

WeekDay preschool Teachers

Earn Up to 3 Continuing Education Credits

At

NorthStar's Annual Ministry Conference 2010

Saturday, September 18

Manassas Baptist Church

8730 Sudley Road, Manassas (the Rock Building)

9 a.m.—12:30 p.m. (coffee at 8:30 a.m.)

Courses include — *(subject to change)*

- Building Out and Supporting Your Team
- Classroom Management for Preschoolers
- Passage to CDA and Beyond — Early Childhood Professional Dev.
- Terrific 2's
- Dramatic Play — It's More Than Homeliving
- Ages and Stages: Infants
- Music and Movement for Preschoolers
- Learning About God's Word and World Through Science
- Active Learning for Preschoolers

Each course will earn 1 credit hours. You may take 3 different courses.



Paid registration deadline is September 14.

\$20.00 per person from NorthStar congregation;
\$30.00 per person from a non-NorthStar congregation.

Payable with registration form.

Make checks payable to NorthStar Church Network,
and mail to PO Box 1470, Annandale, VA 22003.

Sorry, no refunds.

Beginning August 1, you may also register online and use PayPal at:
www.NorthStarChurchNetwork.org

News Around the Network

Congratulations —

- **George Scutt**, Music Director at Sunset Hills Baptist Church in Alexandria, was ordained on April 17.
- Fairfax County's Office of Emergency Management recently graduated it's first class of the County Chaplain Corps including our own **Rusty Coram** (New Hope), **Twyla Turner** (The United), **Darrell White** (Bethlehem), and **Grant McIntosh** (Virginia Hills and Fairfax County Fire & Rescue).

Positions Available—

- **Virginia Hills Baptist Church** has the following openings: Preschool Director, Director of Music, and Accompanist. Contact Pastor Bart Purdy at 703.971.4222, ext. 102, for more information.

2010 Network Bible Drill Participants May 2, Groveton Baptist Church



Report from Network Bible Drill —

The 2010 Network Bible Drill was held on May 2 at Groveton Baptist Church. Eighteen students from 4 churches participated. We welcomed our newest church, Plymouth Haven Baptist Church in Alexandria. They brought 6 students to compete on the Associational level.

We appreciate Groveton Church for hosting this year, and their Bible Drill Director, Rev. Jerry Frazier, for being this year's Associational Coordinator.

We want to also thank the other churches for participating in this year's event — FBC of Alexandria, and FBC of Springfield.

If you are interested in beginning a Children's or Youth Bible Drill, contact Jackie Harris, 703.941.6822, JHarris@NorthStarChurchNetwork.org

Mark Your Calendar:

**Sunday, May 1, 2011, Network Bible Drill,
Plymouth Haven Baptist Church
8600 Plymouth Road, Alexandria**

The Church Staff Health

Group — recognizes the importance of caring for the staff of the church. If you are responsible for this role in your church, we would like to invite you to a dialogue meeting on

Saturday, June 5, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

“How to Care for Your Pastor (s)” Crosspoint House

4601 Roberts Road, Fairfax

RSVP to Jackie Harris, 703.941.6822
JHarris@NorthStarChurchNetwork.org

Ketocin Baptist Church Annual Service —

All are invited to attend on

Saturday, June 6, 2010, 3 p.m.

Preaching by Rev. David Friend, and Music by “Just Left”.

For additional information, contact Harland Ford, 703.868.6175.

Directions: From Round Hill in Loudoun County, on business Rt. 7 (Loudoun St.), go north on Main Street (Rt. 791) which turns into Woodgrove Rd., turn right onto Alder School Rd., turn right onto Ketocin Church Road. Historic church is on the right.

Culto Unido—

**Enfasis en las Diferentes Generaciones
By Pastor Jose Tobar
Julio 11, 5:30 p.m.**

Primera Iglesia Bautista Dios es Amor
Meets at Antioch Korean Baptist Church
6355 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria, VA 22312

Crosspoint House Work Day a Success!

Thanks to Braddock Baptist Church and New Horizon Community Church for assisting with our Annual Work Day! Lots of yard work was completed. You are Appreciated!!

