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"To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced...through Education, Missions and Fellowship," Matthew 28:19-20

Dates To Remember

February 1, 2009
Super Bowl Sunday



February 14, 2009
Valentine's Day



February 25, 2009
Ash Wednesday



February 24 - 29, 2009
CIAA
Tournament
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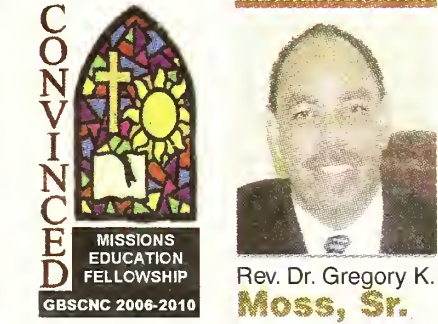
Barack Hussein Obama joined by his wife Michelle, and daughters Sasha and Malia, takes the oath of office from Chief Justice John Roberts to become the 44th president of the United States at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009. (AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

The Historic Inauguration of the 44th President of the United States of America, Barack Hussein Obama

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American President Barack Obama was sworn in for second time as the US President by the Chief Justice of Supreme

Court John Roberts at White House on Wednesday evening, January 21, 2009. The surprise move was taken on Wednesday evening in 'an abundance of caution', as the US Chief Justice had flubbed the oath of the office. The second oath was administered at 7.35 pm. White



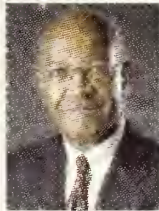
Rev. Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr.



House Counsel Greg Craig said that the oath administered to Obama on Tuesday was fine, but one word was out of sequence so they decided to do this out of "an abundance of caution".

Shaw University Celebrates Religious Emphasis Week

Thomas J. Boyd Chapel • Raleigh, NC • February 1-4, 2009



Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr.

Featured Speaker and Facilitator
The Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr.
Healing of the Nations Foundation, President and Founder
Senior Minister Emeritus, The Riverside Church

On June 1, 1989, The Rev. Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Jr. became the first African-American to serve as Senior Minister of the Riverside Church, one of the largest multicultural congregations in the nation. Newsweek has recognized Rev. Forbes as one of the "most effective preachers" in the English-speaking world. He is the author of the Prophetic Justice Principles and preaches around the country about America's need for a spiritual renewal.

Dr. Forbes served as the Harry Emerson Fosdick Adjunct Professor of Preaching at Union Theological Seminary. Since 1992, he has served as co-chair of Partnership of Faith, an inter-faith organization of clergy among New York's Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and Muslim communities, and served on the board of Manhattanville College, the Interfaith Alliance, Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement, and the United Way.

He was raised in North Carolina within the Pentecostal tradition and is ordained in the American Baptist Churches and the

Original United Holy Church of America. Dr. Forbes has a Doctorate of Ministry from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School; a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary; and a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Howard University. He earned his Clinical Pastoral Education Certificate from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, VA, in 1968.

Born in 1935 in Burgaw, North Carolina, Dr. Forbes is married to Bettye Franks Forbes, formerly of San Antonio, TX. They are the proud parents of one son, James A. Forbes III.

2009 Calendar of Events Religious Emphasis Week

- Sunday, February 1, 11: a.m.
- Monday, February 2, 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 3, 11: a.m.
- Wednesday, February 4, 11 a.m.

Don't miss this dynamic occasion of spiritual empowerment and celebration! The public is cordially invited and encouraged to attend.



Dr. Clarence G. Newsome, President



Dr. Quincy Scott, Jr., Dean of Thomas J. Boyd Chapel

The hymn, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" is known as the national anthem for African Americans. It places emphasis on the history of people of color which includes many triumphs and struggles. This great song is known across the world, but the history behind the song's creation and first performance is often unknown. Therefore, read further and reflect on the meaning of this hymn for people of color.

1815 — Lott Carey was born a slave in Virginia. He became pastor of the 800-member African Baptist Church in Richmond, Va., and in 1815 led in the formation of the Richmond African Baptist Missionary Society. After collecting \$700, Carey and his wife sailed for Sierra Leone in 1821 and established a mission among the mandingoes. He dies in 1828 during a battle with inhabitants in Liberia. Carey is credited with being the first American missionary to Africa.

(The History of Black Baptists, L. Fitts)

From the Desk of Vice-President at Large

Dr. Howard Parker, JR.
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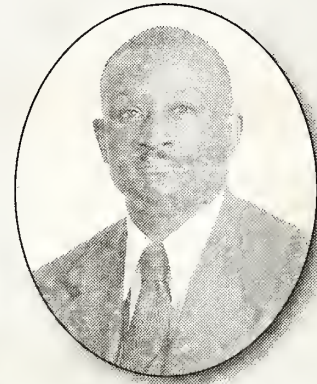
The Rev. Roosevelt Taylor Jr., 76, 307 Easy St., LaGrange, died Wednesday at Britthaven of Snow Hill.

Rev. Taylor was born on May 22, 1932 in Lenoir County to the late Roosevelt Taylor, Sr. and Avie Harris Taylor along with a twin brother who preceded him in death. Rev. Taylor was the beloved pastor of Patterson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina for approximately 26 years, Hills Chapel M. B. Church, Trenton, North Carolina for 33 years and St. Delight M.



Dr. Howard Parker, Jr.

May 22,
1932



Dec. 10,
2008



Reverend Roosevelt Taylor, Jr.

Bear Creek M.B. Association Headquarters • Goldsboro, NC
Saturday, December 13, 2008 • Noon
Rev. J.C. Sherrod - Officiating • Rev. Harold O. Warren, Presiding

B. Church, Walstonburg, North Carolina for 38 years. He also served as the 1st and 2nd Vice Moderator of the Bear Creek M. B. Association, Goldsboro, North Carolina for several

years. Visitation was held on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Rouse Chapel Church in LaGrange. Funeral services were held Saturday at noon at Bear Creek Headquarters in

Goldsboro with the Rev. Johnnie Sherrod officiating. Rev. Taylor is survived by his wife, Mrs. Josephine Taylor, and six children.

From the desk of the First Vice President

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Dr. Nilous Avery, II

"To all in (the General Baptist Family) who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 1:7, NIV). I continually pause to thank God for all of you, "because your faith is being reported all over the world" (Rom. 1:8b). With hearts full of gratitude and minds made up to go on in the Lord, we embrace the past, enhance the present, and envision the future as God gets the glory and honor. We must endeavor to continue in Christ's mandate to be willing witnesses, warriors, and workers locally, regionally, nationally, and "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8b).

