Rev. Dr. Marion E. Criddle February 3, 2018

Dorothy B. Whitney

Mother of Rev. Karen Curry February 13, 2018

Eleanor Marcia Pollock

First Baptist Church of the City of Washington, DC
February 14, 2018

James Edward Curry

Father of Rev. Dr. Kendrick Curry February 27,2018

Rev. Israel Benni Singelton

Nineteenth Street Baptist Church
March 11, 2018

Dorothy Drusilla Windsor Fox

First Baptist Church of Front Royal

April 4, 2018

Carole W. Singleton, PhD.

Nineteenth Street Baptist Church
April 8, 2018

Betty Baker

Aunt of Robin Foulk
April 20, 2018

Rev. Dr. James Langley

Emeritus Executive Director of DCBC

June 7, 2018

Jonathon Leroy Saddler

Son of Pastor Walter and First Lady Denise Sadler
Southern Bethany Baptist Church
July 14, 2018

William J. Hammonds, Jr.

Brother of Rev. Gloria Grant July 16, 2018

Rev. Maran Yaw

Calvary Burmese Baptist Church
August 2, 2018

Anthony Leon Jackson

Brother of Sharron Jackson
August 29, 2018

Rev. Aroldo Silva

Emanuel, Iglesia Bautista Unknown



22



2018 DCBC AWARDS!

Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Ishmael Shaw

Rev. Paul Clark

Mr. Norman Taylor

Pastor of the Year

Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Lyles Fort Foote Baptist Church

Rev. Orlando Bego CenterPoint Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Robin A. Toogood, II Purity Baptist Church and Urban Center

Choir of The Year

Fort Washington Baptist Church
Men's Choir

2018 DCBC AWARDS!

Dr. James Langley Communication Award

Nineteenth Street Baptist Church

Equipping Leaders Award

Rev. Gerald Martin

Rev. Dr. Robert Childs

Rev. Rollin Van Bik

Empowering Congregations Award

Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church

Washington Plaza Baptist Church

First Kachin Baptist Church

Engaging Communities Award

Shiloh Baptist Church

Riverside Baptist Church

Rivers of Joy Bible Fellowship Church



AGAPE LIFE MINISTRIES. ALAFIA. ALLOW ITIOCH. BELOVED COMMUNITY. BETHEL. BROADNECK, BROADVIEW. BROOKLAND ALVARY. CALVARY BURMESE. CALVARY EXPOINT MISSIONARY. CENTRAL. CHEVY TY. CHRIST'S LABORERS. CHURCH IN BENORM. COMMON-CONVENANT COMMUNITY. CRESTHILL. CENTER. EAST WASHINGTON HEIGHTS.

HERD. FALAM. FELLOVERONT ROYAL. FBC OF SOUTHEAST. FBC HEIGHTS. FORT FOCE GEORGETOWN. GETSE NAMESE. HAHNURI. HIS SAL MISSION. JOY OF PLE. LIGHTHOUSE MINDOLITAN. METROPOLITE MORNING STAR. MT. VERNON. NACPSD. NATANEYTOWN. NEW CRITANEYTOWN. NEW CRITANEYTOWN.





OF GOD. PILGRIM. POWER WORSHIP. REDEEMED LIFE CTION. RICHIE. RIVER CITY. S. SAINT PAUL. SALEM GOSH. SIYIN-CHIN. SOLID ROCK. PEACE. TAKOMA PARK. TEMFIRST NEW HORIZON. THE BAPTIST. TRUE GOSPEL. MEMORIAL. WASHINGTON CHURCH. WISCONSIN AVE.

26





WORD AND SPIRIT. WORD FOR LIFE MINISTRIES. ZION.

27













Dr. David Hill, pastor of Pathways Baptist Church is retiring from active ministry on November 18, 2018. He is offering the attached list of volumes for sale to interested parties. He can be reached at 301-977-9007 or at dhill@fbcgaithersburg.org.

