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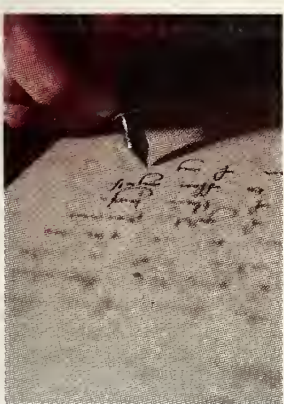
**"To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced...through Education, Missions and Fellowship,"**

Matthew 28:19-20

## Campaign to Strengthen Tax Credits for Low-Income Americans

From Press Release

Bread for the World has launched its 2010 Offering of Letters campaign to urge Congress to protect and strengthen key tax credits that benefit low-income workers and their families.



Taxes will be near the top of the 2010 agenda in Congress as a series of tax cuts are set to expire this year. "In the midst of the debate over which taxes to

change and which to renew, the needs of low-income people should not be lost," said Rev. David Beckmann, president of Bread for the World.

Beckmann said that the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is one such benefit. It is a program designed to help bridge the gap between low-wage earnings and the costs of meeting basic needs. The EITC lifts almost 10 million Americans, including 5 million children, above the poverty line. The average EITC benefit is \$2,500 for families with children. The credit is considered by both Democrats and Republicans as a powerful

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## GBSC Leads Efforts in Haiti Earthquake Relief

From Staff Reports

Immediately after the devastation caused by the earthquake in Haiti, Dr. Gregory K. Moss Sr., President of the General Baptist State Convention and First Vice President of Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missions Convention, issued an urgent appeal to GBSC churches and associations to give a special financial contribution for disaster relief.



President Moss requests that churches and associations send their contributions to the Baptist Headquarters. Lott Carey Baptist Home and Foreign Missions Convention will be our primary avenue for supporting the survivors of the Haitian earthquake. Lott Carey has a network of more than 20 churches in Haiti. Support received from our General Baptist family will be chan-

neled through the already established network of churches. President Moss has issued a special challenge that the GBSC raise \$100,000 within thirty days for this special effort. He's urging 100 churches and/or associations to send a minimum of \$1,000 for disaster relief. Contributions are also welcomed from individuals.

In an effort to jumpstart the Lott Carey

relief efforts in Haiti, the Baptist Headquarters released \$15,000 from state missions/operations funds to Lott Carey for the Haiti effort. "We have every confidence that our churches will rise to meet the president's call," says Dr. Haywood T. Gray, GBSC Executive Secretary-Treasurer. The \$15,000 donation put needed funds on the frontline of the emergency

while churches and associations respond to the urgent Macedonian call.

Checks for this special effort should be made payable to: GBSC, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC, 27601, with a notation on the check that says "Disaster Relief."

## Lott Carey Gives Thanks from Liberia

By Emile D. E. Sam-Peal  
Superintendent, Lott Carey Mission Schools, Liberia, West Africa

Your Lott Carey sisters and brothers in Liberia are thankful to God for you, and as

we continue our work in 2010, we wanted to offer a greeting that is full of gratitude.

We're thankful for family and friends, thankful for co-laborers, thankful for students at Lott Carey who come to school each day eager to learn and grow; thankful to our teachers and staff who work along with us in molding and transforming the lives entrusted to our care; thankful for those of you who provide scholarships, send school supplies and materials; thankful to those who undergird our work by prayerfully supporting and providing

much needed professional development training for our teachers and staff.

We're thankful for the various mission teams that provided free medical care/services to our staff, students, and their families and the community; professional development training; renovation of our school library; among others. You generously shared all your different gifts—gifts of sharing as well as gifts of receiving.

We're thankful for you who are consid-

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ering ways and opportunities to become involved and partner with the school and ministry work here in Liberia. We're also thankful for the many challenges ahead of us in terms of rebuilding of the institution, by providing adequate academic, recreational, and dining spaces as well as a very robust academic program.

Pray with us for vision and leadership to rebuild LCM to be the reference point for quality and wholesome education in Liberia. Pray for the needs of students and their families. Pray for our plans for teacher training workshops focusing on methodology and content areas, that the resources will be raised for the rebuilding and infrastructure development, as well as to beginning to work on a plan for a sustained future.

