

From the Desk of the Executive Director/Minister By Rev. Dr. Robert D. Cochran

This month we are focusing on the good work, if not great work, which pastors do. We can speak of many exceptional pastors who are part of the DCBC, and we treasure what God is doing through each. Still, in this month it might be good to reflect on one of the preeminent pastors of our world which influenced so many of us-Dr. Martin Luther King.

Dr. King's work was so different from many we have known. Most pastors lead their congregations under the influence of inherited traditions. They express compassion to both those who need to learn and those who suffer in human miseries. They care for the faithful and help those seeking to become so. Dr. King could lead in these ways, but his great contribution was the giftedness which balanced the traditional role of pastors which many of us expect.

Dr. King conducted his work, not unlike his Lord Jesus, as a gifted prophet. The prophets from both the Old and New Testament no doubt gave him guidance, even while God's Spirit gave him utterance. One notes the attributes of the New Testament prophet themselves in Dr. King as he ministered cross-culturally, as he expressed compassion to others, as he seemed able to grab Truth out of the air (Spirit) rather than from the traditions we all lived under, and as he led change in our society. We give thanks for Dr. King and the way he ministered as both pastor and prophet.

The truth is that God desires for some pastors to care for others from tradition and others to care for people in new ways. A bifurcated ministry, dividing priest from prophet, was never God's intent. God intended a coordinated ministry and still does. We give thanks for the prophetic ministry of many pastors among us, those who, like Dr. King and others, often live on the edge of a congregation, but who follow the Lord in new and exciting ways.

May the pastors that we have in the DCBC, both care for the congregation and sense God's fresh, invigorating Spirit. One pastor may be strong in one group of gifts; one is blessed with the other set. Together in the DCBC, however, God will make a way for us through all the pastors He sends.

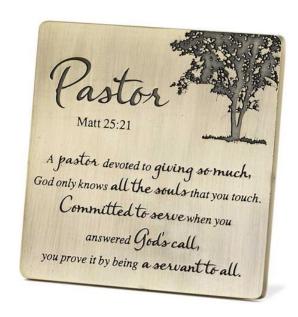


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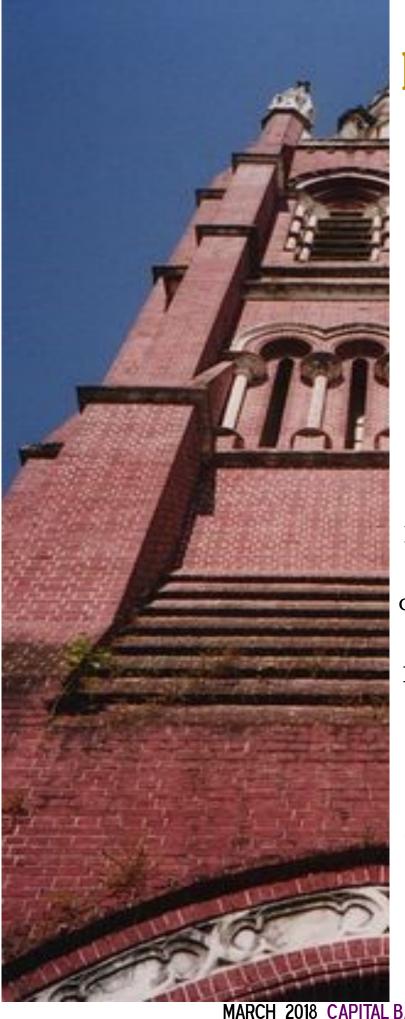
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Partnership with the Myanmar Baptist Convention Proposed

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The Board of Directors of the D.C. Baptist Convention on Saturday, February 17, 2018 voted officially to propose a mission partnership to the Myanmar Baptist Convention.

Due to coming leadership changes among the Baptists in Myanmar, the current partnership proposal is to last only two years, with a possibility of renewal through mutual consent.

The Myanmar Baptist
Convention will now consider
the final form of the
partnership which has been
under negotiation since June
2017.

The two conventions will cooperate together to see that mutual learning will occur among both Baptist groups. D.C. Baptists will facilitate English Language acquisition and strengthen Baptists in Myanmar through sharing insights in Agricultural Development, Practical Theology and Social Work. Baptists in Myanmar will strengthen D.C. Baptists by sharing insights cross-cultural ministry from spiritual development and through experiences of challenge and persecution. Additionally, the partnership hopes to provide some scholarships for ministry students residing in Myanmar.