BOOK SALE

^{*} Prices or Best Offer

Interpreter's Bible (12 Volumes)	\$1	100.00
Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible (5 Volumes)	\$	50.00
The Expositor's Bible Commentary (12 Volumes)	\$2	200.00
The New International Commentary on the New Testament (17 Volumes)	\$3	300.00
R.C.H. Lenski New Testament Commentary Set (12 Volumes)	\$2	200.00
The MacArthur New Testament Commentary on Matthew (4 Volumes)	\$	80.00
The Wesleyan Bible Commentary (6 Volumes)	\$1	150.00
Keil-Delitzsch Commentary on the Old Testament (10 Volumes)	\$	80.00
William Barclay: The Daily Study Bible Series (19 Volumes)	\$	50.00
TYNDALE New Testament Commentaries (11 Volumes):	\$	30.00
John, Acts, Corinthians, Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians,		
Colossians/Philemon, Hebrews, The Epistles of John, Revelation		
Colin Brown: Dictionary of New Testament Theology (3 Volumes)	\$	50.00
The New Layman's Bible Commentary	\$	10.00
The New Bible Commentary: Revised	\$	10.00
New Bible Dictionary	\$	10.00
NIV Pictorial Family Bible	\$	10.00
Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary	\$	5.00
Eerdman's Handbook to the Bible	\$	5.00
New International Biblical Commentary, Paperback (1& 2 Timothy, Titus)	\$	5.00
A Commentary on th Epistle to the Hebrews: Philip Hughes	\$	30.00
NIGTC Commentary on Luke: I. Howard Marshall	\$	30.00
Christology of the Old Testament: E.W. Hengstenberg		15.00
The Disciple Making Church: Hull	\$	5.00
The Disciple Making Pastor: Hull	\$	5.00
Entre Leadership: Ramsey	\$	10.00
The Baptist Heritage: McBeth	\$	10.00
The Effective Church Board: Anthony	\$	5.00
Jesus Is Awesome: Lovett	\$	10.00
Rich in Every Way: Getz	\$	5.00
Finding Peace: Stanley	\$	5.00



Whereas God the Creator brought forth humans, linking all humans one to the other as family through that act of creation (Genesis 1:27); called our forefathers in faith to become immigrants first in Canaan and during a famine later in Egypt (Genesis 12:1, 46:2-8); commanded Israel, the people of God, not to vex nor to oppress the immigrant (Exodus 22:21, 23:9 and Leviticus 19:33); and instructed His people both to invite the immigrant into religious community (Deuteronomy 16:14) and to provide the immigrant benefits arising from religious benevolence (Deuteronomy26:12-13):

Whereas the child Jesus and his family were victims of religious and political persecution, became refugees and immigrants to Egypt (Matthew 2:13); our Lord Jesus Christ implored his followers to receive Him through receiving immigrants (Matthew 25:37-40); and New Testament churches are instructed to offer hospitality to immigrants (I Timothy 5:10, III John 5, and Hebrews 13:2);

Whereas the first Baptists as religious refugees from England received the hospitality of the Dutch in Amsterdam so that they might follow God and worship freely; the first Baptists on English soil ministered among the ethnically diverse population of Spitalfield, England, among religious refugees from persecutions in France and in the Spanish lowlands; and Baptists throughout the United States ministered to immigrants from across the world during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and continue to do so today, encouraging and helping them to become friends with faith and neighbors in communities;

Whereas 28% of our member churches within the D.C. Baptist Convention are composed principally of new immigrants and almost all of our member churches have among them some who are immigrants, religious persecution of varied faiths and their adherents continues to exist in our world creating numbers of refugees; refugees and immigrants principally make up 27% of the member churches of the D.C. Baptist Convention; and we know by experience that immigrants coming to us are gifts and blessings sent by God who make valuable contributions to our community of faith and to the community at large; and

Whereas social and political confusion exists in our country regarding the value of immigrants, whether adults or children;