We're praying and asking for volunteers and mission teams who can come to help us teach, train teachers, help develop our library media center, develop and enrich our educational and recreational programs, develop and implement summer recreational programs for children in the community, construction and renovation projects.

Pray for the continued peace in Liberia. We pray daily for our national leaders for the Lord to endow them with wisdom, insight, and strength to lead this nation to recovery. Pray for the Baptist work in Liberia, and for the leadership.

We pray daily for your family and dear friends who are faced with health challenges, dealing with personal issues, job losses, love lost and new love found. We pray for grace and strength; we stand with you in prayers daily. For you who provide care and give support, we also pray, may you be encouraged. For families struggling financially through this global recession we pray that in 2010 we come joyfully and generously bearing gifts first to our Lord Jesus, to each other, and to our various ministries and vocations.

Thank you very much for your emails, cards, calls, prayers, financial support. Pray for the challenges ahead, financial needs of students and families, rebuilding of infrastructure, good health, and a good support group for our work and ministry.

Please visit our school's website ([www.lottcareymissionschool.org](http://www.lottcareymissionschool.org)) and remember us as you are inspired.

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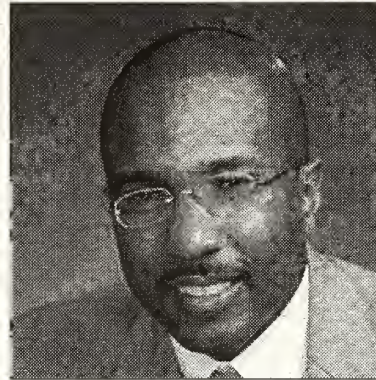
# GBSC Honors Baptist Achievers at MLK Memorial Banquet

From Staff Reports

At the 2010 Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Banquet, held last month in Durham, the General Baptist State Convention honored three individuals who are members of General Baptist congregations and who have distinguished themselves in the fields of preaching, politics, and education. These honorees represent the richness of talent and expertise among our Baptist ranks in North Carolina.



Dr. Gardner C. Taylor has had a distinguished and lauded career as a preacher, pastor, denominational leader, scholar, and civil rights leader. Noted for his eloquence and deep understanding of the faith, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Bill Clinton in 2000. He was pastor of Concord Baptist Church of Christ in Brooklyn, New York for 42 years before retiring in 1990. After retiring to Raleigh, he became a member of Christian Faith Baptist Church, where Dr. David C. Forbes Sr. is pastor.



Dr. Harry L. Williams was selected to be the tenth president of Delaware State University. Since 2008, Dr. Williams has served as DSU's provost. He previously served in the administration of the University of North Carolina. He has also held academic appointments at both Appalachian State University and N.C. A&T State University. He is a member of Johnston Piney Grove Baptist Church in Clayton, where the Rev. Theodore Breeden is pastor.



Mayor Anthony R. Foxx is mayor of Charlotte. He was first elected to the Charlotte City Council in 2005 and was elected mayor on November 3, 2009. At age 38, Mayor Foxx is the youngest man ever elected mayor of Charlotte. He is the first Democrat to hold the office since Harvey Gantt left the office in 1987. He is a member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte, where Dr. Clifford A. Jones Sr. is pastor.

## We are the Weapons God Uses

By Rev. Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II; D. Min. First Vice-President, GBSC

"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



Dr. Nilous Avery, II

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 our Lord'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 awe-

some God. Our mountaintop view of promised-land possessions must 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 world, we remember the nation of Haiti, as well as the struggles of humanity throughout our world, our nation, and right here at home in our state and local communities. We must never forget that we are called to be Christian soldiers, kingdom builders, and willing workers in the construction of Christian disciples in the home, church, community, country, and the world at large.

Our mission is to "go, teach, baptize, and teach." Our ongoing challenge is "To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced through Education, Missions, and Fellowship." 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, inequity, 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! Your financial contributions to GBSC State Missions and continual prayers will serve as tangible and visible kingdom building TNT.