This partnership rests on the long-time interest of Baptists in with Washington Myanmar (Burma), for Rev. Luther Rice during the nineteenth century among Baptists worked Washington to raise mission support for Rev. Adonirum Judson and his family. Over the last several years, D.C. Baptists also have worked with local immigrants from Myanmar to establish 11 churches which are now members of the DCBC. Additionally, many additional immigrant churches across the United States have begun and development since 2000 through these efforts, even though these belong to other Baptist groups.

Now, D.C. Baptists work through Burma the Work **Group** to bring this new partnership into reality. The next public effort of this work group is a Burmese Cultural Celebration scheduled for Saturday, April 28 in the afternoon, a day of introduction, fellowship and music with traditional dance.

OAM Team
Meeting
10:00AM

Chapel and
Staff Meeting

17

'Safe Sanctuaries -Sunday School Training"

Burma Work Group

24

JBCC Meals for All



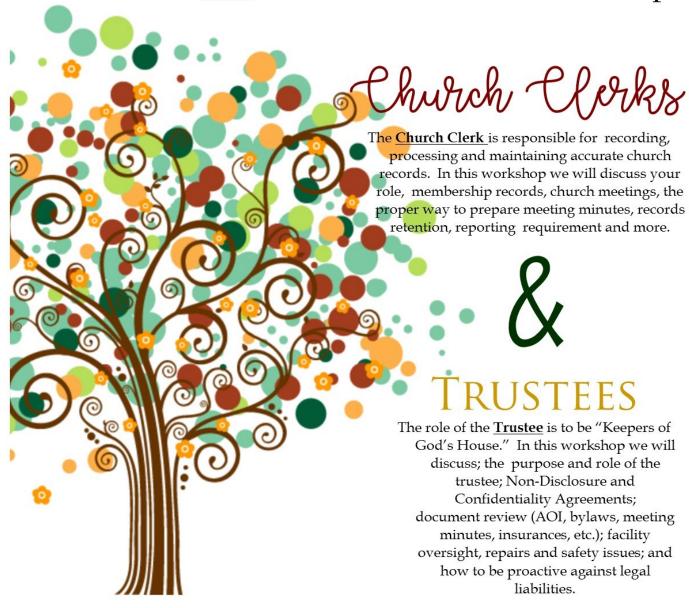
Annual Community Communion Service

Good Friday

DCBC Office Closed



2018 Church Clerk and Trustee Workshops



SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018 - 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Conferences, Seminars, and Training

March 10: Public Theology and Advocacy June 2: **Local Missions-Community**

Development Conference

Sept 11-Oct 30: Grant Writing

(Tuesdays Evenings)

Community and Law Enforcement May 12:

Reconciliation Conference (Baptist

Men's Ministry)

International Missions

January 4 - 15 El Salvador (Seminary Students)

> July 16-23 Haiti

Project Restoration

(Senior Adult Home Repair)

March 31 August 18 Oct 27

Weekend Feeding Program (Johenning Baptist Community Center)

March 3 (Weather permitting)

April 7

May 5

June 2

July 7

August 4

September 1 (Labor Day Weekend)

October 6 (Columbus Day Weekend)

November 3

November 22 (Thanksgiving)

December 1

June 30 July 7 July 14 July 21

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Ministry on

the Mall

(Evangelism)

June 23

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Reverend Paula Moutsos serves as the Associate Pastor of Discipleship at Pathways Baptist Church, Gaithersburg MD, under the Rev. Dr. David A. Hill, Senior Pastor; where she guides the congregation in their spiritual development. Her responsibilities include: preaching, teaching, curriculum development for all ages, family counseling, conflict resolution and leadership training.

Rev. Moutsos received her Master of Theology from Bethel Seminary, St. Paul MN and was ordained in 2010. She has served her denomination as a member of the Board of Directors of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention since 2014.

She is a native of Washington, D.C. and grew to know and love the Lord at Metropolitan Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Rev. E.C. Smith, followed by Dr. H. Beecher Hicks Jr., pastor emeritus. In 1996, Rev. Moutsos and her husband of 26 years, Peter Moutsos, joined First Baptist Church of Wheaton, MD under Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Ed Williams. It was under Rev. Williams' thriving multicultural ministry where she received her call to full-time ministry.