If your church is looking for a one day project, there are always projects to do at the campus ministry center located right next to George Mason University. Contact Mary Beth Inman, 703.941.6822, MIInman@NorthStarChurchNetwork.org

Report from Women's Conference:

On April 17, 2010, more than 700 women, representing over 125 churches and over 35 of those from NorthStar Church Network, gathered at First Baptist Church of Woodbridge for NorthStar Women's Network third biennial: Fresh Grounded Faith with Jennifer Rothschild. It was a wonderful day of Bible teaching and refreshment as Jennifer, Abby Rike and Michael O'Brien encouraged the group through scriptures, testimony and songs of God's power, love and grace.

We are grateful for the 28 women who served on the leadership team, the 120 volunteers who stepped up to help at the conference and to First Baptist Church of Woodbridge for hosting this event once again. Many lives were blessed and many changed as God's Spirit moved in our hearts and drew us closer to Him.



For additional pictures: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/27757670@N04/sets/72157623884790782/>

Church Staff Health Group— Sharing ways to build a harmonious church staff, Part 2:

As I reflect over almost forty years of serving on church and associational staffs, I remember an illustration I heard an itinerant pastor tell my first year in full-time ministry. He said, "There are two ways to stroke a cat. You can stroke the cat from its head to its tail, and it will purr. Or you can stroke the cat from its tail to its head, and its hair will stand on edge."

My best staff experiences occurred where there was positive affirmation. The worst experiences occurred where there was a lack of genuine affirmation. It is common (and easy) to say to a colleague, "You did a good job but...." Praise, and when needed, criticize performance. But go beyond, and seek to affirm one another's personhood.

To affirm one another's personhood takes a lot of time and effort. To do so, you have to make the effort to know, understand and identify with one another. You have to affirm one another's gifts (and weaknesses) for ministry. You have to accept and be accepted.

My experience is it takes many different approaches and events for all of this to happen, and when you get a new colleague, you have to begin again. Our staff uses anniversaries (both work and birthdays) for lunch together, fun events and sometime just staff meetings to know what is going on with one another. And we really pray for one another, both for the celebrations and for the tough times.

It is fun and a joy when the cat is purring.....!

Dr. Sanford Beckett, Associate Director, NorthStar

Report from VBS Training Clinic for Hispanics and Koreans—

With the help and support of NorthStar, LifeWay, Rev. Werner and the Kids Quest teachers from Light Global Mission Church, we held our 2nd annual VBS Clinic in Spanish and Korean on March 27, 2010. We had planned for 60 attendees, but were blessed with 77 attendees, 11 children, and 18 instructors, giving us a total of 106 in attendance!

The clinic was organized exactly as VBS would be for the students. Therefore, each attendee was able to experience VBS first hand just as the student would. Afterwards, there was a Q & A session. Prizes and awards were distributed.





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**2010 Dorothy Allport
 Network Mission Offering**

Leland Scholarships	\$6,000
Crosspoint House	\$5,000
Hunger	\$1,000
Disaster Response	\$1,000
Mini-Grants for Church Projects	\$2,000

Goal — \$15,000

Will be collected through month of November, 2010.

Calendar of Events

June

- 3rd - Church Health Group meeting, 7 p.m., Annandale office
- 5th - "How to Care for Your Pastor (s)", 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Crosspoint House
- 8th - Network Council meeting, noon, Annandale office
- 15th - Ministers Fellowship, 10:30 a.m. Crosspoint House

July

- 11th - Culto Undio, 5:30 p.m., Primera Iglesia Bautista Dios es Amor

Aug.

- 7th - LifeWay Hispanic SS Conference, FBC Woodbridge
- 21st - ESL Teacher Training, Part 1, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Southview Baptist Church
- 28th - ESL Teacher Training, Part 2, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Southview Baptist Church
- 31st - Network Council, noon, Annandale office

Sept.

- 18th - NorthStar's Annual Ministry Conference, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, Manassas Baptist Church
- 21st - NorthStar's Board of Directors, 7 p.m., FBC Herndon