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GBSC THEME

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

HK on J Rally Draws Strong Support

From Press Release

Thousands of people gathered at Shaw University on February 27 and marched to the State Legislature on Jones Street to protest the re-segregation of public schools, call for education instead of imprisonment, and demand good jobs and schools. The Fourth Annual HK on J (Historic Thousands on Jones Street)



Photos by Kali Rogers

March and Assembly adopted the slogan of the 50th Anniversary of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee in honor of the spirit of the SNCC movement and in light of a need for movement today.

"This is one of the most exciting movements I've seen across the country," said NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous. "The agenda-based coalition, led by the NAACP State Conference, should be replicated across the country. We cannot in good moral conscience separate the struggle for diverse and superior education from the struggle for jobs and economic solutions."

"On one hand, we must expose that the

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Woman's Convention--On The Move

From Staff Reports



Someone said this One-Day Session was beyond expectations! The New Year was launched with the overwhelming grace of God and His anointing upon the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina as it celebrated the 57th Annual One-Day Session held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in the Research Triangle Park in January. President Dr. Audrey Battle was at her best. She quickly issued the challenge to "leave the past in the past and to follow spiritual integrity" in keeping with her theme "CSI: Call to Spiritual Integrity".

The Convention was favored with the Christian Faith Baptist Church Senior Choir accompanied by their musicians and the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church



Dance Ministry. The session concluded with an amazing spoken word delivered by The Rev. Dr. Haywood Gray. The subject was "Search for God."

The Young Adult session, under the leadership of President Sigmund Jenrette, reflected on the theme "CSI: Call to Spiritual Integrity." The Youth Session, under the leadership of President Ashley Herring, gave tribute to Miss Minnie C. Lyons and engaged in a discussion on gang violence.

J.J. Johnson

The Woman's Convention in collaboration with the General Baptist State Convention has determined the necessity to rebuild the cafeteria at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly so that young people can return for Youth Bible Camp. The Convention has committed to raising \$100,000 to supplement what the insurance company has paid thus far to ensure availability of enough funds to support the resurrection of a beautiful camp, a landmark for this Convention. Dr. Linda Bryan issued an appeal for 100 churches, groups, or individuals to contribute \$1,000 towards

that end.

"We are grateful for the twenty churches that have thus far committed to contribute \$1,000," she says. "We are certainly grateful for those churches and individuals who heard the appeal and gave immediately and for those who have already made good on their pledges. With the kind and generous responses we have received, we are bound for the promise land." President Dr. Audrey Battle anticipates meeting our goal by April if not before.

40th Annual Statewide Leaders Workshop

The 40th Annual Statewide Leaders Workshop is scheduled for April 10 at Saint Paul Baptist Church in Charlotte, where the pastor is President Gregory K. Moss. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the program will begin at 9 a.m. Please plan to join us for this historical event.

Prayer

You're invited to join the Convention in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Haiti, those suffering around the world, and for President Barack Obama and his family.

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When the disciples asked "Why could not we cast him out?" Jesus responded: "This kind can come forth by nothing but by prayer and fasting." Some things will only happen with prayer and fasting.

We're convinced that prayer is of vital importance to our being and serving. Consequently, at various seasons of the year we pause for united prayer and supplications for persons, places, and/or phases of our conventional work. Please join us in prayer. Among the Seasons of Prayer are:

April:
Foreign Missions

June:
Missions Prayer Day—Countywide

August: Family

October:
Shaw University and
Shaw Divinity School

Upcoming Events

May

- 1 - Ministers' Wives and Widows Retreat, TBA
- 22 - Eastern Regional Conference, TBA

June

- 5 - Young Adult Retreat, TBA
- 7-11 - Leadership Training Conference, J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly
- Youth Bible Camp, J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly
- 26 - Missions Prayer Day (County Union, et. al.)

July

- 25-29 - Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, Winston-Salem, NC

August

- 8-13 - Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention

September

- 6-10 - National Baptist Convention
- 25 - Family Missions Conference, TBA

October

- 8 - Shaw University Founder's Day Convocation
- 9 - WBSA Institute Workers Workshop, Baptist Headquarters

November

- 2 - World Day of Prayer (BWA—Woman's Department)
- 6 - Youth Evangelism Conference, TBA

Rise Above It All

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

To the beloved saints of the General Baptist family and all who love the Lord, the work, witness, worship, ministry, and mission of the Lord:

"Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Timothy 1:2b, NKJV).