Paula's growth and transformation as Christfollower and a leader has mirrored the transformation of First Baptist Church of Wheaton. In the past fifteen years FBCW has adapted to reflect the demographic shifts of Montgomery County, MD. The once a traditional, monocultural congregation in Wheaton, transformed to became a contemporary, multiethnic congregation, Streams of Hope Church, Wheaton, MD.

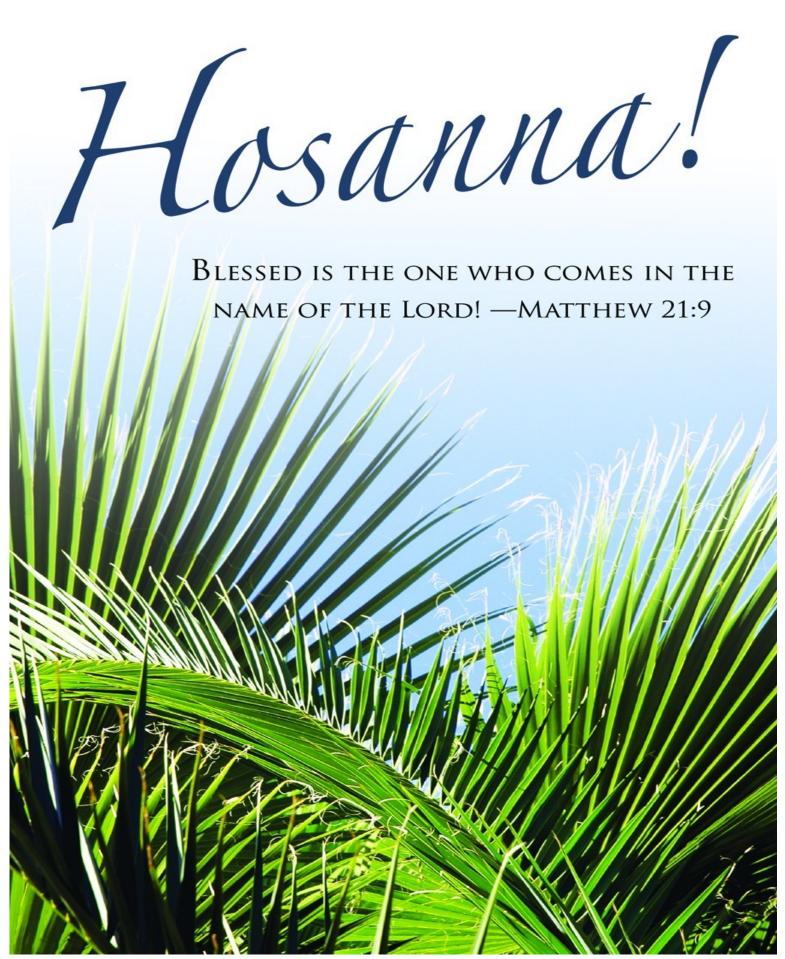
As their narrative has continued to evolve-but not there biblically-based foundation, in 2015 God ordained the merger of Streams of Hope Church with the First Baptist Church of Gaithersburg, MD to become a multicultural body of believers with a missional worldview know as Pathways Baptist Church. That journey and continuing narrative has become the anchor of Rev. Moutsos' identity and ministry.

The Moutsos have two children, son J.T. who is 15 years old, and their daughter they call Miss Mimi who is 10.

she is a native of Washington, DC...









City Gate has a part-time position available immediately for Accountant/Bookkeeper for 10-12 hours per week with flexible hours. Candidates should have a Bachelor's degree in accounting, excellent organizational skills and attention to detail, preferably experience with nonprofit accounting, QuickBooks Online, and thorough understanding of GAAP, accruals, prepaids, allocations, and proficiency in all aspects of general ledger (including Financial statement preparation, Month ...end close, Reconciliations, Payroll, Accounts receivable and payable).

Send resumes to lynn.bergfalk@city-gate.org.

City Gate is a nonprofit which provides out-of-school-time programs to help economically disadvantaged students in D.C. close the achievement gap. It has worked for years with some of our DCBC churches, and has its administrative office at Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church at Tenley Circle in Northwest DC.



Pastor Patricia Hailes Fears is a daughter of Fellowship Baptist Church. She was called to be the second pastor of Fellowship in October of 2016. She is a native of New Bedford, Mass but has called Washington, DC home for a number of years. Reverend Fears served Fellowship Baptist Church enthusiastically, and creatively and prior to becoming Pastor she served at the Westover Baptist Church in Arlington, Virginia.