Therefore my beloved, empower 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 and locally is manifested through State Missions. We're in position to impact the world as God's weapons of Christian warfare. Accept the challenge today, lift your prayers up, and send your financial support in to GBSC headquarters today for State Missions.

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

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anti-poverty tool.

"We know food assistance to hungry people is vital, but it is not enough. Progress against hunger requires broader economic efforts like tax policy reforms to reduce poverty," said Rev. Beckmann.

Rev. Beckmann added that low-income families often live on the edge of a financial precipice. The car breaking down, a parent being laid off from her job, a child getting sick—any of these can mean the difference between having enough food or not. Programs like the EITC play a critical role in keeping low-income working families from falling off that edge. In addition, Bread for the World will work to protect and strengthen the Child Tax Credit, and to increase funding for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites.

More than 1,500 churches and denominations throughout the United States will participate in Bread for the World's 2010 Offering of Letters campaign. As part of the worship service or mass, Christians will write letters to Congress in support of legislation that will benefit poor and hungry people. Instead of

money, these letters are placed in the offering plates and dedicated to God.

In Sunday school classrooms and on campuses, young people will also write letters and pray over them before they are mailed to their representatives in Congress. "For the cost of a stamp, you can literally change someone's life," said Bishop Don Dixon Williams, Bread for the World staff member.

Previous Bread for the World Offering of Letters campaigns have focused on broad reform of the U.S. farm bill and increases in benefits to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly food stamps), the creation of the Millennium Challenge Account, and increased funding for programs that address the causes of poverty in developing nations. While it launches this new campaign, Bread for the World will still continue its campaign to reform U.S. foreign aid.

Bread for the World's Offering of Letters materials are available online at [www.bread.org/OL2010](http://www.bread.org/OL2010).

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging this country's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.

## Candidates for Servant Leadership Team

Submitted by Current Vice-Presidents of GBSC

Servant Leaders equip, empower, and encourage God's people to accomplish God's purpose and plan. Servant Leaders are visionaries who provide spirit-led direction, which enables God's people to operate on Kingdom principles. Servant Leaders are stewards who work with God's people to do the hands-on work of the Lord!

After prayerful consideration, we unite and submit ourselves to God and the GBSC Family as candidates for the Servant Leadership Team of the General

Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., October 2010 to October 2014.

The Servant Leadership Team candidates are as follows:

For President: Dr. Howard Parker, Jr., current Vice-President at Large; Pastor, Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, Greenville, N.C.

For Vice-President at Large: Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II, current 1st Vice-President; Pastor, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Salisbury, N.C.

For 1st Vice-President: Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch, current 2nd Vice-President; Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.

For 2nd Vice-President: Dr. Ricky L. Banks, current 3rd Vice-President; Pastor, St. Stephen Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, N.C.

For 3rd Vice-President: Dr. J. Vincent Terry, Sr., current 4th Vice-President; Pastor, Mount Peace Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C.

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# 50 Years Later

By Marian Wright Edelman  
Reprinted from *Huffingtonpost.com*



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday every January becomes an occasion for looking back at the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement. As the celebration of the King Holiday leads into February and Black History Month, it's a time to consider not only how far we've come but how far we still have to go, and to reflect on some of the milestones in movement history. This year, one of those national and personal milestones is the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

On February 1, 1960, when I was a senior at Spelman College in Atlanta, four black freshmen from North Carolina A&T State University sat in at the Whites-only lunch counter in the Greensboro, North Carolina Woolworth's store. It was just the spark I and so many black youth were waiting for to stand up against the segregation that daily assaulted our dignity and lives. I and thousands of other students were galvanized to strike our blow for freedom, giving birth to the sit-in movement, the formation of SNCC, and a new era of student activism that energized the larger Civil Rights Movement.

People often forget that children and youth were major frontline soldiers in the Civil Rights Movement. Little Ruby Bridges in New Orleans and the Little Rock Nine and other young black children desegregated schools across the South, often standing up to howling mobs. They were instrumental in *Brown v. Board of Education*. Young people coordinated voter registration drives, participated in Freedom Rides testing segregation laws on interstate buses, conducted voter education and other activities during 1964's Freedom Summer in Mississippi including

Freedom Schools, and more. My generation was blessed beyond measure to be in the right places at the right times to experience and help bring transforming change to the South and to America.