Dr. Nilous Avery, II

Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus had a knack for glorifying common things and common people. He defended the defenseless, healed the afflicted, received outcasts, ate with sinners, delivered the downtrodden, elevated the oppressed, gave worth to women, loved the lepers—you name it, Jesus did it. He shook up the foundation of political correctness and religious self-piety.

Thanks to Jesus, many insignificant things took on new significance: light, salt, sparrows, lilies, bread and wine, a crown of thorns, an old rugged cross, and a borrowed tomb. Nothing was too small and nobody was too insignificant to merit the attention of our Lord and Savior. This truth is manifested as spring begins to break forth in its divinely ordained splendor. New life appears in all of its colorful glory. The handiwork of God once again provides a marvelous array of greenery, pageantry, and imagery.

In all of this, the seemingly insignificant common dandelion will make its presence felt. The dandelion is interesting. It will grow where nothing else will. It is not prejudice, picky, nor persnickety about where it will grow. It will grow in the yard of the rich or the poor. The dandelion is not concerned about the race, religion, culture, creed, or political preference of the yard's owner. It will grow wherever it can take root.

The amazing thing about the dandelion is its ability to persevere—to rise above its surroundings. No matter how high the grass grows or how dry the ground becomes, it perseveres. The dandelion, much to the dismay of many gardeners, will rise above it all.

Some people are like that. They rise above it all. In the midst of discouragement and troubles, they rise!

- Distress and criticism? They rise!
- Limited resources and a succession of failures? They rise!
- Red seas in front, pharaohs in the back, mountains on the side? They rise!
- Hungry lions, flaming furnaces, high walls, ungrateful murmurers? They rise!

They rise above it all because, like the dandelion, they understand that nothing can keep them down when they reach up for God's sunshine. They refuse to be smothered and bound by circumstances. The dandelion not only adds color to the drab places of earth. It eventually scatters seeds, and the seeds eventually bear fruit.

Our convention is similar to the dan-

delion. It has been able to rise above it all. Its fruitful ministry through varied objectives, specifically State Missions, has often been overlooked and unappreciated. But through it all, the fruit of our convention's labor has provided color in drab places for many who are outcast and undernourished.

Through it all, our convention continues to scatter seeds that bear fruit for ministry through Christian education, missions, and benevolence. Through it all, our convention scatters seeds that bear fruit for ministry, which convinces the unconvinced to be convinced. Your prayers and support through the years have made this possible. Like the dandelion, our convention continues to rise above it all!

Please continue to be good stewards of this ministry. Rise above the tendency to assume that all is well. Refuse to be smothered by daily routines and "busyness" that may not always glorify God and edify others. Abhor the rumors that seek to pronounce the death sentence on a heritage and legacy that has stood the test of time.

Put off the fabric of being a spectator and put on the garment of being a participant. Experience and reflect the power of Jesus's resurrection even when the death sentence has been pronounced. Nothing and nobody will keep us down because we serve God who is able, willing, and available to lift us up. And if God be for us ...!

Encourage your church, ministry, association, and community to support our convention, the objectives, and particularly State Missions. I'm looking forward to seeing and hearing from you soon. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen" (Philippians 4:23, NKJV).

Rev. Avery can be reached at 704-637-0954 or averyrevkin@aol.com.

Lott Carey's Global Impact

By Rev. Dr. David Emmanuel Goatley

While we work to build up our support for our Haitian sisters and brothers, we simultaneously continue to invest in the work of evangelism, education, and health around the world. We solicit your prayers and support for our global mission thrust as well. Below is a sample of our global impact because of your generous investments.

We rejoice in our scholarship recipients who continue to thrive through Lott Carey's support.

Marusoi Zablon is finishing his pediatric nursing degree in East Kenya. He graduates in June, and we rejoice that our churches in Kenya funded his primary and secondary education after he became orphaned. We have funded his university studies and are about to launch a new pediatric nurse for Kenya!

In Liberia, Princess Blango is completing her second year of nursing studies at

Cuttington University, Muriel Craigwell has just started the Stella Maris Polytechnic University, and Joel Sandii has begun to prepare for vocational ministry the Liberian Baptist Seminary.

Manuel Moises Quembo, general secretary for the Baptist Convention of Mozambique, has given stellar leadership to that denomination and is two-thirds completed with his law degree.