Reverend Fears has a passion to serve the Lord and a creative spirit. Her ministerial resume includes youth, health, and educational leadership. Humbly submitting to the irresistible call, Reverend Fears was ordained, she believes, to preach the simple message of God's love, compassion and requirements to a world constricted by complexity.

Pastor O. Jermaine Bego is the founding pastor of CenterPoint Baptist Church located in Washington, DC. More than a pastor he is a social activist having served as a community organizer in the Metropolitan region.

It was his love for the

empowerment of community
that led him to establish
IMPACT, a
Christian ecumenical group of
pastors and congregations
were leaders from a broad
denominational affiliation
come together and seek
change through
transformative dialogue.





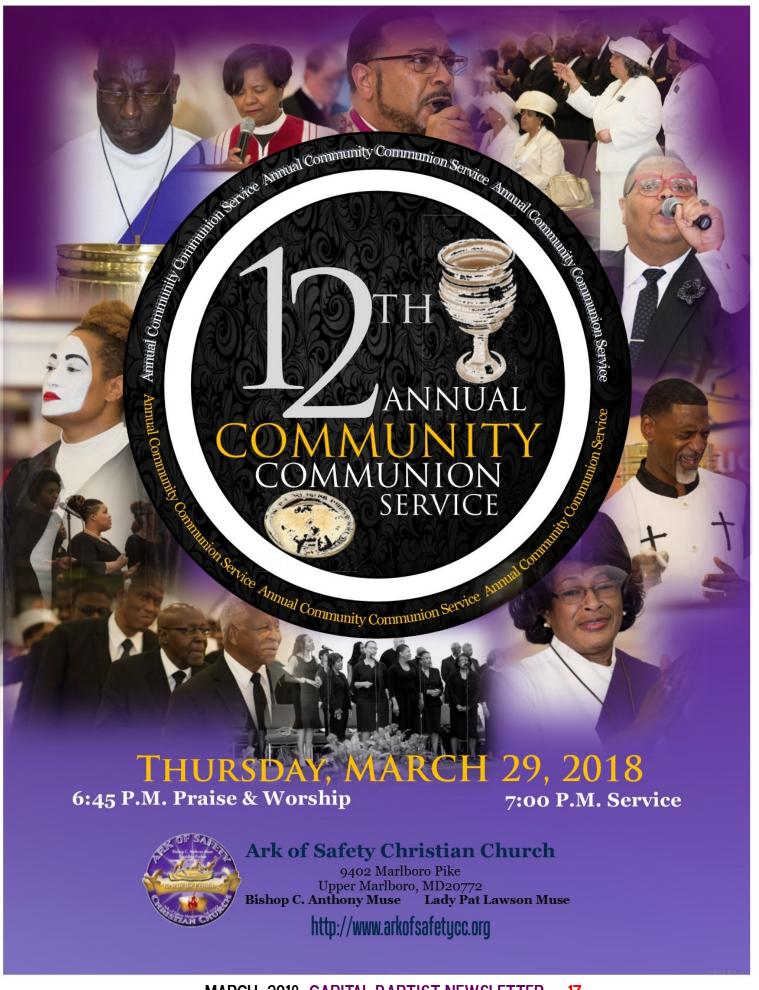


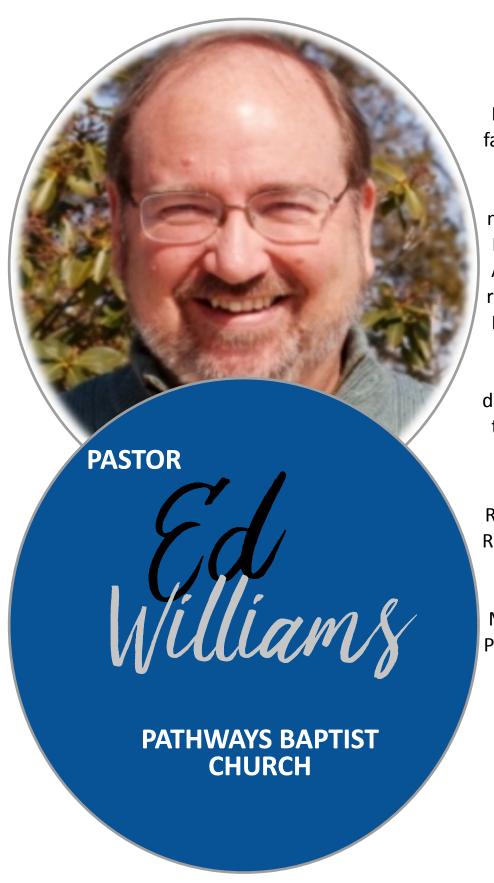
The Church is expected to welcome all who suffer. But, persons with mental illness are not greeted with open arms. Treated as a stigma, many church leaders and congregants distance themselves from conversations of inclusion.