One key point about the student leaders from that time is that many of us continued to build on the passion and commitment unleashed as teenagers and twenty-year-olds and dedicated our entire adult lives to advocacy and service. While SNCC lasted only six years, SNCC alumni carried on. Representative John Lewis has been a member of Congress since 1986 and continues to be one of our country's strongest advocates for equality and justice, fighting his battles nationally as he did earlier in the streets of Selma. Julian Bond served in the Georgia General Assembly over twenty years before becoming chairman of the NAACP. The quiet and brilliant Bob Moses—who we all looked up to, although he was just a few years older—returned to his calling as a teacher, later founding the Algebra Project to improve math education for children of color. They and so many others followed up on the ideals we believed in and continued doing our part to make a better world for the next generations.

The adults who became advisors and colleagues to SNCC students and nurtured us were some of the most extraordinary people in the Civil Rights Movement. When the first sit-ins began, there was no mechanism in place to connect us all, but Mrs. Ella Baker, who worked with Dr. King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), reached out and organized the April 1960 meeting at Shaw University which brought student sit-in activists together. I took my

first plane ride traveling from Spelman to Shaw on a plane chartered by SCLC to join Dr. King with about 200 other college students that Easter weekend, which led to SNCC's creation. Ella Baker insisted that we find our own voice and form our own organization and not become the youth arm of SCLC or an established civil rights group. She became a trusted SNCC advisor and mentor who demanded the best of me and all the young and older adults around her.

When SNCC activists began the Mississippi voter registration effort in Sunflower County, Mississippi and appealed for supporters, Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer was the first to raise her hand. She became a SNCC field secretary; helped organize voter registration drives at great risk to life and limb during the 1964 Freedom Summer; and was the most prominent member of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party that famously challenged Mississippi's all-White official delegation to the 1964 Democratic National Convention which led to a new Democratic Party. She remains a mighty lantern for all of us who knew, looked up to, and learned from her great spirit and courage. Every time my courage wanes, I think of her.

The feisty and empowered children and youth of the 1950s and 1960s are examples for today's teenagers and college-aged young people. They need to hear that you are never too young to fight for what you believe in and they need to be empowered to stand up for themselves and their communities. They need to know their proud legacy of struggle

and how SNCC and many younger children challenged the entrenched White power structure and faced daily risk of arrest, injury, or death. When Dr. King was in jail in Birmingham, trying to stop Bull Connor's brutal rule, it was the children of Birmingham who responded with the marches and withstood fire hoses and police dogs to topple segregation in that city. Nothing was more important to us than our freedom and justice. I wrote in my college diary the day after being arrested in a sit-in at Atlanta's city hall cafeteria: "SOMETHING WORTH LIVING AND DYING FOR!" Several weeks later I wrote: "These are the most exciting, rewarding, and gratifying days of my life. Change is pervading -- change I'm helping bring in. I'm useful and I'm serving and I'm so grateful."

