

## Career Assistance Ministries and Group Events for October 2011

### **Career Connections (Career Assistance Network-Birmingham)**

Career connections will meet Monday, October 24 from 6:00-8:00 at Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church, 2061 Kentucky Avenue (off Highway 31) Kristi Merritt of Daxko will give tips on successful use of social media. Sign up for our blog <http://careerconnectionsirmingham.wordpress.com> to receive updates, announcements and the location of meetings throughout 2011.

### **Job Fair for Mature (50+) Workers- October 18.**

On October 18 AWARE (Aging Workers are Reliable Employees) and First Baptist Church of Pelham will hold a no-cost job fair at the First Baptist Church Annex, 2867 Pelham Parkway in Pelham from 8:00 am-1:30 pm, This is a unique opportunity for people searching for jobs or considering changing careers. Applications for are available at the fair. Job skills events will be held throughout the event. For more information contact Ada Pritchett, [job.fbcpelham@gmail.com](mailto:job.fbcpelham@gmail.com) or Peggy Clarke, [peggyc@positivematurity.org](mailto:peggyc@positivematurity.org).

### **Linked-In Network: "Career Assistance Ministry Network in Birmingham" Group**

Join the Career Assistance Ministry Network in Birmingham. Any Linked-In member can join this group to share successful strategies, receive updates and participate in discussions. Founded by Kristi Merritt, the former director of a ministry at Mountaintop Church, this social networking option is a useful job search tool. For more information contact Kristi Merritt [kmerritt@daxko.com](mailto:kmerritt@daxko.com)

### **Asbury United Methodist Church ACT Ministry (Asbury Career Transition Ministry)**

Meetings on first and third Mondays at 6:30 pm. Career assistance information, networking opportunities and guest speakers (once a month). Services include mentoring, resume writing assistance, prayer support and access to ACT Ministry Networking Directory. To find out more and how to join, visit [www.asburyonline.org/ACT](http://www.asburyonline.org/ACT). For additional information, contact Tommy Williams [ACTmindirector@aol.com](mailto:ACTmindirector@aol.com) (preferred) or leave a voicemail at (205) 271-9934.

### **Briarwood Presbyterian Church- Career Focus**

New 10 week Career Focus class started on September 14<sup>th</sup>. It is focused on helping people actually find meaningful work. Wed nights at 6:30 pm at Briarwood in E007. Contact Chris Thompson [cthompson@briarwood.org](mailto:cthompson@briarwood.org) or Dale Callahan [dcallahan@uab.edu](mailto:dcallahan@uab.edu) 790-8447 for more details.

### **Dawson Memorial Church**

Weekly meetings at 5:00 pm Sunday through October 23. For more information about the services offered please contact Dick Toya at [dicksenior@gmail.com](mailto:dicksenior@gmail.com) (205) 910-5722 or Dr. Bill Johnston at (205) 871-7324.

### **First Baptist Church of Pelham**

Job Concerns Ministry: Weekly office hours Monday (except Labor Day 9/5) 9:00-12:00 at FBCP. Our purpose is to help put together job seekers with employers who have open positions throughout the community. Interested applicants or employers can reach us at [job.fbcpelham@gmail.com](mailto:job.fbcpelham@gmail.com) or calling the church office at 664-0237.

### **Hunter Street Baptist Church**

Career Transition Ministry HSBC provides a fast-track approach to assisting job seekers with specific needs through the use of career mentors and specialists. One-to-one mentoring is the focus. Weekly intake meetings (Wed. at 4:00) provide the initial contact. Interested applicants or employers can reach us by calling Joan Landrum at 985.7295 ext 171.

### **Mountain Chapel United Methodist Church**

Career assistance and information on preparing resumes and cover letters, interviewing techniques, and networking skills Meets each Wednesday, 2541 Rocky Ridge Road, Room 108, 6:15-7:00 pm. Contact Roger Baldwin at [rogercubfan@bellsouth.net](mailto:rogercubfan@bellsouth.net)

### **New Covenant of Faith Ministries**

Please contact the church (205) 854-2886 or Kimberly Rudolph [krudolph19@yahoo.com](mailto:krudolph19@yahoo.com) to learn about meeting dates and times.

**Our Lady of the Valley Church**

Offers one-to one assistance and features comprehensive downloadable documents on church website <http://www.olvbirmingham.com> (service ministries). Contact BJ Heard at [bjheard@bellsouth.net](mailto:bjheard@bellsouth.net)

**Riverchase United Methodist Church**

Meets on the first Monday of each month at 1953 Old Montgomery Hwy, Birmingham 35244, Riverchase, Room B, 6:00 pm. Contact Mike Coffey for meeting schedule and services [morcoffey@gmail.com](mailto:morcoffey@gmail.com)

**Shades Mountain Baptist Church**

The current sessions of our Career Crossroads ministry will end on October 12. For information as to when we will begin again contact Larry and Susan Gay, [ct.smbc@gmail.com](mailto:ct.smbc@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.crossroadscareer.org/smbc>

Also...

Power Lunch is held the first Tuesday of each month at 11:45 to 12:45. Open to everyone. A place for all faiths to come, meet others in the business community and receive an inspirational "boost". For details and directions to the church, see <http://www.shades.org>

**Tower of Prayer (Leeds).**

Assistance with career counseling, resume writing, interviewing skills and job leads. Contact Kimberly Webster, [towerofprayer@aol.com](mailto:towerofprayer@aol.com)

**Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church**

We will soon be re-activating our career assistance ministry. If you want to know more about our plans, please contact Ashley Curry [acurry@ebSCO.com](mailto:acurry@ebSCO.com) to find out the details.

**Women of Stamina Ministries**

Spiritually-based assistance to all women at their point of need. Meets of the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 616 Gadsden Highway, Suite 5-D Birmingham, AL 35235 Contact Versie Clark (205) 836-9119. Visit website <http://www.womenofstamina.org>

**Inverness Vineyard Church**  
**Prince of Peace Catholic**  
**The Healing Place Church**

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