



The Voice

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"Advancing the Kingdom of God Through Partnerships"

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Mid-Year Session

Register online and receive a special gift!

All pre-registration forms must be received by November 5th
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Monday –Tuesday
November 15-16, 2010

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Seen and Sustained Book of the Month

**“YES YOU CAN, PASTOR”
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Effectively!**



“The authors of *Seen and Sustained: Best Practices in Communication that Increase the Visibility and Income of the Local Church*, Leonard N. Smith, D.Min. and Akia T. Garnett, MBA understand this concept and have created a “Workbook” based on one simple idea; to enable effective communication in the kingdom of God.

Why is this important? Churches have brands, strategic objectives, and community constituents - all which need to be nurtured, and most times with fewer resources but with the expectation for greater operational transparency.

The workbook, the first publication done in partnership with The Virginia Baptist State Convention, Inc. and Brandbuilder, is tailored specifically to meet the needs of senior clergy who by the grace of God have a vision to lead their flocks, but sometimes face challenges articulating and ultimately realizing it due to inconsistencies. The publication offers a step by step mapping approach to address this common issue which upon conclusion presents pastors with their own work and in their own words!

Seen and Sustained benefits persons on every level in the church, and provides for team building among ministries and throughout communities. Visit www.TheVBSC.org and download a free copy of the book's foreword and order your autographed copy today! You will draw closer to what God has said to you about your church, and understand better the key requirements for helping others understand it as well.

Submitted by: Akia T. Garnett, Communications Officer

Deacon & Deaconess Auxiliary 10th Annual Session

Serving in the 21st Century

The Deacon and Deaconess Auxiliary of the Virginia Baptist State Convention held its 10th Annual Session October 8 - 9, 2010 at the Family Life Center of Trinity Baptist Church - Richmond, VA. The theme was “*Advancing The Kingdom Through Partnerships: Serving in the 21st Century*” Luke 5:1-7.

The session began on Friday evening with a banquet held in Solomon's Court, Deacon Randolph Greene, 2nd Vice President presiding. Greetings were given by host pastor, Dr. A. Lincoln James, Jr. and music was provided by the Providence Baptist Church of Petersburg, VA. Bishop Marcus Campbell, pastor of Providence Baptist Church preached God's Word from John 13:37-14:1 “Good News in Bad Times”.

He reminded us that we have comfort and must look beyond where we are to see where we are going. Many have forgotten that God promised us He would never leave us, nor forsake us. He closed with all standing and praying a prayer of self-encouragement.

The session continued on Saturday morning with devotion led by Deacon Curtis Millner, Assistant Treasurer. After a brief business meeting, the attendees were dismissed to attend one of four workshops: “Resolving Conflict in the Church” – Rosylind Fitz, Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church of Danville, VA; “Women in Leadership” – Rev. Sharon Hooker of Trinity Baptist Church; “Stewardship” – Deacon Curtis Millner – Moral Hill Baptist Church of Axton, VA and “Deacons Serving in the 21st Century” – Deacon Sam Moore of Antioch Baptist Church, Norfolk, VA.

The session closed at noon with the President's Luncheon with 1st Vice President Rosylind Fitz, presiding. The President's Address was given by Deacon Isaiah Hill. His stewardship report included numerous churches and associations he has visited and presented workshops during the past year, reminding us that we are servants. He continued his address with a powerful message, “It's all about Jesus”.

Over 130 registered Deacons & Deaconess, 17 churches were represented, and over 70 Deacon and Deaconess in attendance. Mark your calendar now for the 11th Annual Session which will be held October 7- 8, 2011 in Petersburg, VA hosted by Providence Baptist Church Deacon & Deaconess Auxiliary.

Submitted by: Valeria C. Edwards, VBSC DDA Secretary

Women In Ministry Retreat

My Sister's Keeper: The Power of Partnerships

The Women in Ministry Department welcomed 37 women from across the state as we hosted our first annual Women in Ministry Retreat in Fincastle, VA, August 27-29. This year's theme was "My Sister's Keeper: The Power of Partnerships Among Women". The weekend was filled with opportunities to worship, fellowship and feast on the Word of God. It was an awesome beginning for the Department as we strive to provide a place for women in ministry to nurture one another and become all that God has created us to be. Each morning began with early morning prayer. Saturday offered a variety of things for retreat participants such as spa services, quiet time, and a Low Initiative course for those seeking adventure and tests of their physical endurance.

Workshops emphasizing our theme were presented by Minister Cheryl Henderson, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Arlington; Reverend Ella Richardson-Thompson, Regent University, Virginia Beach; and Dr. Barbara Brehon, First Baptist Church Jefferson Park, Newport News. The Word of God was rendered through worship services by Minister Rhonda Ragsdale, Victory Temple Missionary Baptist Church, Alexandria; Minister Yalonda Blizzard, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Arlington; and Reverend Brenda Brown-Grooms, Sweet Union Baptist Church, Roanoke.



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The Department would like to thank all of the women that supported this event and look forward to continuing our work to build a Department that supports the needs of women in ministry. We would like to give a special "Thank You" to our Convention President, Dr. Leonard N. Smith, for establishing this Department and believing in the vision. We look forward to what God is doing and will do through this ministry venture.



Submitted by: Min. Yalonda Blizzard, Asst. Director

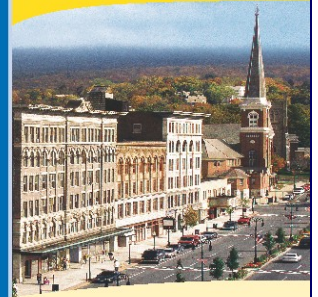


2011 ANNUAL SESSION

The 2011 Annual Session will be held May 9-12, 2011
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