

Church Discipleship Group Presents:

NorthStar's Annual Ministry Conference

Not just for Sunday School Leaders anymore!

- Saturday, September 24, 2011
- First Baptist Church of Alexandria
2932 King Street, Alexandria
- **Registration Begins: 8:30 a.m.**
(coffee and light refreshments)
- **Workshops: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

For: Adult Leaders
Youth Leaders
Children's Leaders
Preschool and Weekday Preschool Leaders
(Certification classes offered again this year!)

What: Three Sessions with 20+ workshops each!

Cost: \$20.00 per participant from NorthStar congregations, **payable with advanced registration by September 21, 2011**

\$30.00 per participant from non-NorthStar congregations and **ALL Walk-ins**

Sorry, no refunds

*Make checks payable to NorthStar Church Network.
Registration forms online or by request from Annandale office.
Payment online through PayPal will be available in August.*

Equipping Believers for Ministry in Today's World!



A Tribute to Miss Dorothy Allport —

Dorothy loved her church, First Baptist Church of Alexandria. If you knew Dorothy, you knew that. She loved the members, the staff, and especially her pastors. When I arrived some sixteen years ago, I was accepted by Dorothy with open arms. A former pastor of her church, Vernon Davis, who served as dean of the seminary where I was doing some teaching, wrote the cover letter and sent my resume to the association's search committee. Dorothy's words were, if my pastor recommends you, then I know I will like you!

She loved her family known as Baptists. We often joked about her older age and that she knew and was good friends with Baptist giants like Jeremiah Moore, the founding pastor of First Baptist Church of Alexandria, and Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon, Baptist saints. She probably has known more Baptists, especially Baptist ministers, than any other layperson in our area. When she began taking some young people from her church to associational events, we were known as Potomac Baptist Association. She embraced the change in our name and association in 1952 when we became Mount Vernon Baptist Association. Dorothy served our Association in many capacities including President in 1992. When our association changed again in 2002 becoming NorthStar Church Network, she embraced and encouraged this change as well. In fact, she found it exciting! It was an honor for NorthStar when Dorothy agreed a year ago to allow her name to be placed on our annual Network missions offering. She was humbled, but she was pleased.

Of the many ways she served our association of Baptist churches, let me highlight two. For the past twenty-five years every member of our staff claimed Wednesday as the best day to be in the office, because Dorothy was there. She interacted with us and made us better. And then there were the ordination councils she chaired for more than twenty years. Her presence was always one that created a comfortable and nonthreatening atmosphere for the candidate, but also one that encouraged. She rejoiced to hear how God was moving in one's life, especially one responding to God's call to ministry. Our staff has speculated on how many ordination certificates contain Dorothy's signature — well over one hundred! Her name probably appears on more Baptist ordination certificates than any other female in United States history.

Dorothy Allport might have been short of stature, but she was more than the mighty oak, she was the giant redwood of faithful service that lived with and among us. Thanks be to God.

Dr. Sanford Beckett, Associate Director, April 29, 2011

News Around the Network

Christian Sympathy—

- to the family of **Miss Dorothy Allport** in her passing on April 23, 2011. Dorothy worked in the Annandale office for more than 25 years as our Wednesday Volunteer, and was a member of First Baptist Church of Alexandria since 1935.

- to the family of **John B. Garrett** in his passing on April 26, 2011 in Bryan, TX. His daughter-in-law is Rev/Dr Linda Garrett, former pastor of Long Branch Baptist Church and former Director of NorthStar's WMU.

- to the family of **Rev. Carol Bruce** in his passing on April 19, 2011. Carol was a former pastor of Fairfax Baptist Church for more than 20 years before retiring.

Congratulations—

- **Potomac Crest Baptist Church** celebrates 25 years of Kingdom ministry in the Woodbridge area on June 5, 2011.

- **Parkwood Baptist Church** celebrates 45 years of Kingdom ministry in the Annandale area on May 14-15, 2011

- **Brenda Faison**, Director of Christian Education and Missions at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Alexandria, received the Masters in Christian Education Degree from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, in May, 2011.

