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I thought January would be a slow, relaxing month, but I have discovered that lots of activity goes on early in the year. Most of that activity is planning--and I must tell you that lots is planned for BWIM in the next few months.

Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching will soon be here. Starting February 1 and continuing through the month, at least 64 churches, including one in Cuba, will have women filling their pulpits. I am expecting that number to grow significantly so if you haven't sent in your church's information, please do! I am also hoping to receive stories and photos from participating churches and preachers, especially those who are participating for the first time. If you take photos, please share them with me via email! And if you have good stories about MSM, I would love to hear them.

The next issue of *Vocare* (the BWIM newsletter) will be released in February as well. And a new BWIM website is in the planning stages. A new book of sermons by Baptist women titled THIS IS WHAT A PREACHER LOOKS LIKE is also in the works, and you will be hearing more about that soon. Some new Peer Learning Groups have been formed for women ministers thanks to the generosity of Steve Graham at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

But most exciting to me are the plans for the annual BWIM gathering in late June in Charlotte, North Carolina. BWIM will have lots going on during the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly, including two breakfasts (Thursday and Saturday), a worship time, a workshop time, and a book signing! Lauren Winner is the featured speaker at the Saturday breakfast, which will be hosted by CBF and BWIM. So get June 24-26 on your calendar and come to Charlotte!

Pam Durso

Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching February 2010

Baptist Women in Ministry invites all Baptist churches to make plans now to have a woman preach on any Sunday in February 2010. The number of participating churches in the Martha Stearns Marshall Month has steadily increased each year. Fifty-four churches participated in February of 2007, and seventy-six churches invited a woman into their pulpit in February of 2008. Last year, over one hundred (110 to be exact) celebrated God's gifting of women.

Here's how your church can be a part:

1) **SAVE THE DATE!!** Reserve ANY Sunday in February.

2) Invite a woman to preach--ask a member of your church, contact a nearby seminary or Baptist university and inquire about the availability of a student or professor, or ask someone in your community. If you need help, contact Pam Durso at pamdurso@bwim.info for some ideas.

3) Download the certificate from the BWIM website, www.bwim.info, print it out, and present it to the preacher on your church's Martha Stearns Marshall Day of Preaching.

4) If you would like to order a "This is What a Preacher Looks Like" T-shirt to give to your preacher, see the BWIM website: www.bwim.info.

5) Incorporate the history of Martha Stearns Marshall during your worship service (available at www.bwim.info) or insert this information in your worship bulletins. If possible, include relevant songs in the worship service that celebrate women in ministry and women responding to God's call in their lives.

6) Please send your church name, city, state, pastor, the name of your guest preacher, and contact information to Pam Durso at pamdurso@bwim.info. All participating churches and preachers will be listed in the Spring Issue of *Vocare*, the BWIM newsletter.

Ordinations

Nicole Farrar was ordained on January 10, 2010, at First Baptist Church, Corbin, Kentucky. She serves as the church's minister of children and youth.

Stacy Pyle was ordained October 25, 2009, at Spring Creek Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Renee Kenley Purtlebaugh was ordained January 17, 2010, at Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, where she serves as minister of children and families.

Rebekah Andrews White will be ordained January 31, 2010, at First Baptist Church, St. Simons Island, St. Simons, Georgia.

On the Move

Theresa Becker is childhood education minister at First Baptist Church, Granbury, Texas.

Megan Card is girls' minister at First Baptist Church, Texarkana, Texas.

Erica Hartman Cooper is associate pastor/minister to families at First Baptist Church, Jefferson, Georgia.

Shannon Hall is director of family ministries and worship at First Baptist Church, Graham, North Carolina.

Stacy Pyle is the associate coordinator for congregational life and ministry development at the Cooperating Baptist Fellowship of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.

Rebecca Smith is minister of music at Zion Baptist Church, Shelby, North Carolina.

Maria Stinnett is associate pastor of spiritual formation at First Baptist Church, West Jefferson, North Carolina.

Heidi Ullrich is children's minister at First Baptist Church, LaGrange, Texas.

Tyanna Lee Yonkers has been appointed chair of the Religion Department at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Ready to Listen

Collegiate Women Exploring A Call to Ministry

Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry is planning a conference in **February 12-13, 2010** for college women who feel called to ministry. The conference will be held at the Roslyn Conference Center in Richmond.

For more information, [click here](#).

If you are interested in helping to sponsor a student to attend this event, please e-mail Nancy Stanton McDaniel at nancysmcdaniel@aol.com. For more information, [click here](#).