We rejoice that we have 20 pastors now serving alongside host pastors and in host churches in and around Kingston, Jamaica. This is our seventh Pastoral Excellence Program team that is in its second of three years of learning immersions. The PEP is designed to help pastors broaden visions, build networks, and deepen impacts. More than 100 pastors have completed the program, and 150 pastors will have completed the program by the end of 2011.

Several pastors and church leaders participated in the Samuel DeWitt Proctor 2010 Clergy and Lay Leadership Conference that was held February 22-25 in St. Pete, Florida. The Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference is a major partner in our collaboration to support our sisters and brothers in Haiti. Lott Carey and I were

honored for our leadership and service during the "Beautiful Are the Feet" dinner during the conference. Lott Carey Pastors Clifford A. Jones Sr. and Jeremiah A. Wright Jr. were among the featured speakers.

While we continue to concentrate on the needs in Haiti, we also are working on honoring our commitments to our partners in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, North America, Oceania, and South America. As we are faithful, God provides. Thanks for you partnership in this ministry.

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ultra right wing race baiting re-segregation strategy is a cynical attempt to play upon people's vulnerability to division as they struggle for jobs," said North Carolina NAACP State Conference President Rev. William J. Barber II. "On the other hand, we must demand recognition that the economic crisis in the African American and poor communities existed before recent crisis was acknowledge by the larger society and must be addressed."

For more information, visit www.hkonj.com or www.naacpc.org.

African-Americans More Likely to Go Hungry, Suffer from Poverty

From Press Release

"Hunger by the Numbers among African-Americans," a new analysis released by Bread for the World, reveals that hunger and poverty rates are higher among African-Americans than the general U.S. population. The analysis examines the latest data on hunger and poverty rates among African-Americans living in major metropolitan areas.

One in four African-American households struggle to put food on the table, compared to about one in seven of all households. Similarly, one in four African-Americans lives in poverty, compared to about one in eight overall. "Poverty among African-American children is especially alarming; it would hardly be an overstatement to say an entire generation of African-American children is at risk of being set back due to the current recession," said Bishop Don Williams, head of African-American church relations at Bread for the World.

According to the analysis, an alarming 90 percent of African-American children will receive SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly the Food Stamp Program) benefits at some point before age 20, compared to 49 percent of all U.S. children. Additionally, 34 percent of African-American children live in families that struggle to put food on the table.

Increased rates of hunger and poverty in the African-American community correlate with decreased economic opportunity. "A job is the best anti-hunger program," said Asma Lateef, director of Bread for the World Institute. "One of the best investments the United States can make in the African-

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News from Central Children's Home

By Angela J. Williams

Executive Director, Central Children's Home of N.C., Inc.

In January, the New Home and Durham Missionary Auxiliary sponsored its 36th Annual Central Children's Home Day. This event was held at Lipscomb Grove Church Missionary Baptist Church where the Rev. Hughes T. Crisp Sr. is pastor. An overview of the Central Children's Home was provided by the Rev. Norman T. Davis, board member for Central Children's Home. The Auxiliary provided lunch for the children and staff and presented a check for \$8,004.07. Each child also received a gift

card with varied amounts and the Auxiliary provided other supplies for the campus. The Rev. Shirley Cates is president of the New Home and Durham Missionary Auxiliary and the Rev. Brian Irving is moderator of the New Home and Durham Association. Mrs. Lucy Wilson is chairman of hospitality and past president of the Missionary Auxiliary.

The Central Children's Home recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Plachetka Family Fund of Triangle Community

Foundation. These funds enabled the home to purchase nine mini-notebook computers for the high school students. Each high school student received an Acer Aspire One Netbook with Microsoft Office 2007, a notebook case, and a 4GB flashdrive. The children in elementary and middle school received other age-appropriate gifts. This grant was issued from a donor-advised fund. To learn more about donor-advised funds, please go to www.trianglecf.org/grants_support/daf.

U.S. Approves Settlement for Black Farmers

From News Reports

The Obama administration announced a \$1.25 billion settlement to resolve charges by thousands of black farmers who say that for decades the Agriculture Department discriminated against them in loan programs.



Cabinet officials exhorted Congress to approve the deal by setting aside money for the farmers, who have fought through three

administrations to secure a measure of justice.

In the starkest cases, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said, farmers lost their property after local administrators slow-pedaled loan applications, leaving them unable to plant key crops.

The agreement is part of a wider effort by President Obama and senior officials to dispense with lawsuits stemming from America's checkered civil rights legacy. In December, the Justice Department led efforts to settle a long-standing case with Native Americans who accuse the federal government of mismanaging royalty payments for natural resources mined on tribal lands. A settlement is awaiting congressional action.