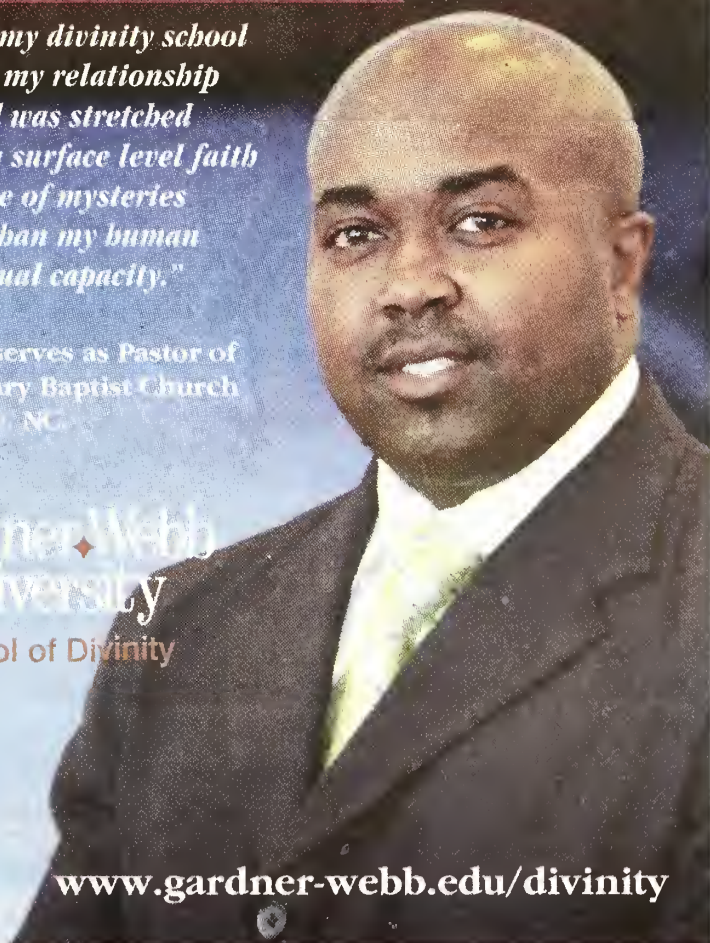
How do we give our young people today a similar sense of purpose and a cause worth dying for as they face the war zones in their cities and a cradle to prison pipeline that threatens the last 50 years of social and racial progress? How do we catalyze the next Civil Rights Movement to end the pervasive poverty, illiteracy, and racial disparities that stanch the hopes and dreams of millions of our children? It's time.

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Lamont serves as Pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Shelby, NC.

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# Employees Losing Faith in Work, Finding a Higher Calling

From Press Release

The only thing harder than finding a job in this economy is finding one that you like, according to a recent survey that found only 45 percent of Americans are satisfied with their work. Now the team behind the successful Alpha course hopes to help Christian business leaders losing faith in work to find a higher calling at work.

Planned for 16 cities in four regions throughout the U.S., Alpha's Workplace Faith Gatherings will kick off in Dallas, Texas on February 23, then will continue to Charleston, South Carolina on February 24. These half-day events will feature talks from top business leaders, including Lou Giuliano, former chairman and CEO of ITT Industries, and popular author and speaker Os Hillman, founder and executive director of Marketplace Leaders.

"The Bible mentions work more than 800 times," explains Gerard Long, executive

director for Alpha USA. "You're not supposed to turn off a switch when you leave church on Sunday. God wants to walk with us 24/7 in every area of our lives—especially our work."

Combining inspiration and practical application, these gatherings will help people to see work as a higher calling. Long adds, "As people catch a vision for what God wants them to do and be in the workplace, it ultimately benefits society—stronger marriages, increased productivity, more service at church and in the community."

During the Workplace Faith Gatherings, there will be many opportunities to network with other Christians in the marketplace. Additionally, participants can learn more about Alpha in the Workplace, a 15-session practical introduction to the Christian faith designed to fit with people's busy schedules.

Thousands of businesspeople all over the world are attending Alpha in the Workplace. Corporate CEOs are holding sessions in their boardrooms. Factory workers are running courses in their cafeterias—the options are unlimited.

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## In Memoriam

The GBSC recognizes the following  
Baptist family members who passed away

### Rev. William E. Lee Sr.

Rev. Lee passed away January 17. He was a native of Mississippi and resident of New York for the majority of his life before relocating to North Carolina, where he lived for more than twenty years. For thirteen years, he was the pastor of Greater Tabernacle Baptist Church in New York. At the time of his death, Lee was pastor of New Ephesus Baptist Church in Ruffin. Surviving him are his beloved and endearing wife, Cora Crawford Lee; three daughters, Minister Jacqueline Chambers, Joyce Manning (Phillip), and Tina Lee; stepdaughter, Denise Myles; three sons, William E. Lee Jr., Emanuel Lee, and Bernard Lee; 11 grandchildren; five sisters; six brothers; five sisters-in-law; five brothers-in-law; other relatives and a plethora of cherished friends. The funeral service was held January 21 at New Ephesus Baptist Church. The Reverends



George Pickard and Gregory L. Hopkins officiated. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Cora C. Lee, at 3305 Dawn Ridge Court, Greensboro, NC, 27410.

