

BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY OF NC

25th Anniversary Convocation

Friday, April 11, 2008

Fellowship at 9:45 a.m.

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Pam Durso, Proclaimer

Associate Executive Director,
Baptist History and Heritage Society

An Original Song Cycle on Biblical Women

Composed by Dr. Susan Borwick

Sung by former BWIM,NC scholarship recipient Emily Hull

Ridge Road Baptist Church

2011 Ridge Road, Raleigh, North Carolina

Join us as we celebrate the past 25 years of ministry. See the "Cloud of Witnesses" Quilt, honoring women who have been "giants" in faith and ministry by encouraging others.

The Anne Thomas Neil Award and Church Award recipients will be announced. The congregation receiving the Church Award will be able to display our quilt in

their facility during the next year.

Following worship we will have a catered lunch at Ridge Road Baptist to celebrate the past 25 years. The cost of lunch is \$10, paid at the door, but reservations are required. Register for the meal and for child-care before *March 30* by contacting Katie Kam at (910) 692-8750 or emailing her your desire to join us at marykatherinefam@yahoo.com.

Child care is provided to those who register their children. Please let Katie know the names and ages of the children prior to March 30. Charity Roberson and her Raleigh BSUers are our care givers.

Ridge Road Baptist Church is near Meredith College. Ridge Road intersects with Wade Avenue behind the college. The church is a little over a mile down Ridge Road.

A Tribute to Significant Witnesses

By Anne Compere

The opportunity to publicly offer appreciation to women who have birthed, nurtured, encouraged and supported me is a pleasure. I have chosen Ernestine Burns, my birth Mother; Vera Mace, the co-founder of A.C.M.C. (Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment) and my intellectual and emotional Mother; and Ann Thomas

Neil, founder of BWIM/NC and my spiritual Mother.

Ernestine Burns was born of poor parentage in Mississippi, married a teacher and raised two daughters. She taught me the values all children need, and the church was her model for those values. The only time my parents' taxes were audited was because they gave too much to the

church that year (after all, it was a building fund year).

Both parents taught me the value of education. Mother was the oldest of 12 children, only 8 of whom lived beyond age 2. It fell her lot to leave school as a high school senior to help raise the younger children. So it was not until adult life, after moving to a college campus where my

A Cloud of Witnesses

“A Cloud of Witnesses” Quilt

These people have been honored with a square on our quilt.

5th Annual Women of the Church Conference

Speaker:

Dr. Diana Garland, Dean, Baylor School of Social Work

Clergy Conference

2/28-29/08

Conference Fee
\$40 plus hotel
(\$115 per night)

Laity Conference

2/29 - 3/2/08

Conference Fee - \$30 plus hotel
(\$115 per night)

Theme: “Spring Cleaning - Making Room for God”

The Hilton at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach, SC

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Carolyn Weller
Ruby Wells
Dr. Danny West
Gwendolyn C. West
Sarah Whitley
Sisters who came before and
Sisters yet to come

Significant Witnesses

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Dad taught, that she completed her degree and gradually graduated from college, while working full-time. She later commuted 100 miles round-trip to get a graduate degree, and then taught Sociology in the same college as Dad.

During the roughest times of my life, she was supportive, helpful and encouraging. The quality of her relationships with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren enrich all our lives.

At age 94 she is modeling how to plan for later years and how to live responsibly and pleasantly during those years. She carefully planned when she would sell her home, move 650 miles to North Carolina at age 84 and live independently in a retirement community. She is fully involved in our local church and volunteers on its committees as well as in her retirement community. She still drives, reads (read the Bible through during 2007) and enjoys a full circle of friends. Her life still shines, as it has all my life, to guide and encourage those who have the privilege of knowing her.

Vera Mace came into my life at a very crucial time. She and husband David moved to Winston-Salem to work in the newly-formed Marital Health Clinic, a part of Bowman Gray Medical School. On their 40th wedding anniversary, they founded A.C.M.E. (the first non-denominational marriage enrichment organization). I was invited to serve as its first Executive Officer on a Lilly Foundation grant. They helped develop skills I never knew I had and taught me what I know about leadership and training leaders. They encouraged me to return to school for a master's degree in Family Relations and Counseling which has been the basis for most of the rest of my professional career. When my husband left me, they

were my greatest support outside my family, especially Vera. They ended their productive years at Highland Farms, a retirement community they helped develop in Black Mountain.