> Join us as we train ushers in and talk about expressions of hospitality for all of God's children.

Saturday, April 7, 2018 - 9AM - 12NOON
Purity Baptist Church and Urban Center 1325 Maryland Ave, NE Washington, DC

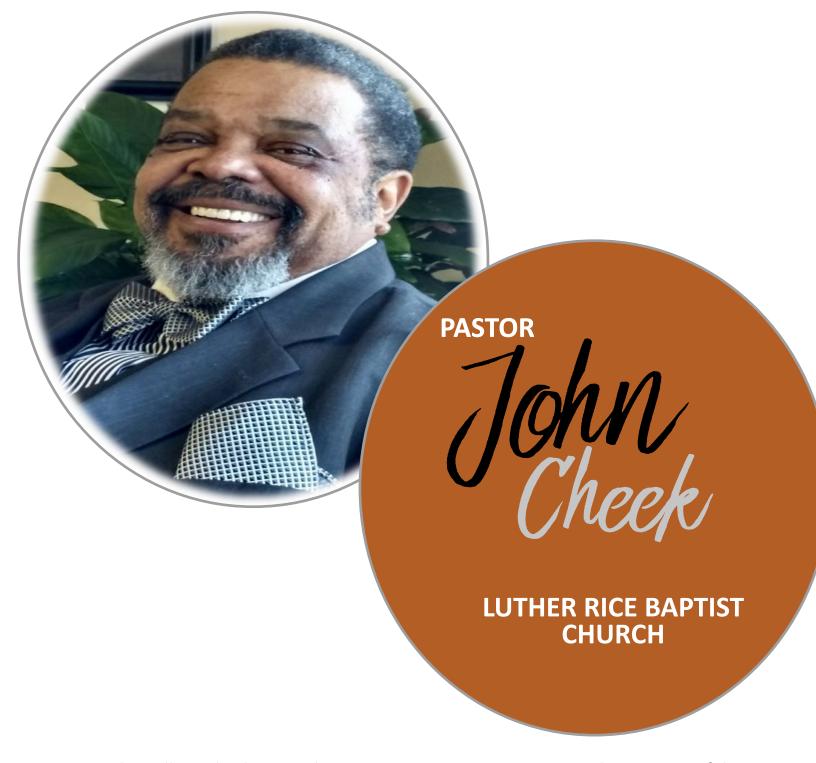
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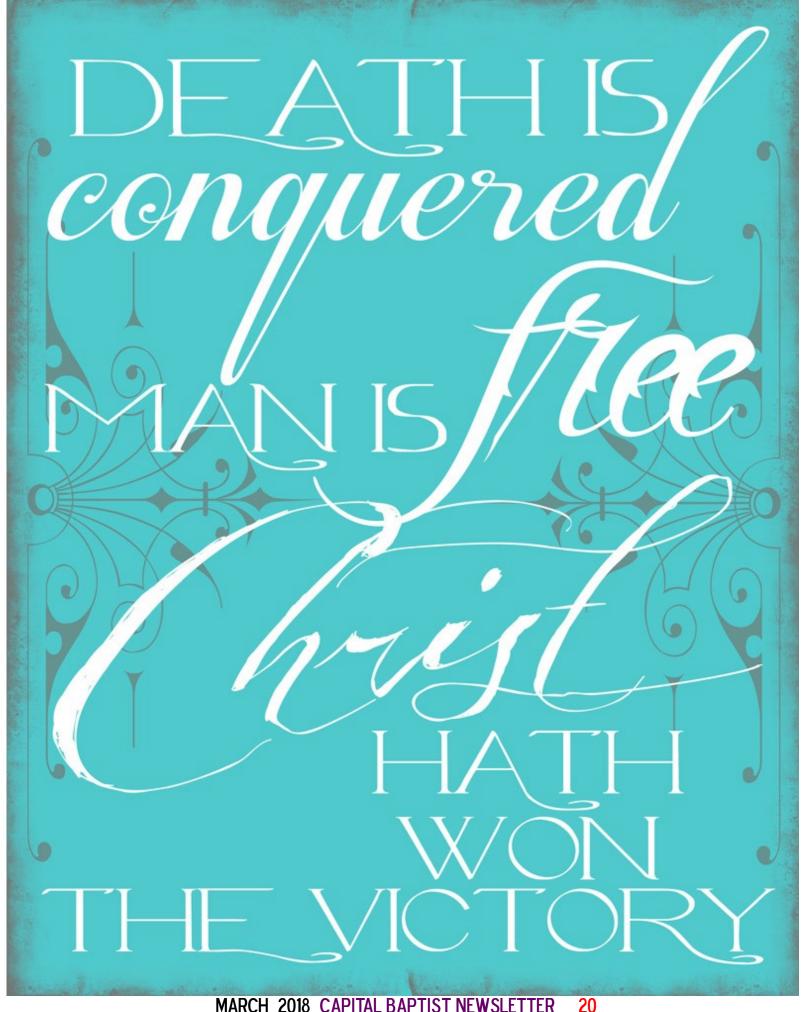