Vilsack and Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. took a personal interest in striking a deal with the black farmers, whose leaders have appeared regularly in the halls of Congress and in the White House.

In a statement, Obama applauded the Cabinet members for "bringing these long-ignored claims of African American farmers to a rightful conclusion."

The government paid \$1 billion to settle a related case with 16,000 black farmers in 1999, but notification and communica-

tion errors led to some farmers being omitted from that settlement. This new agreement would provide cash payments and debt relief to farmers who applied too late to participate in the earlier settlement. Authorities say they are not certain how many farmers might apply this time, but analysts following the dispute say the number could be higher than 70,000.

Farmers can apply through a streamlined process if they wish to submit claims for up to \$50,000, or they can complete a more detailed claim that could result in a larger payment. The payout to each farmer would depend on how many people make claims, said Associate Attorney General Thomas J. Perrelli.

John W. Boyd Jr., president of the National Black Farmers Association, which has been lobbying for an agreement, said: "There's a huge trust factor that has been broken. The \$50,000 will not put a farmer who has lost his farm back on his land, but it will help them have some comfort in their final years."

African-American Clergy Leaders Support Immigration Reform Campaign

From Press Release

In February, the Rev. Luis Cortes Jr., president of Esperanza and chairman of the Esperanza for America campaign, convened a group of prominent African-American clergy from across the country with Hispanic clergy and faith leaders to discuss the issue of immigration reform. The purpose of this meeting was to begin building an African-American/Latino coalition in support of Esperanza's national campaign for comprehensive immigration reform. Esperanza is one of the largest Hispanic faith-based networks in the United States with a national network of 12,000 faith and community-based organizations.

"African-American and Hispanic clergy were able to hold an honest dialogue and found common ground on this important



issue that affects the faith community across ethnic lines. I am proud to join with such a distinguished group of clergy to move the issue of immigration reform forward," said the Rev. Cortes. "The biblical

basis for immigration reform is a bond that brings our communities together to fight for the immigrant community."

"I am excited to partner with Esperanza for America to ensure that we get comprehensive immigration reform passed," stated the Rev. Orlando

Findlayter, chairman of Churches United to Save and Heal (CUSH). "CUSH is now

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playing an active role encouraging the Caribbean community to stand with the Latino community to ensure we have victory. The blood that unites us is thicker than the water that divides us.”

“We are proud to join Reverend Cortes and Esperanza for America, and to commit our support for the passage of immigration reform legislation,” said the Rev. Dr. Wallace Smith, senior pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. “Leadership is needed on this issue and we are glad to step up to add our voices to others in the African-American community who are advocating for immigration reform.”

The meeting included clergy representing African-American churches from D.C. to Sacramento and concluded with a visit to the White House. The clergy met with White House officials to demonstrate that African-American and Latino communities are working together on this social jus-

tice issue, and to ask President Obama to continue encouraging the Senate to move forward with reform legislation.

The Esperanza for America campaign will use the Esperanza network as a base, drawn from trusted faith leaders across the country, and is working to engage thousands of people of faith at the grassroots and grass tops. The campaign will update individual and organizational members on volunteer opportunities and legislative priorities, encouraging them to mobilize their communities and contact their elected officials in support of comprehensive reform. The campaign aims to ensure that the voices of the 65 percent or more of Americans who support immigration reform, including Hispanics, are heard by Congress and answered with action.

For more information, visit www.esperanzaforamerica.com.

Michael Baisden Launches One Million Mentors Campaign

From Press Release

Nationally acclaimed radio personality Michael Baisden has created a campaign to encourage one million Americans to sign up as mentors for children in need through a nation-

local mentoring organizations and affiliates of Big Brothers Big Sisters, National CARES Mentoring Movement, and 100 Black Men.

“The videotaped beating of Chicago teen



al outreach effort. The One Million Mentors Campaign to Save Our Kids launched in February and is embarking on a road tour to visit 72 cities in a campaign-themed bus.

At each tour stop along the way, Baisden will host mentoring forums in partnership with

Derrion Albert was truly the final straw for me,” said Baisden. “After seeing it broadcast repeatedly on national news, I knew I needed to step up and get involved personally in the

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American community is to create green jobs which will help jumpstart the manufacturing and construction sectors.”

“Hunger by the Numbers among African Americans” is available online at www.bread.org.

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation’s decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.

By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness...