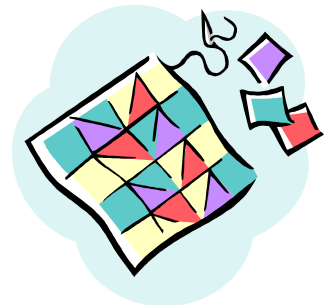
After David's death in 1990, I continued to visit Vera several times a year. I became part of her support in her last years in NC as she moved from independent to assisted living to nursing care. Vera just celebrated her 106th birthday but has moved out of state to be near family in Vermont. One of the pains of my life is the likelihood of never seeing her in person again.

Anne Neil entered my life much later. Her first influence on my life came simply from hearing and reading of her early life, her missionary experiences and her influence in the birthing of BWIM/NC. As I came to know her through BWIM and participation in Alliance of Baptists, I grew to appreciate her personally and invited her nurturing, friendship and support, which she graciously offered. I suggested her as a leader of my church's Women's Retreat and that experience deepened our personal friendship. I've had the pleasure of hosting her and Lloyd in my home for an Alliance of Baptists' meeting and attending her very special and significant ordination service at age 80 at Millbrook Baptist in Raleigh. She has never ceased to amaze me or failed to offer me guidance, encouragement and love.

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New Membership \$25

Renewing Membership \$25

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Would you be willing to contribute material for our newsletter? _____

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UpComing Events

- 2/25-28/08 CBF Youth Ministers' Retreat, Myrtle Beach
- 2/28-29/08 5th Annual Women of the Church Conference, Clergy, Myrtle Beach
- 2/29-3/2/08 5th Annual Women of the Church Conference, Laity, Myrtle Beach
- 3/4, 5/08 Tribble Lecture Series Wait Chapel, WFU
- 3/28-30/08 Alliance of Baptists Convocation St. Charles Avenue BC, New Orleans
- 4/11/08 BWIM,NC Convocation Ridge Road BC, Raleigh
- 4/11-12/08 CBF NC General Assembly Forest Hills BC, Raleigh
- 6/18/08 BWIM Annual Gathering, 25th Anniversary Celebration, Memphis, Tenn.
- 6/19-20/08 CBF National General Assembly, Cook Convention Center, Memphis, Tenn.

Need Something to Read ?

The Alban Institute. *The Male-Female Church Staff: Celebrating the Gifts; Confronting the Challenges*. Boston, MA: The Alban Institute, 1994.

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Mitchell, Ella Pearson. *Those Preaching Women: Volumes 1-3*. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 1996.

Ricci, Carla. *Mary Magdalene and Many Others: Women who Followed Jesus*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 1994.

Zikmund, Barbara B., Adair T. Lummis, and Patricia M. Y Chang. *Clergy Women: An Uphill Calling*. Louisville, KY: Westminster, John Knox Press, 1998.

BWIM Registry for Ordained & Professional Women in Ministry

Please help us to *locate and register* all women who have been ordained by Baptist churches and those who are serving as professional women in ministry, including those who are not ordained!

If you are a Baptist woman in ministry, you are invited to complete the BWIM Registry, which can be found at www.bwim.info. You may also complete the Registry for a friend or family member, who cannot complete it for herself. We are building a data base of women serving as ministers in Baptist life and those who have been ordained to ministry. It should take about five minutes to complete the BWIM Registry. Please register today. And share this invitation with other women you know!

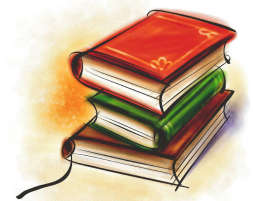
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**Tidbits to Tickle
Your Ribs**



Everything I need to know
about life, I learned from Noah's Ark.

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float a while.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

Kay Simpson Memorial Fund

BWIM thanks all persons who have contributed to the Kay Simpson Memorial Scholarship Endowment. We are \$716.97 below the \$25,000.00 goal. The Cloud of Witnesses Quilt is being made so no names can be added. However, donations to fulfill the goal are being accepted and appreciated. As we race to finish on April 11, we hope to reach this goal. If you can help, please send your gift to: BWIM, NC

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Goal by Convocation
\$25,000

Given to date: \$24,283.03
Needed by April: \$716.97