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NEWS

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The NorthStar Staff
and Volunteers
prayerfully extend to each of you
heartfelt blessings
during this joyous Christmas season
and
throughout the New Year.

News Around the Network –

Christian Sympathies —

- **Sharon James** for the loss of her father in November. Sharon's husband is the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Ashburn.

- **Sue Stanley** for the loss of her father in December. Sue is NorthStar's Associate for Administration.

Welcome —

- **Joleane Presley** as Minister of Youth and Children at Ox Hill Baptist Church. She will begin her ministry in January, 2009.

- **Alexis Edwards** as Communications Manager for Columbia Baptist Church.

- Washington Plaza Baptist Church called **Rev. Elizabeth Hagan** as their Pastor in November.

Positions Available —

— Paid Child-care help needed at **Convergence: A Creative Community of Faith**, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA, Sundays from 4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m. Email Amanda Vogel, Office Manager, for more information or to get an application: office@convergenceccf.net. Background check required.

ESL Teacher Training

February 21, 2009 — Part One

Registration: 8:00 a.m.

Class: 8:30 a.m.— 4 p.m., bring sack lunch.

February 28, 2009 — Part Two

Class: 8:30 a.m. — 4 p.m., bring sack lunch

Reston Bible Church
11979 North Shore Drive
Reston, VA 20190

Registration due by Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009.

Send form and check to

NorthStar Church Network

PO Box 1470, Annandale, VA 22003

Form online at www.northstarchurchnetwork.org

January Ministers' Fellowship—



The Church In a Downsized World

—
**A workshop on practical
ministry to the unemployed in
our churches and community.**

Led by Rev/Dr J. Robert Moon, Interim Pastor
at Marshall Baptist Church

Thursday, January 22, 2009
9:30 a.m.—noon
Crosspoint Student Ministry Center
4601 Roberts Road, Fairfax

Unemployment is starting to accelerate in ways we have not experienced in the last 30 years. Through Dr. Moon's pilgrimage and experience in unemployment from personal, pastoral, counselor, and author positions, he will conduct this workshop on pastoral care to the special needs of those experiencing downsizing (the pc term for getting laid-off).

RSVP by Jan. 21 to Mary Beth Inman,
703-941-6822, MInman@NorthStarChurchNetwork.org
Lunch buffet following for \$10.00 per person

Reports –

— **Senior Adult Thanksgiving Luncheon** had more than 300 attending with 20 churches represented. We appreciate FBC Alexandria hosting this year's event.

— **NorthStar staff** provided meals for the homeless at Bailey's Crossroads the first week in December. Other churches have signed up to provide meals, but there are plenty of dates still available.

Contact Sue Stanley if you or your church are interested in ministering through March 15—
703-941-6822,
SStanley@NorthStarChurchNetwork.org.

Singles Ministry Leaders—next meeting on **February 6, 2009, 7 p.m.**

At Crosspoint Student Ministry Center, 4601 Roberts Road, Fairfax, VA 22032

Contact: Lynette Parker, lynette_parker@hotmail.com



April –

- 4th — Disaster Relief Training, Grace Baptist Church
- 20th — Malcolm Goodspeed’s Workshop, 9 a.m.—noon
“Ministry After Fifty...Now What?”
Crosspoint Student Ministry Center
- 27th — Annual Appreciation for Ministers and
Administrative Professionals with Malcolm
Goodspeed as special speaker at
Parkwood Baptist Church
- 28th — Malcolm Goodspeed’s Workshop, 9 a.m.—noon
“Emotional Health in Ministry”
Crosspoint Student Ministry Center

May –

3rd—NorthStar’s Associational Bible Drill, FBC Alexandria, 3 p.m.—5 p.m.

August –

- 1st — ESL Teacher Training, Part 1, Lake Ridge Baptist Church, 8:30—4 p.m.
- 8th — ESL Teacher Training, Part 2, Lake Ridge Baptist Church, 8:30—4 p.m.

September –

12th — Annual Ministry Conference, FBC Alexandria, 9 a.m.—noon

October –

TBA—NorthStar’s 7th Annual Meeting

NorthStar’s 2009 Officers

Moderator: Rev. Jim Weaver, FBC Springfield

Moderator-Elect: Holly Nichols, North Fork Baptist Church

Treasurer: Melvin Harris, Convergence

Assistant Treasurer: Rev. Wayne Yawn, The United Baptist Church

Clerk: Rev. Stephen Welch, FBC Herndon

Identity Statement—

NorthStar Church Network is a diverse family of autonomous congregations committed to practicing Baptist distinctives and living out the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

Purpose —

We exist to strengthen congregations by equipping them to maximize their mission, ministry capabilities and potential.

Task —

We create cooperative mission and ministry opportunities, and coordinate, organize, energize and equip member congregations to live out the Great Commission.

Values —

- VITALITY - Pursuing Christ Centeredness, Church Health, Relevance, Prayer, Excellence
- SERVICE - Providing Pro-active and Visionary Leadership, Focus, Follow-through, Church Planting
- COMMUNITY - Valuing Diversity, Team Work, Communications, Autonomy, Fellowship
- RESOURCING - Providing Accessibility, Flexibility, Customization
- NETWORKING - Linking Congregations, Organizations, Services, Affinity Groups, Partnerships



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IRS Mileage Reimbursement rate
REDUCED to 55 cents per mile for
business miles
and 14 cents for charitable service
as of January 1, 2009.



Calendar of Events

December —
25th– Jan. 2 — Both NorthStar offices closed.

January —
6th — Youth Workers, 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.,
Crosspoint Student Ministry Center
15th — Church Staff Health Group meeting, noon,
Annandale office
19th & 20th — Both NorthStar offices closed.

February —
3rd — Youth Workers, 3 p.m.—5 p.m.,
Crosspoint Student Ministry Center
6th — Singles Ministry Leaders, 7 p.m.,
Crosspoint Student Ministry Center
14th — Churches On Mission Group, 8:30 a.m.
Crosspoint Student Ministry Center
16th—Both NorthStar offices closed.
17th—Network Board of Directors, 7 p.m., Ox Hill Baptist
21st — ESL Teacher Training, Part One, 8:30 a.m.—4 p.m.
(Registration at 8:00 a.m.)
Reston Bible Church
28th — ESL Teacher Training, Part Two, 8:30 a.m.—4 p.m.

March —
3rd—Youth Workers, 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Crosspoint Student Ministry Center
4th — Sept. Conference Planning Session, 10:00 a.m. –Noon
FBC Alexandria