Positions Available—

- **Washington Plaza Baptist Church** in Reston is seeking a Pastoral Intern. This position is part-time, weekends only, and is needed to develop and lead their children's and pre-teens ministry. Contact Rev. Elizabeth Hagan at pastorhagan@comcast.net or 240.418.5800.

- **Parkwood Baptist Church** in Annandale is seeking a candidate for a paid summer internship in children's ministry. Submit resume to Ed Windhausen at mistered@parkwood.org, or for more information, call him at 703.978.8160.

- **Memorial Baptist Church** is searching for a childcare worker for Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings during church services and activities. Send resumes to Sally Wodatch at swodatch@memorialbaptistchurch.org, or call church office 703.538.7000.

Columbia Baptist Retreat Center —

Reservations open! Retreat Center located near Winchester. They offer home-cooked meals, hiking trails, a prayer garden and more! Contact Edward Tarpinian at 703.300.1171 or visit their website at www.columbiabaptist.org/retreatcenter.

Invitation to all—

Vernon Ford, Trustee for **Ketocin Baptist Church**, invites all to their Annual Worship on Sunday, June 5, 2011, 3:00 p.m.

Guest Preacher: Rev. Judith Fulp-Eickstaedt, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Arlington
Special Music: Harp

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

Thank You, Braddock Baptist Church!

We appreciate the members of Braddock Baptist Church who participated in our Annual Crosspoint House Work Day on April 30. The yard looks great!



Crosspoint House and InView Ministries

We have been developing a new campus ministry called InView Ministries in connection with some of our NorthStar churches. This ministry has been growing under the leadership of Rev. Kevin Ly. With our upcoming goals and plans for the coming school year, we will need to utilize the house more, therefore our facilities at Roberts Road will no longer be available to our churches for their meetings.

Join us in praying for the collegiate work that will be done in our Network!

Pastor's Care Team
Saturday, June 11, 2011
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Crosspoint House
4601 Roberts Road, Fairfax

This meeting is for those who care and support their pastor(s), and for those who want to know how! RSVP to Jackie Harris by June 1.

Network Bible Drill 2011!



13 Students representing three churches met for the Annual Network Tournament on May 1, 2011, at Plymouth Haven Baptist Church.



Workshops Coming on Sept. 24!!

Deacons and Pastors: Teammates in Ministry

“Although deacons and pastors sometimes have their differences, they are yoked together to strengthen the church to the glory of Christ. We will explore what pastors need from their deacons and vice versa, and how they can work together in harmony.”

Deacons as Spiritual Leaders

“The single constant in deacon ministry throughout Baptist history has been the expectation that deacons will be the spiritual leaders in their congregations. That many have failed to provide this leadership is obvious: one definition of ‘deacon’ is to deceive by promising one thing and delivering another. Never has the need for mature, spiritual leaders been greater.”

Both workshops led by Rev/Dr Jim White,
Editor of Religious Herald



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9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m., (coffee ready at 8:30)
First Baptist Church of Alexandria**

Calendar of Events

June

- 1st - Youth Workers Team, 11:30 a.m.
Crosspoint House
- 4th - Hispanic Pastors, 9:00 a.m., Annandale office
- 7th - Network Council, noon, First Baptist Church Ballston
- 11th - Pastor's Care Team, 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
Crosspoint House
- 18th - Churches On Mission Group, 9:00 a.m.
Crosspoint House

July

- 2nd - Hispanic Pastors, 9:00 a.m., Annandale office
- 4th - All offices are closed for Federal Holiday
- 6th - Youth workers Team, 11:30 a.m.
Crosspoint House
- 10th - Culto Unido, 5:30 p.m., Iglesia Bautista Shalom
Meeting at First Baptist Church Herndon
- 12th - Church Health Group, 7:00 p.m., Annandale office
- 16th - ESL 4-hour Training #4, 8:30 a.m. check-in
Class 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m., Ox Hill Baptist Church

August

- 3rd - Youth Workers Team, 11:30 a.m.
Crosspoint House
- 6th - Hispanic Pastors, 9:00 a.m., Annandale office
- 25th - Stewardship Seminar, 7:00 p.m.,
Columbia Baptist Church
- 27th - ESL 4-hour Training #1, 8:30 a.m. check-in
Class 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m., Ox Hill Baptist Church
- 4 30th - Network Council, noon, Annandale office