Our convention stands on the threshold of abundant blessings through the power, presence, and provision of our awesome God. Our mountaintop view of promised-land possessions

should not result in a stagnant spirituality. God has promised empowerment for those who are faithful. General Baptist, we can and we must experience the power that is ours in Jesus the Christ.

As we pray continually for our women and men of the armed forces, we must never forget that we are called to be Christian soldiers, kingdom builders, and willing workers in the construction

"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you."

(1 Cor. 16:23) Amen.

of Christian disciples in the home, church, community, country, and the world at large. Our mission is to "go, teach, baptize, and teach." This enables believers worldwide to become equipped for Christian warfare.

The detonating power that is ours in God through Jesus the Christ is inspiring, transforming, and life changing. We are more than conquerors because:

- We are the weapons God uses for warfare against injustice and inequality.

- We are the weapons God uses for warfare against racism, sexism, and ageism.
- We are the weapons God uses for warfare against oppression, aggression, and depression.
- We are the weapons God uses for warfare against disruption, destruction, and corruption.
- We are the weapons God uses for warfare against sin, suffering, and satanic struggles.

The power, presence, and provision of God, the Gospel of Jesus the Christ, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit serve as our trinitrotoluene, our TNT!

Therefore my beloved, load up your missions and outreach groups with Holy TNT! Become God's weapons of warfare, and ensure the detonation of kingdom building throughout the world as our Lord's power becomes tangible and visible in our lives.

Our opportunity to be witnesses of God's transforming power globally is manifested through State Missions. We are in position to impact the world as God's weapons of Christian warfare. Accept the challenge today and send your financial support today for State Missions.

he grace of the Lord Jesus be with you." (1 Cor. 16:23) Amen.

Homegoing Services for Reverend Dr. S.C. Cureton

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The Rev. Dr. Stewart Cleveland Cureton departed this earthly life and went to his heavenly home on Tuesday, December 30, 2008.



Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch

A loving husband, father, grandfather, son, uncle, cousin, friend, teacher, and most of all servant of God -- Dr. Cureton was known as a

"builder of churches and builder of lives." He touched thousands of lives in his roles as a civic, educational, and religious leader. In all aspects of his life, Dr. Cureton, was dedicated to serving others and saving souls.

Dr. Cureton was born on March 24, 1930, in Greenville County to the late Santee A. and Martha Henderson Cureton. He was educated in the Greenville County school system, graduating from Sterling High School in 1949. Having already accepted God's call to preach at the age of 17, he continued his education at Benedict College in Columbia, earning a B.A. degree, and the J.J. Starks School of

Theology where he was awarded the bachelor of divinity degree. He was also awarded the doctor of divinity degrees from Morris College in Sumter and Benedict College in Columbia.

Dr. Cureton has been a dedicated preacher of the gospel for more than 60 years and a pastor for more than 50 years. He served as the pastor of Reedy River Missionary Baptist Church in Mauldin for the past 43 years.

Dr. Cureton was a public schoolteacher for 26 years from 1956 to 1982.

Dr. Cureton rose from humble beginnings to become a local, state and national leader. His affiliations, recognitions, appointments, and honors are too numerous to list. Among his many accomplishments: president of the Reedy River Baptist Association; president of the Baptist Educational & Missionary Convention of South Carolina (1986-1991); Second Vice President, vice president-at-large and president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; commission member of the United States



Rev. Dr. S.C. Cureton

Sunrise: 1931
Sunset: 2008

Presidential Scholars Program under President Bill Clinton's administration (1993-2000); Outstanding South Carolina Citizen Award; member of the Benedict College Board of Trustees; member of the Morris College Board of Trustees.

Dr. Cureton was married to the former Claudette Hazel Chapman for 54 years. Dr. Cureton is survived by his loving wife, Claudette Hazel; one daughter, Ruthye (Ben) Cooley of Charlotte, N.C.; three sons, Stewart Cleveland (Carmen)

Cureton II, of Lithonia, Ga., S. Charles (Sarah) Cureton of Simpsonville, and the Rev. Samuel (Lolita) Cureton, of Greenville; two sisters, Ellen Windham of Warren Heights, Ohio, and Emma Cureton of Greenville; one brother, John Mark (Ann) Cureton of Greenville; two brothers-in-law, John Reginald (Bettye) Chapman of Winter Park, Fla. and Frederick F. Chapman of Mauldin; 10 grandchildren and one-great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Ruby Cureton Peters, and his brothers, William Cureton and Charles Cureton.

History of the Baptist Informer

(origin in 1877)

By Dr. I. B. Horton
Former Editor Baptist Informer
June 1987



Dr. J. Vincent Terry

The Baptist Informer had its origin in 1877 at Shaw University in Raleigh. At this time of its establishment it was not known as The Baptist Informer. It was born among the black Baptist of North Carolina at a time when Christian journalism was one of the few means of communication between the constituents of the black church of the state.

The African Expositor was established in 1877 with Dr. H. M. Tupper, President of Shaw University, Dr. N. F. Roberts, Prof. E. H. Lipcombe, Editors; Drs A. Shepherd, C. Johnson, G. W. Perry, Business Managers. The motto of the Sentinel was "Ethiopia shall soon stretch forth her hand unto.

(Dr. I. B. Horton, Former Baptist Informer Editor, June 1987)

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We praise God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and thank you for the One-Day Session held in Concord at the Concord Convention Center at Embassy Suites.

February, the sixth month of our fiscal year the month for emphasis in regard to love and African American history, is now with us. In the Scripture, Ephesians 3:19 “And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God”, we are reminded that the love of Christ fills us with the fulness of God. As African American Christians, along with other Christians, let us never forsake His love who is Love.

As we look at our country, we see things, times, matters, events, situations do not register the honor/glory she once knew or had. Yet could it be that if we return to the love of Christ that God the Lord of hosts will restore her? Could it be that He would say to the churches and to the president and to the people of

the land: “Be strong and work; for I am the Lord of hosts who does what pleases Him. My Spirit remains among you; do not fear! I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and by land; I will shake all nations! The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine. I will give peace. Could it be that if we return to the Love of and for Christ that the Lord of hosts in this time will take the president of land and make him like a signet ring? Has the Lord God chosen an African American for such a time at this? Has Christ chosen each of us, all of us for such a time in which we live? We must be reminded that it is Christ who holds things together and not we ourselves. Thus the Love of CHRIST is GOD’S HOPE for our churches, our world, our nation, our home, ourselves. What blessings we have promised from God, if we return to the Love of and for the Lord Jesus Christ and continue in His Love so that our lights will shine before men, and they will see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven! Let us then continue to walk in His love, be strong, work and pray for all concerns.

“How Firm a Foundation”

How firm a foun-da-tion, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His ex-cel-lent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said—To you, who for re-fuge to Je-sus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee—O be not dis-mayed, For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid; I’ll strength-en thee, help thee, and Cause thee to stand, Upheld by my gra-cious, om-nip-o-tent hand.