### Mrs. Marion Lucas Butler

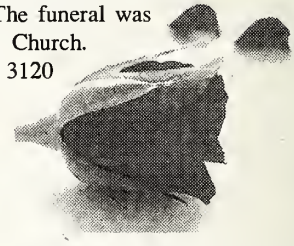
Mrs. Butler was the widow of the late Rev. Dr. J. Ray Butler, longtime GBSC Officer, Pastor, and Moderator. The funeral was held January 23 at United Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made in Mrs. Butler's name to United Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, 2745 Patria Street, Winston-Salem, NC, 27127. Condolences may be sent to Mr. Larry D. Butler (son), at 3604 Printice Place, Raleigh, NC, 27604.

### Mrs. Pearl P. Cartwright

Mrs. Cartwright was the mother of the Rev. Lionel E. Cartwright, Pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church in Chadburn. The funeral was held January 22 at The City Temple of Baltimore. Condolences may be sent to Rev. Cartwright, at 505 South Wilkes Street, Chadburn, NC, 28431.

### Mrs. Cereather Walton

Mrs. Walton was the wife of the Rev. Dr. Clyde Walton Sr., retired Pastor of Big Ruin Creek in Henderson, and mother of the Rev. Charles E. Walton, Pastor of Olive Grove in Littleton. The funeral was held January 11 at Christian Faith Baptist Church. Condolences may be sent to Dr. Walton at 3120 Woodbine Court, Raleigh, NC, 27610.



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155 Red Bud Church Road, Henderson, NC 27536

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- One who believes in the Holy Bible as the Word of God and a preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- One who has an adequate education. A Bachelor or Master of Divinity degree is preferred but not required.
- One who is called, licensed, and an ordained minister.
- Willing to follow Baptist Doctrine and polity.

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## African-Americans By the Numbers

From Press Release

To commemorate and celebrate the contributions to our nation made by people of African descent, American historian Carter G. Woodson established Black History Week. The first celebration occurred on February 12, 1926. For many years, the second week of February was set aside for this celebration to coincide with the birthdays of abolitionist/editor Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, the week was expanded into Black History Month. Each year, U.S. presidents proclaim February as National African-American History Month.

Below are some African-American statistics compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau.

**41.1 million**, As of July 1, 2008, the estimated population of black residents in the United States, including those of more than one race. They made up 13.5 percent of the total U.S. population. This figure represents an increase of more than a half-million residents from one year earlier.

**65.7 million**, The projected black population of the United States (including those of more than one race) for July 1, 2050. On that date, according to the projection, blacks would constitute 15 percent of the nation's total population.

**18**, Number of states with an estimated black population of at least 1 million, as of July 1, 2008. New York, with 3.5 million, led the way. The other 17 states on the list were Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

**38 percent**, Percentage of Mississippi's population that was black in 2008, highest of any state. Blacks also made up more than a quarter of the population in Louisiana in 2008 (32 percent), Georgia (31 percent),

Maryland (30 percent), South Carolina (29 percent) and Alabama (27 percent). They comprise 56 percent of the population in the District of Columbia.

**2.3 million**, Number of single-race black military veterans in the United States in 2008. More military veterans are black than any other minority group.

**83 percent**, Among blacks 25 and older, the proportion who had at least a high school diploma in 2008.

**20 percent**, Percentage of blacks 25 and older who had a bachelor's degree or higher in 2008.

**2.5 million**, Number of black college students in fall 2008. This was roughly double the corresponding number from 15 years earlier.

**\$34,218**, The annual median income of single-race black households in 2008, a decline of 2.8 percent from 2007.

**24.7 percent**, Poverty rate in 2008 for single-race blacks, statistically unchanged from 2007.

**19.1 percent**, The percentage of single-race blacks lacking health insurance in 2008, not statistically different from 2007.

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### Upcoming Events

#### Congress of Christian Education One Day Session

Saturday, February 13  
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Friendship Missionary Baptist Church  
3400 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte

#### Ushers One Day Session

Saturday, February 27  
Registration begins at 8 a.m.  
Emanuel Baptist Church  
1075 Shalimar Drive, Winston-Salem

### 37th Annual Alexander/Pegues Ministers Conference

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