(II Corinthians 6:7)

New Zion Baptist Church



Pastor William F. Wright

Pastor William F. Wright, Jr. and the members of New Zion Baptist Church 1310 Martin Luther King Jr., Drive, Greensboro, North Carolina

Will celebrate 30 years of pulpit and pew April 11, 2010



Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr.

On Sunday, April 11, the New Zion family will be honored to have as guest speaker for this auspicious occasion, at the 10 a.m. service, the renowned Reverend Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Jr., pastor of Saint Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC. Dr. Moss is also the illustrious president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

Michael Baisden: Continued from Page 5

effort to save our kids. My hope is that by touring across the country, this national mentoring campaign will have an impact on some of these young people who need caring adults involved in their lives."

With more than 14 million young people in need of a mentor, according to Mentoring.org, the tour will visit a total of 72 markets including New Orleans, Nashville, Miami, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Saint Louis, Chicago and Washington, DC. It will also visit four North Carolina cities: Fayetteville (April 7), Greenville (April 8), Raleigh (April 9), and Charlotte (April 10).

At each event, participants will have the opportunity to hear firsthand accounts as local mentors share their personal success stories of working with children in their

community. Representatives from local mentoring programs will be available to register qualified adults for training and ultimately match them with area children on waiting lists for mentors.

In addition to driving registration for new mentors, Baisden will also be raising funding for mentoring programs across the tour markets by matching contributions from participants up to \$350,000. The Michael Baisden Foundation, which is dedicated to providing educational support in communities, will then direct the funds toward local mentoring programs.

For more information, visit www.one-millionmentors.com or text "mentors" to 90101.

**To all 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.**

Romans. 1:7

Pastor

Rountree Missionary Baptist Church, located at 2110 Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway, Wilson, North Carolina, is searching for a person chosen by God to serve this mega-small congregation in pastoral ministry; having God given skills in preaching, teaching, counseling, pastoral care and administration.

Candidate must meet the qualifications outlined in I Timothy 3:1-7, along with having strong leadership abilities and effective communication and interpersonal skills. Must have a vision for spiritual growth for the membership of this church and the community. The desired candidate must be or willing to become an ordained Missionary Baptist Pastor.

Candidate must possess at least 5 years of church ministries experience. Salary-negotiable. Send resume to: Pastor's Search Committee, Rountree Missionary Baptist Church, P.O. Box 4781 Wilson, NC 27893. To be considered for this position, your resume must be postmarked by March 31, 2010.

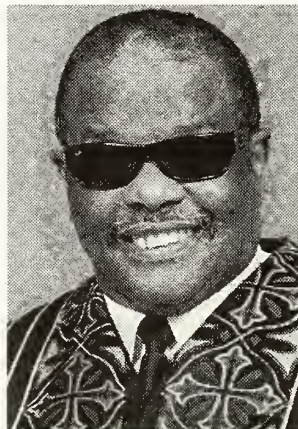
Contact: Reverend Ada R. Harris
252-243-5409

In Memoriam

**The GBSC recognizes the following
Baptist family members who passed away**

Rev. Dr. Marcus V. Ingram Sr.

Rev. Ingram was laid to rest February 2 at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Apex. Born in Mount Gilead, he was the youngest of four children. After graduating valedictorian from high school, he went on to earn his bachelor's degree at North Carolina Central University, and a master's degree from Penn State University. After serving on the faculty at Miles College in Alabama for six years, Ingram felt the call to preach. He chose instead to enter a doctoral program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 1970, while still a doctoral candidate at UNC and on the faculty at NCCU, he heeded the call to ministry and preached his initial sermon at Mount Olive AME Zion Church in Durham. He joined the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. In 1976, he returned to the NCCU faculty and began the pastorate of New Hope. He taught at NCCU until his retirement in 1998 and, at the time of his death, remained pastor of New Hope.



Survivors include his wife, Rosetta Mercer Ingram; children, Marcus V. Ingram II, Marcia Harris (Darrell), Michael Ingram, and Miranda Ingram; grandchildren, sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law, and other loving family members and friends.