“When thru the deep wa-ters I call thee to go, The riv-ers of woe shall not thee o-ver-flow; For I will be with thee thy trou-bles to bless, And sanc-ti-fy to thee thy deep-est dis-tress.

“When thru fi-ery tri-als thy path-way shall lie, My grace, all-suf-fi-cient, shall be thy sup-ply; The flame shall not hurt thee—I on-ly de-sign Thy dress to con-sume and thy gold to re-fine.

“The soul that on Je-sus hath leaned for re-pose, I will not, I will not de-sert to his foes; That soul, tho all hell should en-deav-or to shake, I’ll nev-er no, nev-er no, nev-er for-sake!”

“K”—in Rippon’s Selection of Hymns, 1787

Reminders

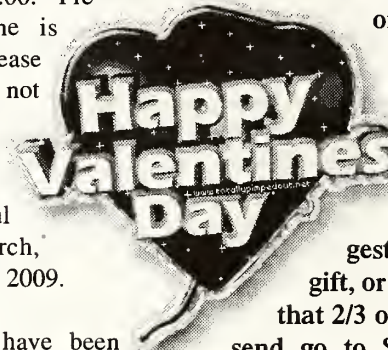
Self Denial Envelopes. Please write to the Woman’s Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602 in order to receive these, or fax your request to 919-833-7599.

State-Wide Leaders’ Workshop, April 4, 2009. Pre-Registration will be \$10.00; On-site, \$11.00. Pre-Registration deadline is March 13, 2009. Please contact us if you do not receive information. The State-Wide Leaders’ Workshop will be held at St. Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte, on April 4, 2009.

Quotas 2008-2009 have been sent out to church missionary circle presidents or a contact person. If your church has not received a suggested quota, please write the Woman’s Convention at P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602. Or contact the Convention’s Office immediately at (919) 833-4823. Please give us the name of contact person, mailing addresses and telephone number, and the name and location of church. Missionary Unions, Auxiliaries and District Conferences should have received quotas this year also.

The Proposed Missions’ Budget for

2008-2009, will be near \$802,200, will be distributed among the objectives. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Woman’s Baptist State Convention or Woman’s Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. Please give more generously for State Missions than last year so that we can realize our State Missions Budget. **In order to help us reach the State Missions Budget section, we earnestly suggest that you please give 25% to 50% more than the suggested quota or intended gift, or at least please see to it that 2/3 of the funds which you send go to State Mission. Out of State Missions come all funds needed for Annual Session, Retreats, Conferences, Youth Bible Camp, Leadership Training Conference, Workshops, printing, staff salaries and benefits, rental for facilities, office supplies, office equipment, office operations, postage and other unnamed essentials. Without your committed and generous gifts for State Missions hardly will the Woman’s Convention be able to operate and minister in the name of Jesus Christ.**



The Women's
Baptist Home
Mission
Convention of
North Carolina
was organized
1884, with
Mrs. Lizzie
Neely, of
Salisbury, N. C.,
President.

(The History of Black Baptists,
L. Fitts)

The WBH&FMC United Central & Northern Assembly

Attendees: (All Persons, named in purpose, from Districts IV & VII)

“Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.”
II Corinthians 1:24

Introductory Statement: For many a year the Woman’s Convention has envisioned having getting acquainted/visionary meetings in different regions across the state.

Purpose(s): To inform pastors, church circles, missionary county unions, district conferences, auxiliaries, interested persons of the Mission of Jesus Christ through the Woman’s Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to GBSC, in assisting witnessing and missions-in action across the state, country, and globe

To allow interaction or dialogue between WBH&FMC officials/representatives and the above mentioned constituency in four (4) different settings across the state (one setting per quarter)

To renew and/or cultivate new partners of missions for the Cause of Jesus Christ through with the Woman’s Convention

Date: February 7, 2009

Time: 9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Place: Watts Chapel Baptist Church, 3703 Tryon Rd, Raleigh, NC 27606

District Chairperson:	District	Group	Chairperson
	4	1	Ms. Martha Joyce
	4	2	Mrs. Essie Haynes
	4	3	Reverend Mildred Chambers
	7	1	Mrs. Lou Degraffenneaid
	7	2	Mrs. Debra Brodie

February Black History Month

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JANUARY

- 1 Emancipation Proclamation signed - 1863
- Slave trade abolished in the U.S. - 1808
- 3 William Tucker, first black child born in America - 1620
- 4 National Negro Baseball League organized - 1920
- 5 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity founded - 1911
- 9 Fisk University founded - 1866
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity founded - 1914
- 13 L. Douglas Wilder (VA) inaugurated as first elected African-American governor - 1990
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority founded - 1913
- 15 Dr. M.L. King Jr. born in Atlanta - 1929
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority founded - 1908
- 16 All-black 99th Pursuit Squadron formed during World War II - 1941
- 17 Robert C. Weaver, first African-American U.S. cabinet member - 1966
- 20 First African Baptist Church organized - 1788
- Hiram Revels appointed first African-American U.S. Senator - 1870
- Patricia R. Harris, first African-American woman named U.S. cabinet member - 1977
- 22 AME Zion Church organized - 1816
- 23 24th Amendment, abolishing the Poll Tax, passed by Congress - 1964
- 31 13th Amendment, abolishing Slavery, passed by Congress - 1865

FEBRUARY

- 1 NC A&T students in first lunch counter sit-in - 1960
- 3 Blanche K. Bruce elected senator from Mississippi - 1874
- 4 Free U.S. blacks settle in Liberia - 1822
- 7 First Negro History Week - 1926
- 12 NAACP founded - 1909
- 13 Harlem Rens, first all-black professional basketball team, organized - 1923
- 14 Clifford Alexander, first African-American Secretary of the Army - 1977
- 18 Morehouse College founded - 1867
- 21 Malcolm X assassinated - 1965
- 25 Muhammad Ali wins his first Heavyweight Championship - 1964
- 27 Charlotte Ray, first African-American female lawyer - 1872

MARCH

- 2 Howard University chartered by Congress - 1867
- 5 Crispus Attucks, first to die in the American Revolution - 1770
- 6 Supreme Court's Dred Scott decision denying blacks the right of citizenship - 1857
- Virginia State University founded - 1901
- Ghana becomes first African nation to achieve independence - 1957
- 9 NC A&T University founded - 1891
- 13 Chicago was founded by Jean Baptiste DuSable, pioneer - 1779
- 16 First issue of FREEDOM'S JOURNAL, first U.S. black newspaper - 1827
- 17 West Virginia State College founded - 1891
- 20 Ralph Bunche wins Nobel Peace Prize - 1950
- 21 Selma to Montgomery voting rights march begins - 1965
- 28 Bill Russell, first African-American head coach in the NBA - 1966
- 30 15th Amendment, giving freed slaves the right to vote, ratified by Congress - 1869
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority founded - 1923