Dr. Ed Williams grew up on a farm in the mountains, moved to a small town near the coast, then back to a medium-sized city in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. After college, he worked in a recording studio in Sao Paulo, Brazil, enjoying more ethnic, language, and musical diversity than he had ever dreamed existed. He served as the Senior Pastor of Streams of Hope Church from 1991 until the Pathways merger.

Rev. Dr. Williams holds a BA in Religion from Carson-Newman College, along with an MDiv with concentrations in Missions and Evangelism and Ph.D. in Christian Ethics with a minor in Preaching from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.



Pastor John William Cheek, Jr. was born in Jersey City, New Jersey. He is the youngest of three children born to John William and Odessa Cheek. John is married to Kathleen Ridley Cheek. They have one son, Dorian A. Ridley. John attended Jersey City public schools until his sophomore year of high school. He finished high school at Vermont Academy in Saxtons River. Before enlisting in the USAF in 1977, John attended Ohio Wesleyan University. John retired from the Air Force in 1999 at the rank of Master Sergeant. He completed his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. John was a public school educator and retired as an Assistant Principal with Howard County Public Schools in Maryland, in February 2015. John completed his coursework for his Maters of Divinity in May 2015. After completing a two-year Internship at LRMBC, John became, and remained a member of LRMBC.



Project Restoration

Project Restoration repairs homes of senior adults with limited or decreasing physical ability and/or income. Organizations such as the DC Baptist Foundation, American Baptist Churches USA, and the Edes Home Foundation have graciously purchased materials while local congregations and outside organizations such as Mission Serve have supplied volunteers to conduct the work at no charge to the www.dcbaptist.org

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The objective of this workshop is to empower you with an understanding of how to work with various media (traditional print and broadcast, bloggers and online media, and social networks) help you develop a familiarity with the appropriate tools and tactics and learn how to use them within your church.

The morning session will focus on an overview of the changing media landscape and how to develop a media strategy for key target audiences in today's world. We will discuss the state of the current media, how they work and how to work with them.

The afternoon session will be more tactical and provide an in-depth understanding of PR tools, key strategies for their application and available resources. This session will highlight how PR tactics can help drive traffic to your church, website and increase search engine optimization and overall brand visibility.

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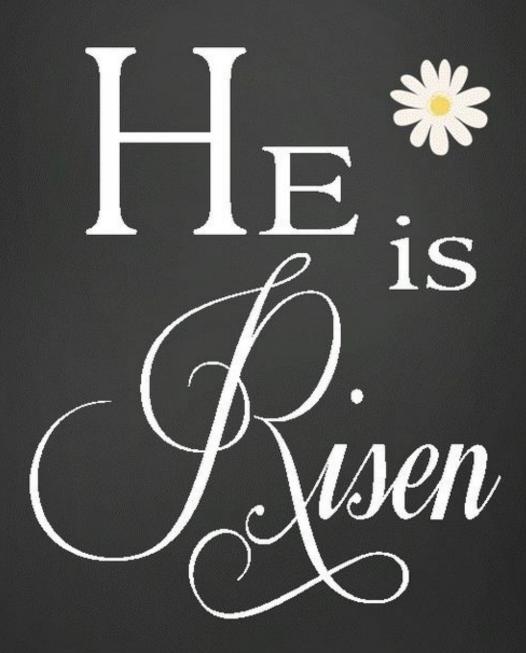
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