Women in Ministry Conference-Texas

A Women in Ministry Conference, sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will be held **March 1, 2010**, at Truett Seminary in Waco, Texas, from 8:30 to 5:00. The theme is "These Are Our Stories," and the keynote speaker is Pam Durso. The conference includes three sessions (Stories of Our Mothers, Stories of Our Sisters, and Stories of Our Daughters) and lunch. On March 2, 2010, Truett Seminary Chapel will celebrate Women in Leadership Day, with Pam Durso as the preacher.

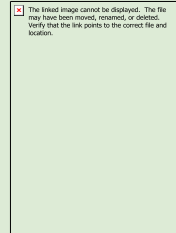
For more information,
[click here](#)

BWIM of North Carolina

The spring convocation of BWIM of North Carolina will be held **March 19, 2010** at Knollwood Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, from 9:30-1:30. The theme is "Remembering the Past, Moving Forward," and the proclaimers are **Veronice Miles** (pictured at right), **LeAnne Spruill**, and **Wanda Kidd**.

Sue Todd, author of *Never Too Old to Climb Walls*, and **Sheri Adams** author of *What the Bible Really Says About Women*, will be available to sign their books.

For more information and to make lunch reservations, email borwick@wfu.edu.



Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia's Sara Owen Etheridge Student Scholarship

Annually, the Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia award a scholarship to a Baptist woman from or currently residing in the state of Georgia, who has completed at least one year of seminary education (30 hours of study) whether at the master or doctoral level. Applicants may attend a Baptist or non-Baptist seminary. The amount of the scholarship this year is \$1500. Applications must be received by **March 15, 2010**.

Please include the following with the application:

- A listing of three references who will send a letter illustrating the Baptist woman's potential for ministry and her need of financial assistance;
- A brief summary of the Baptist woman's call to ministry and plans for

- carrying out her calling;
- A brief autobiography.

The awarding of the scholarship will be at the Spring Meeting of the Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia on May 1, 2010. The recipient will be invited and encouraged to be present at the meeting for the presentation of the scholarship award.

Please send or email all applications and recommendations to:

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Great Resource for Churches

Your Sons & Daughters Will Prophesy: Discerning God's Desire For Our Church is a four-week curriculum designed to help churches become more open to calling a woman as a senior pastor. The sessions assist congregations in dealing with the issues openly and honestly and drawing personal conclusions based on study, prayer and honest discussion.

Available from Smyth and Helwys, [click here](#) for ordering information.

Open Church Positions

Burgaw Baptist Church, Burgaw, North Carolina, is searching for a pastor.

Central Baptist Church Bearden, Knoxville, Tennessee, is searching for a pastor.

Central Baptist Church, Wayne, Pennsylvania, is searching for a pastor.

Central Baptist Church, Spruce Pine, North Carolina, is searching for a pastor.

Concord Baptist Church, Granite Falls, North Carolina, is searching for a minister of youth and children.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia, Macon, Georgia, is searching for an associate director.

Covenant Baptist Church, Lancaster, South Carolina, is searching for a student minister.

First Baptist Church, Bryson City, North Carolina, is searching for an associate pastor.

First Baptist Church, Carolina Beach, North Carolina, is searching for a minister to students.

First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, is searching for a pastor.

First Baptist Church, Hope Mills, North Carolina, is searching for a pastor.

First Baptist Church, Marietta, Georgia, is searching for a children's minister.

First Baptist Church, Marietta, Georgia, is searching for a minister to students.

First Baptist Church, Mt. Gilead, North Carolina, is searching for a pastor.

First Baptist Church, Pageland, South Carolina, is searching for a minister of youth and children.

First Baptist Church, Richardson, Texas, is searching for a minister of preschool education.

First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, is searching for a youth minister.

First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, Kentucky, is searching for a pastor.

First Baptist Church, Wilmington, North Carolina, is searching for a minister to students.

First Union Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, is searching for a pastor.

Hallsboro Baptist Church, Hallsboro, North Carolina, is searching for a pastor.

Heritage Baptist Church, Cartersville, Georgia, is searching for a pastor.

McLean Baptist Church, McLean, Virginia, is searching for an associate pastor.

Morningside Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, is searching for an associate pastor for children.

New Life Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, is searching for a pastor.

Northside Baptist Church, Mechanicsville, Virginia, is searching for a pastor.

Pintlala Baptist Church, Pintlala, Alabama, is searching for a minister of music.

Polkville Baptist Church, Polkville, North Carolina, is searching for a minister of worship and discipleship.

Rosemary Baptist Church, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, is searching for a minister of music.

Second Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, is searching for a pastor.

St. John's Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, is searching for a pastor.

St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, is searching for a pastor.

Trinity Baptist Church, Moultrie, Georgia, is searching for a pastor.

Willow Meadows Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, is searching for a pastor.

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