APRIL

- 1 Hampton Institute founded - 1868
- 3 John Thompson, first African-American coach to win NCAA basketball championship - 1984
- 4 Dr. M. L. King Jr. assassinated in Memphis - 1968
- 6 Matthew Henson co-discovers the North Pole - 1909
- 7 Biddle College (now J.C. Smith University) founded - 1867
- 8 Hank Aaron breaks baseball's home run record - 1974
- 9 Marion Anderson sings on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial - 1939
- 11 Spelman College founded - 1883
- Jackie Robinson, first African-American in baseball's Major Leagues - 1947
- 19 Cheyney University (PA), first U.S. black college, founded - 1837

- 24 First African-American student enrolls at University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) - 1950
- 24 Chuck Cooper, first African-American drafted in the NBA - 1950
- Samuel Gravelly, first black admiral in U.S. Navy - 1971
- 29 Lincoln University (PA) founded - 1854

MAY

- 2 First National Negro Baseball League game - 1920
- 6 First black Masonic Lodge, founded by Prince Hall - 1787
- 10 Nelson Mandela elected first black president of South Africa - 1994
- 14 John B. McClendon, first African-American professional basketball coach (ABA) - 1969
- 17 Supreme Court's Brown vs. Board of Education decision outlawing school segregation - 1954
- Oliver Lewis, an African-American jockey, wins the first Kentucky Derby - 1875
- 18 Supreme Court's Plessy vs. Ferguson decision upholding the "separate but equal" doctrine - 1896
- 19 Patricia R. Harris, first African-American female ambassador - 1965
- Willy T. Ribbs, first African-American driver in the Indianapolis 500 auto race - 1991
- 26 Congress passes the Voting Rights Bill - 1965

JUNE

- 3 Wesley Brown, first African-American to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy - 1949
- 5 Dr. Mae Jemison, first African-American female astronaut - 1987
- 10 AME Church founded - 1794
- 12 Medgar Evers, Mississippi civil rights leader, assassinated - 1963
- 13 Thurgood Marshall, first African-American appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court - 1967
- 15 Henry O. Flipper, first African-American to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy - 1877
- 22 Joe Louis wins the Heavyweight Championship - 1937

JULY

- 1 Clarence Thomas, second African-American appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court - 1991
- 2 Civil Rights Bill passed by Congress - 1964
- 3 Jackie Robinson, first African-American elected to baseball's Hall of Fame - 1962
- 4 Tuskegee Institute founded - 1881
- 5 Liberia becomes an independent African republic - 1847
- 6 Althea Gibson, first African-American to win the Wimbledon Tennis Championship - 1957
- 7 Satchel Paige, first African-American pitcher in baseball's American League - 1948
- 10 Dr. Daniel Hale Williams performs first successful open heart surgery - 1893
- North Carolina Central University, first publicly-supported African-American liberal arts college in the South, founded - 1910
- 23 14th Amendment, giving citizenship to slaves, ratified by Congress - 1868
- 26 Fr. Patrick Healy, first African-American to earn a Ph.D. degree - 1865

AUGUST

- 1 First Issue of BLACK ENTERPRISE magazine - 1970
- Gen. Roscoe Robinson, first African-American 4-Star general (Army) - 1982
- 9 Jesse Owens wins fourth Gold Medal at the Berlin Olympics - 1936
- 13 First issue of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN newspaper - 1892
- 20 First African slaves arrive in America (Jamestown, VA) - 1619
- 25 Dan Bankhead, first African-American pitcher in major league baseball - 1947
- 28 The "March on Washington" and Dr. M. L. King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech - 1963
- 30 Col. Guion Bluford, first African-American in space - 1983

SEPTEMBER

- 1 North Carolina Central University Law School opens - 1939
- 9 Constance Baker Motley, first African-American female federal judge - 1966
- Association for the Study of Afro-American Life & History founded - 1915
- 2 Dr. Mae Jemison, first African-American woman in space - 1992
- 2 Xavier University (LA) founded - 1915
- 8 National Baptist Convention organized - 1895
- 9 National Urban League founded - 1910

OCTOBER

- 3 Gen. Colin Powell named Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, highest ranking black officer in U.S. history - 1989
- Frank Robinson, first African-American manager in baseball's major leagues - 1974
- Art Shell, first African-American head coach in the NFL - 1989
- 7 Eddie Robinson (Grambling State University), first college football coach to win 400 games - 1995
- 0 First black Catholic Church in the U.S. organized - 1863
- 3 Meharry Medical College founded - 1915
- 4 Dr. M. L. King Jr. wins Nobel Peace Prize - 1964
- 6 The "Million Man March" in Washington, DC - 1995
- B.O. Davis Sr., first African-American Army general - 1940
- 7 B.O. Davis Jr., first African-American Air Force general - 1954
- 1 Earl Lloyd, first African-American to play in an NBA game - 1950

NOVEMBER

- 1 First issue of EBONY magazine - 1945
- Grambling College (LA) founded - 1929
- 5 Shirley Chisholm, first African-American woman elected to Congress - 1968
- 9 Howard University Medical School opens - 1868
- 2 Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority founded - 1922
- 7 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity founded - 1911
- 11 Shaw University founded - 1865
- 12 The Nation of Islam (Black Muslims) founded - 1930
- 18 Ernie Davis (Syracuse Univ.), first African-American to win college football's Heisman Trophy - 1961

DECEMBER

- 1 Rosa Parks arrested, Montgomery (AL) Bus Boycott begins - 1955
- 4 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity founded - 1906
- 5 National Council of Negro women organized - 1935
- 12 Kenya achieves independence from Great Britain - 1963
- 15 CME Church founded - 1870
- 26 Jack Johnson, first black Heavyweight Champion - 1908
- 27 Dr. Charles Drew, who developed blood plasma, establishes blood bank in New York City - 1941
- First black college football game, Livingstone vs. Biddle (now J.C. Smith University) - 1892



Congress Calendar

February 14, 2009
Mid-Year Session,
TBA

March 21, 2009
State-Wide VBS
Clinic

Ms. Lula
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Hamlet, NC

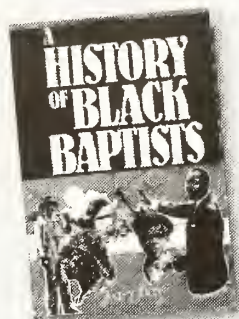
May 29, 2009
Officers Planning Session
Fayetteville, NC

June 21 - 27, 2009
National Baptist Congress
Detroit, MI

June 29 - July 1, 2009
State Oratorical Contest
TBA

July
Annual State Congress, TBA

Sept. 7 - 12
National Baptist Convention
Memphis, TN



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1873.

