

From the Desk of the Executive Director/Minister

By Rev. Dr. Robert D. Cochran

Christmas time, now just passed, must be the time when Christ is most celebrated around the world. It is good to celebrate the birth of Jesus, to sense in the birth of that new child, the *hope* for the future, the *joy* of our family, like that of every treasured, new child. The entire human family should celebrate the birth of the Savior who comes to be the Savior of the world! Joy to the world, our Lord has come!

The New Year brings many new resolutions for our future and for the following months. Our vision in the D.C. Baptist Convention is to be a "... Spirit-empowered collaboration of churches working together where our capitol city and the world follow Christ and God is glorified." We join the celebration of both believers and observers around the world who celebrate Christ at Christmas.

Our challenge is to help people to go beyond celebration to become those disciples who follow Christ. It is a challenge for people we do not yet know, as well as one for us, our churches and our members we hold so dear. We D.C. Baptists must choose to follow Christ more closely than ever before in order for our city and its residents along with the world to discover and to follow our Christ, glorifying God. Certainly, each of us could find a good resolution in this challenge to each of us!

We can be grateful that we are not on

our journey alone, as individuals or as a single congregation. The task would overwhelm us spiritually. We have partners with whom we work—in our city, in Haiti, in Central Africa, in Myanmar and in Central America. D.C. Baptists are exploring God's mission in all those areas. We also work closely with our friends through the Baptist World Alliance, where Dr. Elijah Brown has just begun as the newlyelected General Secretary, as well as our national denominational partners. So, our vision and any resulting resolution depends not only upon us. We have partners in glorifying God and in following Christ, the One celebrated around the world.



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New Years Day

DCBC Offices Closed

CALENDAR

3

New Testament Greek

January

10

Chapel and Staff Meeting

9:30AM

OAM Team
Meeting

15

Martin Luther King Day

DCBC Offices Closed

DC Pastors

Burmese Work Group





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)

May 12: Community and Law Enforcement

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

Ministry on the Mall

(Evangelism)

June 23 June 30

July 7

July 14

July 21

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

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PUBLIC THEGLOGY

Saturday, March 10, 2018

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

2018 Partner Events

January 18-20

Ethics and Religious Liberty Council: Evangelicals for Life Conference, Washington, DC

February 12-15

Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Memphis, TN

March TBD

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Advocacy in Action Conference, Washington, DC

April 20 - 23

Ecumenical Advocacy Days National Gathering, Washington, DC

November 1-3

Christian Community Development Association National Conference; Chicago, IL Discover ways to develop and employ a public theology that helps influence and move the communities you serve towards toward redemption and wholeness. Explore how the Church's biblical and historical patterns of civic engagement can inform our current practices. Understand regulations and policies governing civic engagement practices of churches and other non-profit organizations.

<u>Participants</u>

- Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty
 - DC Mayor's Office of Religious Affairs
 - Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission
 - Howard University School of Divinity
- The John Leland Center for Theological Studies
 - Wesley Theological Seminary Center for Public Theology

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION and STEWARDSHIP

presents

SCHURCH ADMINISTRATION COLLOQUIUM



Dr. William Jackson, Professor

Samuel DeWitt School of Theology

Richmond, VA

Friday, March 2, 2018
Transformational Leadership

Friday, April 6, 2018

Management: A Systems Approach

Friday, May 4, 2018
Strategic Planning: The Distinction
Between Vision, Mission,
Purpose and Values

Friday, June 1, 2018
Financial Management

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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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IN CHURCH
COMMUNICATIONS:

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Saturday, April 1<mark>4, 2018</mark> 9AM - 3PM

DC Baptist Convention (Baptist Building)

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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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