Now let us in the D.C. Baptist Convention therefore resolve,

- 1. To work as partners with immigrants coming into the United States;
- 2. To examine the issue of immigration through Biblical and theological perspectives;
- 3. To refuse the temptation for division along political lines on the issue of immigration;
- To embrace the Biblical teaching by embracing the stranger in our land, recognizing they are gifts and blessings who make valuable contributions to our nation and to our group;
- 5. To welcome newcomers in our neighborhoods and places of work people of varied ethnic backgrounds;
- 6. To discover in these newcomers the gifts that God has sent to us and to share with them the gifts we have received from God;
- 7. To embrace appropriate Christian ministries to those who are immigrants to our land;
- 8. To seek individually or corporately knowledge from professionals, such as immigration attorneys and social workers, regarding the challenges to contemporary immigrants, in order to develop appropriate ways to relate to these; and
- 9. To advocate thoughtfully and respectfully for immigrants and encourage elected officials to act or vote in favor of policies which ease the plight of immigrant communities, partnering with other organizations, when appropriate.





CONGRATULATIONS

SAUL GARCIA

30 Years of Service



ONE MORE THING...

Registration for the 2019 Ecumenical Advocacy Days for Global Peace with Justice Annual Conference is now open! Join us for this important gathering of Christian clergy and laypersons from across the country and around the world as we gather for ecumenical worship, learn from educational and training workshops, advocate on Capitol Hill and stand together in public witness.

This year, our theme is, "Troubling the Waters for the Healing of the World -- #GoodTrouble!" It recognizes the need for us to stand up and speak out on behalf of the most vulnerable in our world. It also reflects the need for us to have advocacy training and skills to build coalitions and movements that address the needs of our own communities.

In 2019, we gather at a time in which people of faith and conscience are again called to stand in the prophetic stream of those who have come before us, those who were not afraid to stir up #GoodTrouble for the sake of God's kingdom. We also are troubled by the many issues that we are confronting in our communities, nation and world.

Drawing on #GoodTrouble pioneers from the Civil Rights era as well as inspiration from young leaders, the 2019 Ecumenical Advocacy Days will help us to learn from the past, share best practices, and encourage one another for the work ahead. We will beckon the Spirit to "Trouble the Waters" as depicted in John 5:1-9, calling on God to bring healing to our nation and world.

JOIN us for #EAD2019 as we envision and train for new ways to stir up #GoodTrouble for the healing of all God's children. Register today! For more information or to register, visit https://advocacydays.org/2019-troubling-the-waters/.

Link to EAD brochure:

https://advocacydays.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/EAD_2019_General_Brochure_round2-final.pdf

The 40th Anniversary InterFaith Concert will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2018; 7:30 pm at Washington Hebrew Congregation 3935 Macomb St, NW, Washington D.C.

This year's honoree is former Senator Gordon Smith, President and CEO of the National Association of Broadcasters. Senator Tom Udall (NM) will make the presentation to his former colleague. DC area radio personality Tommy McFly is the emcee for the evening.

David North will conduct a combined choir of 100 voices with spirit and verve during the Annual Interfaith Concert. North is the creative force behind the multifaith group, Mosaic Harmony. Some voices from that choir will be interspersed with those from the various choirs representing our different member traditions, including, the Metropolitan Washington Bahá'í Chorale, the ADAMS Beat Youth Ensemble (Muslim), The Washington DC Temple Choir (formerly the Mormon Choir of Washington), and the Avesta Performers of the Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Washington. Additionally, the concert will feature traditional Cambodian Buddhist dance, and a special solo performance by Broadway performer Ms. Sandra Turley of the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter–Day Saints. Join us after the concert for the Taste of Heaven dessert reception.

Link to Ticket Sales Website: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/40th-anniversary-interfaith-concert-tickets-50702038161

Space for Grace 2018

THY MILL BE DONE

November 14 – 16, 2018 Loews Hotel, Philadelphia



Get more information at abhms.org or call 800.222.3872, x2394

At this national conference, connect with passionate speakers and workshop leaders to consider critical issues facing Christians today and seek God's leading for creating social transformation—in an urban retreat offering refreshment and renewal.

American Baptist Home Mission Societies
Connect. Cultivate. Change.