(The History of Black Baptists, L. Fitts)

One Day Session of the Congress of Christian Education

Saturday, February 14, 2009 • Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

3400 Beatties Ford Rd. • Charlotte, NC • Dr. Clifford Jones, Sr. Senior Minister

DIVISION 1: Ministerial Development
Ministering to the Post-Modernist
The Emotional Health of the Minister

DIVISION 2: Leadership Development
Re-Thinking Christian Education
Enhancing the Effectiveness of Church Leadership
The Paradigm Shift in the Nation Impacting the Church
Promoting a Wellness Program in Your Church

DIVISION 3: The Sunday School
The Sunday School with an Intentional Mission and Goal
The Vibrant Sunday School

DIVISION 4: Evangelism and Mission
Witnessing to the Unchurched Next Door

DIVISION 5: Teachers' Training and Development
Ministering to Adult Students

Ministering to Young Adult Students (Adults 18-35)

Ministering to High School Students (Grades 9-12)

Ministering to Middle School Students (Grades 6-8)

Ministering to Older Elementary School Students (Grades 3-5)

Ministering to Younger Elementary School (Students Grades 1-2)

Ministering to Preschool Students (Pre K - Kindergarten)

DIVISION 6: Youth Ministry
Oratorical Contest Interest
Ministering to the Hip Hop Generation

DIVISION 7: Biblical & General Studies

Biblical Studies (Certification Class)

End Time Bible Prophecy

Foundations for Christian Living

Developing Curriculum for Your Church

Overcoming Negative Emotions

DIVISION 8: Music Ministry & The Arts

Developing Your Music Ministry

The Praise Dance Ministry

DIVISION 9: Youth Division

Youth Assembly Program

North Exhibit Hall

Schedule At A Glance

Registration	GBSC Staff	8:00 a.m.
Opening Devotion	Congress Officers	9:00 a.m.
Greetings		9:15 a.m.
Offering Appeal	Congress Officers	9:25 a.m.
Course Introductions	Congress Dean	9:35 a.m.
Adult Instruction (Session 1)		9:45 a.m.
End of Adult/Instruction (Session 1)		10:45 a.m.
Adult Instruction (Session 2)		10:50 a.m.
End of Adult Instruction (Session 2)		11:45 a.m.
Joint Session (Adult and Youth)		11:45 a.m.
Worship Service		12:00 noon

2009-2010 Oratorical Topics

Scriptural References: The youth participants may use any of the following scriptures for their presentation:

- Matthew 28:16-20
- Mark 16: 15-16
- Luke 24: 44-49
- John 20: 21
- Acts 1: 1-4, 8-9



2009 - 2010 Oratorical Topics

SENIOR DIVISION

1. Ask not what God can do for you; ask what you can do for God.
2. My biggest challenge.
3. Why church is so important to me.
4. Not my will but your will be done.
5. How to become popular!
6. What should Christian teens believe about creation and science?
7. How can I write an evolution assignment, when I don't believe in evolution
8. Safe sex is not safe.
9. The importance of integrity.
10. To convince the unconvinced to be convinced through fellowship.

JUNIOR DIVISION

1. If not now, "when?"
2. My hero in the religious world is...
3. Watcha know about that!
4. Where do I go from here?
5. Turn around!
6. Is it OK to play guitars in the church?
7. How to make friends.
8. Learn some cool new words.
9. To have religion or be religious!
10. I do not participate in hurtful gossip.

PREPARATORY DIVISION

1. Be real.
2. All people are created equally.
3. How would the world be different if everybody was truly caring?
4. Give thanks.
5. Blessed.
6. Who, what, when, where, why and how!
7. Dancing for Jesus.
8. Do you see what I see?
9. God will do the rest.
10. What you want is what you are going to get.

One Day Session of the NC Baptist Ushers Convention

Saturday, February 28, 2009

High Point, NC • Dr. Frederick O. Bass, Jr.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Registration	GBSC Staff	8:00 a.m.
Opening Devotion	Ushers Officers Officers	9:00 a. m.
Welcome/Remarks	Ushers Officers Officers	9:20 a.m.
Greetings		9:30 a.m.
Seminar		9:45 a. m.
Youth/Adult Workshop		10:35 a.m.
Youth Session Report		12:10 a.m.
Introduction Speaker	Ushers Officers	12:20 p.m. 10:50 a.m.
Remarks	Ushers President	1:25 p.m.

Usher's
Convention
Calendar 2009



February 28,
2009
Ushers' One Day
Session, TBA

Helen
Thompson

March 14, 2009
Ushers' Executive Board
Meeting, Raleigh, NC

May 16, 2009
Ushers' Executive Board
Meeting, Raleigh, NC

August 15, 2009
Ushers' Executive Board
Raleigh, NC

November 6-7, 2009
Ushers' Executive Board
Meeting, TBA

**"Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church;
it is a goodly Christian weapon."**

- Martin Luther

The Deaconess Ministry of Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church

Tarboro, North Carolina • Rev. George Terry, Pastor
Old Eastern Association



Golden Pearl Contest

The Deaconess Ministry of Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church recently presented the Golden Pearl Contest. This contest served as a means of honoring the Mothers of the church and it has proven to be a major fund raiser. Thirteen of the Mothers were honored for their many years of dedication and service to the church, their families and the community.

The contest ended on a glorious Sunday evening. The congregation waited patiently for the entrance of the Mothers. Each gorgeous God fearing contestant was as beautiful as a June bride as she entered the church on the arm of her handsome escort. Many members of the congregation were in awe of the Mothers as they displayed their God given talents of singing and reciting inspirational poetry.