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**Baptist Grove Church in Raleigh, NC is seeking a part-time
Director of Youth Choirs. Previous experience preferred.**

- At least 3-5 years of musical experience
- Works with Fine Arts Director in planning church music
- Ability to work with and communicate with youth
- Able to play keyboard/piano
- Able to teach a variety of voice parts
- Knowledge of traditional, contemporary gospel songs

Send Resumes to Ada Maxwell at Adamaxwell@baptistgrovechurch.org

Bazzel Creek Missionary Baptist Church seeks a part-time Minister of Music

Requirements

- Strong Christian faith and comply with church policies
- Work with Pastor in planning church music for worship
- At least 3 to 5 years of musical experience
- Ability to deal with people and have excellent communication skills
- Available for weekly rehearsals
- Able to play organ/keyboard/piano and able to read and play by ear
- Knowledge of appropriate traditional, contemporary gospel and hymns
- The ability to teach a range of voice parts
- Be available for morning, evening and special services
- Provide references and pass background check
- Any other duties specified by the Pastor

Resumes accepted through March 31, 2010
Mail resume to: Bazzel Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Attention Music Ministry
1228 Wilbon Road/P.O. Box 1295 | Fuquay-Varina, N.C. 27526

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THEME: *"By the word of truth,
by the power of God,
by the armor of righteousness..."*
(II Corinthians 6:7)

PASTORAL VACANCY

Red Bud Missionary Baptist Church
155 Red Bud Church Road, Henderson, NC 27536

The Red Bud Missionary Baptist Church is a church with
approximately 150 members. Our worship services
are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.
Sunday School is held on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays.

Applicants who would like to be considered should be:

- A born-again/converted person of deep moral and spiritual commitments.
- 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.

All interested persons should submit a resume to the following:
Red Bud Missionary Baptist Church
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PO Box 305, Henderson, NC 27536

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African-American Baptists Collaborate to Support Haiti

From Staff Reports

Five historic African-American Baptist communities have collaborated to respond more effectively to the devastation in Haiti. The presidents of these Baptist bodies have formed the United African American Baptist Mission Collaboration to enable a stronger response to benefit the people of Haiti.

The suffering being experienced in the Republic of Haiti in the aftermath of the January 12 earthquake motivated the presidents of the largest African-American Baptist communities to commit to link the resources to create synergies in responding through relief and recovery for Haiti, to advocate for just and compassionate policies toward Haiti, and to engage in effective service delivery and sustainable community development.

"This collaboration is essential for the kind of response that is needed in Haiti," says Dr. Julius Scruggs, president of the National Baptist Convention, USA.

Dr. C.C. Robertson, president of the National Missionary Baptist Convention of America, expresses,



"100 percent support of this unprecedented collaboration."

The member bodies of the collaboration—Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention; National Baptist Convention, USA; National Baptist Convention of America; National Missionary Baptist Convention of America; and Progressive National Baptist Convention—represent more than 10 million Christians in the United States, most of whom are of African-American heritage.

"The collaboration will help us to enlarge the relationships and partnerships that our different conventions now have on the ground," says Dr. Stephen Thurston,

president of the National Baptist Convention of America.

Dr. Robert Murray, president of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, adds, "A substantial collaboration among African-American Baptists will be good for the people of Haiti and good for our witness to Jesus Christ."

"This collaboration among Baptists will create a platform for even more expansive networking and cooperation," says Dr. T. DeWitt Smith, Jr., president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

For more details, contact Dr. David Emmanuel Goatley at 202-543-3200 or dgoatley@lottcarey.org.



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Shaw University's Interim President to Speak at Heritage Banquet

Dr. Dorothy Cowser Yancy, the interim president of Shaw University, will be the featured speaker at the seventh annual Heritage Banquet sponsored by the Rocky Mount/Kelly Bryant Alumni Chapter. The event will be held April 2 at the Thorne Chapel Family Life Center.

A native of Alabama, Dr. Yancy received her bachelor's of arts degree in history and social science from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte. Her master's of arts degree in history was awarded by the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and her Ph.D. in political science was earned at Atlanta University in Georgia. She has done further study at the University of Singapore, Hampton University, Georgia Institute of Technology, and other distinguished universities.

Dr. Yancy has earned the respect of the higher education community throughout her career. She's the first female president of Shaw University.

She served as president of Johnson C. Smith University for 14 years, and is a former president of the Members Presidents of United

Negro College Fund and Council of Independent Colleges. She was also a member of the Association of Governing Boards Task Force on the State of the Presidency in American Higher Education. As a valued member of various organizations, Dr. Yancy has received numerous awards, including "Outstanding Teacher of the Year" at Georgia Tech; listings in "Who's Who Among American Women," and "Who's Who Among Women in Education." She was inducted into the most prestigious honor society in the nation, the Delta of Georgia Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, in May 2002.

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