The evening culminated with the crowning of "The Golden Pearl." Mother Loretta Darden became "The Golden Pearl." First runner up was Mother

Minnie Reddick, second runner up was Mother Julia Carr and third runner up was Mother Mary Jo Marshall. Even though these five phenomenal women were the major winners; all of the Mothers have proven to be "Golden Pearls" to the church. ■



2009 LAYMEN'S LEAGUE CALENDAR



Theodore
David

March 14,
2009
Study
Commission
Juniper Lever
Baptist

April 10, 2009
Mid- Annual Banquet, TBA

April 11, 2009
Mid- Annual Session, TBA

May 16, 2009
Mini-Skill Conference, TBA

June 13, 2009
Study Commission, TBA

July 10 & 11, 2009
Men & Boys Retreat, TBA

July
Trinity Session , TBA

August 22, 2009
Scouting Camporee, TBA

Sept. 12, 2009
Men's Retreat, TBA

Sept. 2009
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Dr. Moss receives award

Dr. Moss receives the Dr. Nilous M. Avery Community Achievement Award

The Hill Street Baptist Church of Asheville, North Carolina under the pastoral leadership of Dr. Keith A. Ogden, awarded two distinguished gentlemen, one of Asheville and one of Charlotte, the Dr. Nilous M. Avery Community Achievement Award, during the 3rd Annual Dr. Nilous and Lady Christine Avery Annual Appreciation on December 14, 2008 at HSBC. The honorees were: Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr., Senior Pastor of the Saint Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina and who also serves as the President of the General Baptist Convention of North

Carolina. Dr. Moss was also the keynote preacher for this annual occasion. Dr. Moss preached and electrifying anointed spirit-filled sermon entitled "The Measure of Worthiness." WOW! What a word from the Lord. The other award recipient was W. Lavone Griffin, Director of the W.C. Reid Center in Creative Arts of Asheville, North Carolina. Lavonne was instrumental in helping numerous children from different cultures and backgrounds, giving them the opportunity to express themselves in a positive manner through creative arts.

Dr. Moss was also recognized by Mayor of Asheville – Honorable Terry Bellamy and was given a City of Asheville Proclamation by Vice Mayor Jan Davis, naming December 14, 2008 – Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr., Day! David Gant, Esq., Chairperson of the County Commissioners of Buncombe County also awarded Dr. Moss Proclamation from Buncombe County.

Dr. Nilous and Lady Christine Avery also received the same honors from the City of Asheville and Buncombe County!



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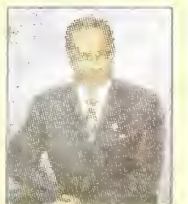
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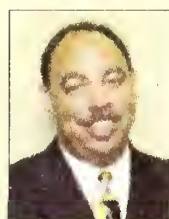
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CONFERENCE LAYOUT

Monday 3/16/2009	Tuesday 3/17/2009	Wednesday 3/18/2009	Thursday 3/19/2009
1:00pm Conference Registration 1st Floor Leonard Hall	8:30am - 9:00am Spiritual Devotion 9:15am - 10:45am Morning Workshops 11:00am-12:45am Distinguished Alumni Worship Service Rev. Dr. Reginald High 12:45pm - 1:00pm Conference Photo 1:00pm - 3:00pm Shaw University Divinity School Alumni Luncheon & Business Meeting 4:30pm-5:30 pm Afternoon Lecture Rev. Dr. David Goatley 5:30pm-6:30pm Dinner on Your Own 7:00 pm Evening Worship Rev. Dr. Stephen Thurston	8:30am - 9:00am Spiritual Devotion 9:15am - 10:45am Morning Workshops 11:00am-12:45am Morning Worship Rev. Dr. Marsha Foster Boyd 1:00pm-2:30pm Lunch On Your Own 2:45pm -4:15pm Afternoon Workshop 4:30pm-5:30pm Afternoon Lecture Rev. Dr. Tom Hoyt 5:30pm-6:30pm Dinner on Your own 7:00 pm Evening Worship Rev. Dr. T. Dewitt Smith	8:30am - 9:00am Spiritual Devotion 9:15am - 10:45am Morning Workshops 11:00am-12:45am Morning Worship Rev. Dr. Michael Battle 1:00pm-2:30pm Lunch On Your Own 2:45pm -4:15pm Afternoon Workshop 4:30pm-5:30pm Afternoon Lecture Rev. Dr. Boykin Sanders 5:30pm-6:30pm Dinner on Your own 7:00 pm Evening Worship Conference Closing Rev. Dr. Gregory Moss Ecumenical Holy Communion
3:00pm Vendor Set-up 7:00pm Conference Opening Rev. Dr. Clarence Newsome Rev. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor Rev. Dr. William Shaw			



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Rev. Dr. Reginald High

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 Ms. Tineka C. Richardson, Conference Coordinator, 919-546-8564

Pray For Our Prison Chaplains

Michael R. Smith
Chairman AIM



Michael R. Smith

Christian ministers who serve as Chaplains in the prison setting need the prayers of the Body of Christ. In lieu of state budget cuts, many times the Chaplains are the first persons to be cut from the budget. Prison

Chaplains are a very valuable and needed part of the work of church missions.

Our national prison population has reached over 2 million. The United States now leads the world in incarceration.

With that many persons in prison, it is critical for the ministry of prison chaplaincy be supported and especially lifted up in prayer. The prison Chaplain in essence is the Pastor of the prison. This person serves in a very thankless and challenging environment. The prison Chaplain seeks to carry out a ministry of reaching, reconciling, and restoring human lives impacted by crime and incarceration. For the most part, prison chaplaincy is a "hidden ministry" because it takes place inside a prison.

The local church does not hear much about the ministry of Chaplains. The prison Chaplain is in many cases the only "preacher in town" and carries

the sole responsibility of ministry in the prison. When a prison does not have a Chaplain, there is no one to preach the gospel, teach the Word of God, help inmates during a family crisis, provide godly counsel, stand up for religious freedom, or be the religious connection to the local community.

Therefore, as one who has labored for many years in the prison setting, I appeal to Christians everywhere to pray for these unsung men and women serving in prisons around our state and nation. Pray also for more laborers to go into this great mission field for the harvest is great, but the laborers are few. I exhort pastors and church leaders to lead your churches in getting more involved in ministry to inmates, inmate families, and victims of crime. GBSC moderators and associations can come together and provide support and encouragement to prison Chaplains in your area. Pray for the correctional staff working in prisons on a daily basis.

Remember, the prison Chaplain is on the front line of a great spiritual battlefield where we have the privilege,

**"True religion is
real living;
living with all
one's soul,
with all one's
goodness and
righteousness."**

-Albert Einstein

responsibility, and opportunity to bring the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in one of our most desperate areas of our society. Prison Chaplains need the prayers of the Body of Christ and I am glad we can count on you to pray. Let us never let evil overcome us, but continue through the prison Chaplains ministry to overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21).

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Celebrating 137 years of service to God, Mount Zion First Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, NC has historically been a "Church in the Heart of the Community with the Community on Her Heart."

We are enthusiastic in our search for a new pastor of God's own choosing for Mount Zion. We are seeking invaluable input on potential candidates for this pastorate by asking God to speak to His people through Holy Ghost-filled leaders in the Christian Community such as you. If you hear God calling you to this service at Mount Zion, then we invite you to send us your letter of interest. If not, please prayerfully suggest a Pastoral Shepherd who meets the necessary qualifications of this flock.

Qualifications of a Mount Zion Pastoral Candidate:

The ideal candidate will be recognized as a Christian leader who demonstrates and/or possesses the following characteristics:

- Demonstrated background and experience that complements the mission, vision and values of Mount Zion First Baptist Church
- Earned terminal degree from a four-year accredited institution of higher education and an earned master's degree from a fully accredited school of divinity
- Strong evidence of scholarly work and professional experience
- Exceptional organizational and interpersonal skills, as well as, superb oral and written communication skills
- Efficient and competent management skills and proficiency in the use of information technology
- Successful track record in working collegially with a congregation in building a church community that is inspired, unified and strategically positioned for growth
- Skillful in program administration

If interested, you may either send a resume along with a letter of interest or you may make a recommendation by sending the names and contact information for Men of God as the Lord leads you to my attention at the following address by February 28, 2009:

**"SOME PEOPLE SAY IT IS TOO LATE ONCE
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INCARCERATED.
I SAY, IT IS NEVER TOO LATE BECAUSE OF
THE POWER IN THE GOSPEL OF JESUS
CHRIST. IT IS ONLY TOO LATE WHEN
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BREATH WITHOUT KNOWING
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AIM CONTACT INFORMATION

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Minister of Music

Position: Minister of Music
Job Classification: This position is an exempt (salaried) and full-time position
Supervisor: Pastor
Salary: Based on Experience and Education
Organization: Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
Location: Fayetteville, North Carolina
Principle Function: The Minister of Music is responsible for developing, planning, conducting, scheduling and evaluating a comprehensive Music Ministry of the church.

Major Duties:

- Direct the planning, organizing, conducting and evaluation of a comprehensive music ministry including choirs and vocal and instrumental ensembles. Provide variety in type of music presented.
- Maintain and direct the overall activities of the Music Ministry on a daily basis.
- Maintain supervision over all church musicians and conduct an annual performance evaluation for the music staff.
- Make recommendations on the hiring and retention of all musicians.
- Be responsible for enlisting and training leaders and accompanist for the church music ministry. Select, enlist and train and counsel song leaders and other musicians who serve in the church organization.
- Coordinate the performance schedules of music groups and individuals in the function of the church.
- Work with the musical staff in determining music ministry goals, organization, leadership, facilities, finances and administrative process.
- Be available and consult with the pastor regarding necessary music preparations for church related activities (weddings, funerals, etc. at the church). Be available to counsel, arrange and provide music for special projects, ministries and other church-related activities in cooperation with appropriate individuals or groups.
- Promote choir camps, workshops, clinics and programs for the various choirs, musicians and directors.
- Coordinate with the Pastor in planning congregational services of the church and be responsible for the selection of the music.
- Coordinate the schedule for worship service accompanists and special music, and secure replacements in their absences.
- Lead in planning and promoting a graded choir program; direct and coordinate the work of the lay choir directors, direct adult choirs and other choirs as needed.
- Direct music groups and congregational singing.
- Supervise the maintenance of and additions to the music library, providing musical materials, supplies, instruments and other musical equipment for use in the church music program
- Keep abreast on current music methods, materials and administration, utilizing them where appropriate.
- Coordinate the purchase, maintenance and repair of Church's musical instruments.
- Recommend the financial needs of the music ministry to the Pastor and the budget committee and following established church procedures be responsible for the expenditure of the music ministry funds.
- Comply with all established church policies and procedures as well as all applicable federal and state laws.
- Collaborate on a monthly basis with the Pastor or when necessary in setting goals and objectives so that the music ministry is aligned with the overall mission of the church.
- Perform other duties as assigned or as needed.

Additional Expectations:

- Be reliable, dependable and loyal
- Have the ability to work effectively with minimum supervision
- Have the ability to deal with people with tact and discretion.
- Good grooming and presentation
- Able to communicate accurately and effectively
- Able to work under pressure and meet deadlines
- Knowledgeable in Scriptures, particularly as Biblical themes relate to the worship of the church and the texts of the music.
- Requires commitment to biblical Christian principles and teachings both professionally and personally.

Qualifications:

- Must be a Christian
- Applicant must have two years of experience in church music, which has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position. Experience is typically in or related to the work of the position described.
- Be able to sight read, improvise and transpose music, play by ear, teach a variety of music Hymns, Traditional Gospel, Spiritual, Anthem, Contemporary Gospel, voice and choir decorum.
- Must be able to pass a criminal and financial background.
- Must be able to pass a drug test
- Proficient computer skills in Microsoft Word or related software program

HOW TO APPLY FOR THIS POSITION:

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Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Durham, NC seeking an Assistant Minister of Music.

General Responsibilities

1. Provide assistance to the Senior Minister of Music.
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4. Shall be Responsible for 8 am worship service and will assist Minister of Music at 11 am worship service.
5. Operate audio-visual technology (lighting & sound) to create clear, concise, quality atmosphere for worship.
6. Other duties as specified by Senior Pastor and Senior Minister of Music.

Resumes may be mailed to OGMBC no later than Feb. 25:

505 East End Avenue
 Durham, NC 27703
 ogmb.church2@verizon.net

PASTORAL VACANCY

Church: Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
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Position: Senior Pastor

Job Description: Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church (SMBC), a 141-year old historically African American Missionary Baptist Church is actively searching a Biblically solid, progressive Senior Pastor whom God has chosen to lead us into the future and adheres to Baptist doctrines and beliefs. SMBC with a congregation of approximately 150 members is located in Morrisville NC, the heart of the Research Triangle Park and one of the fastest growing diverse towns in North Carolina.

The pastor serves as the Overseer/Administrator of the Church. The pastor shall work in accordance with the scriptures in the capacity to be the under shepherd of this flock and is accountable to and for the well being of the membership. He will minister, advise, provide Biblical education and instruction, counsel, be an ex-officio member of all church organizations and serve as the liturgist carrying out the duties of the order of worship.

Candidate Description: In addition to the scriptural qualifications outlined in 1 Timothy 3:1-7, the applicant must be an ordained Baptist Minister in good standing with affiliated religious organizations. This position requires a minimum of an undergraduate degree but an advanced Masters of Divinity from an accredited school is highly recommended. The Pastor will have demonstrated pastoral experience in churches comparable to Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in population and programs. The successful candidate will conduct counseling sessions; perform wedding ceremonies, funeral services and serve as Overseer/Administrator of paid church staff, church matters and the management of conflicts issues in the church. The applicant will demonstrate interest in attending seminars, conferences, workshops and other continuing education programs that contribute to the spiritual and intellectual growth as the pastor. The ability to provide administrative leadership to guide the church in the attainment of its divine mission is a must. The applicant is expected to adhere to SMBC's bylaws, policies and procedures, maintain a vital and wholesome personal relationship with the Lord through Bible study and prayer, and lead our membership in the 21st Century.

Education /Experience:

- Formal training in Biblical Studies required, Master's Degree preferred
- Ordained Minister of the Baptist Faith
- 5 years experience in 1 or a combination of: (a) full and/or part-time pastor/minister; (b) Staff Pastor; (c) Management experience

Ministerial Skills:

- Successful Administrator
- Strong organizational and spiritual leader
- Knowledge and understanding of the Pastor's role as the lead worshiper
- Accomplished preacher and teacher, committed to Biblical exposition
- Demonstrates a high level of professionalism with a friendly, compassionate and honest demeanor

Application Closing: February 28, 2009

For Inquiries and Application Contact: Esther Dunnegan, Chairperson
 SMBC Search Committee
 Email: estherdunnegan@aol.com 6608 Kitts Creek Road
 Phone: (919) 819-5046 Morrisville, NC 27560

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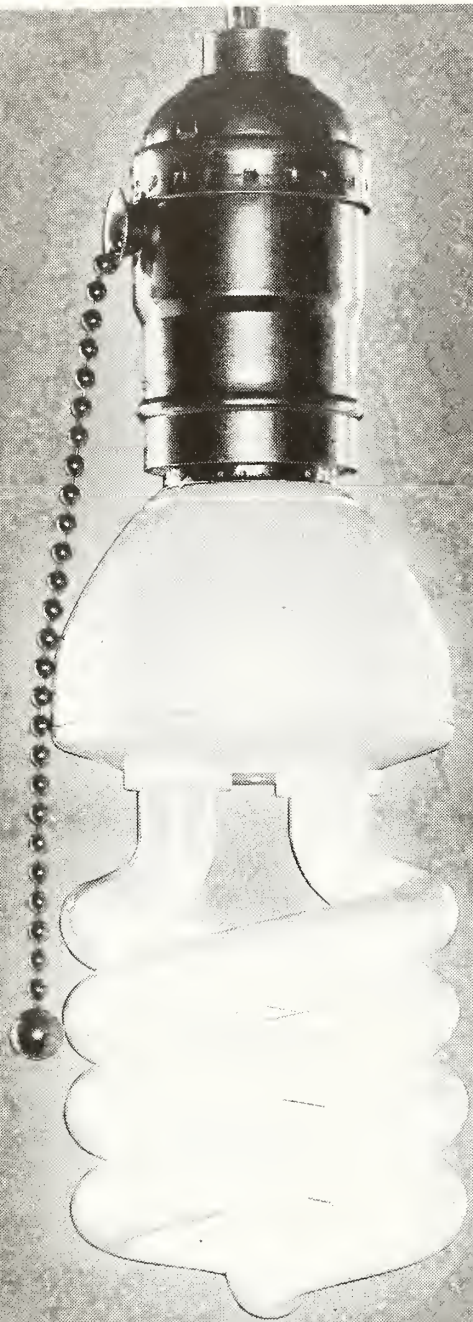
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5333 Andrew Jackson Hwy, SW • PO Box 832 • Chadbourn, NC. 28431

Mr. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church Chadbourn, Inc. is a church with approximately 75 members, seeking a pastor who meet the following criteria:

- A man of God licensed and ordained in the Baptist Denomination
- High School Diploma/GED with Seminary Studies from an Accredited Seminary School

Other Attributes:

- Gifted Teacher
- Leadership ability
- Good communications skills
- Ability to counsel
- Committed to the needs of the church

Interested persons should send resume to:

Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, Inc.
Attention: Deacon Thomas G. Young, Chairperson Search Committee
P.O. Box 832
Chadbourn, North Carolina 28431

PASTORAL VACANCY

GOODWILL BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

548 Goodwill Road - Clemmons, NC. 27012

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ordained Baptist Minister
- Pastoral Experience
- Bachelors Degree

OTHER ATTRIBUTES:

- Gifted Teacher
- Good Leadership Ability
- Ability to counsel
- Committed to the needs of the flock.

If interested please send resume to: Goodwill Baptist Church, Inc.
P.O. Box 12546
Winston Salem, NC 27117-2546

- *Deadline for all submissions, February 28, 2009*

Pulpit Vacancy

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church

Ivanhoe, North Carolina

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church has a vacant pastoral vacancy. The church was established in 1880 and has a long rich heritage of Christian service to the community.

Applicants who want to be considered should possess the following:

- Must be a licensed and ordained Baptist Minister
- Must have a college and seminary degree
- Must be versatile and able to relate to a diverse age group within the congregation
- Willing to follow Baptist Doctrine and polity
- Willing to work with the community at large
- Provide a vision for the church and display strong leadership ability

All interested persons should submit a resume to the following:

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, Inc.
C/O Pastoral Search Committee
9364 Wildcat Road
P. O. Box 66
Ivanhoe, NC 28447

Deadline for Resumes: June 1, 2009

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Pastor. Interested applicants please call:*

Deacon Earl Singletary at (910) 253-6896

PASTORAL VACANCY

Piney Wood Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

1. Born again
2. Faithful Christian with a solid belief in the birth, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ as recorded in the Holy Bible.
3. Biblical qualities of a pastor as defined in 1 Timothy 3:1-7.
4. Solid knowledge of God's Word and God's will in doing and carrying out the function of the church.
5. Married to a Christian spouse.
6. Family, community and politically oriented.
7. Effective working with all ages groups in the church.
8. Bachelor's Degree in Theology from an accredited college or university.
9. Licensed and ordained by the Missionary Baptist Denomination.
10. Believes/abides by the Missionary Baptist Doctrines, policies, and Church Covenant.
11. Supportive of the association and General Baptist State Convention.
12. Expected to teach, preach, and counsel in word and deed to all ages group in the church
13. Able to guide the critical management functions of the church spiritually, intellectually and financially.
14. Willing to submit to a criminal background check and credit report.
15. Visionary and trained in setting goals for the continued growth of the church
16. Implements policies fairly and consistently and respects individual needs and abilities.
17. Supports church function including Sunday School, Bible Study, and prayer meeting.
18. Visits the sick and shut in (hospitalized, homes and nursing homes).

The ending date to receive applications is July 31, 2009.

Please forward all correspondences to:

Search Committee
Piney Wood Chapel Baptist Church
C/O Deacon William Ward, Jr.
P O Box 235
Powellsville, NC 27967

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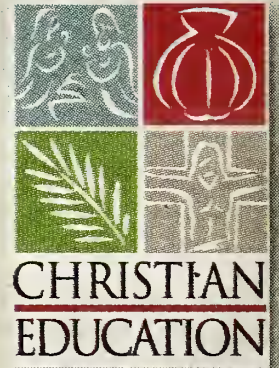
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