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Matthew 28:19-20

Concerned... About Serving God

By Dr. Haywood T. Gray
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, GBSC



Dr. Haywood T. Gray

In the morning of my pastoral ministry, I lived and worked in a community where there was a certain senior minister who was known for one catchphrase: "You ought to be concerned about serving God!" This line would pepper his sermons and speeches and, even at times, his prayers. As I look back, I recall the sincerity and fervor of his plea to those who would hear. It was not a gimmick nor was it the popular preaching phrase for the moment. It was what he believed.

I'm ashamed to admit it, but I actually thought that line to be alternately funny, trite, or simply inappropriate. In my youthful perspective, shouldn't a senior minister have something more creative or something more profound or something more memorable to say? After a while, I think I just accepted it as the inevitable result of hearing him preach, speak, pray, or chat. "You," he said with conviction,

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Open Letter to All Citizens and Leaders Concerned About the State of Education in N.C.



Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II

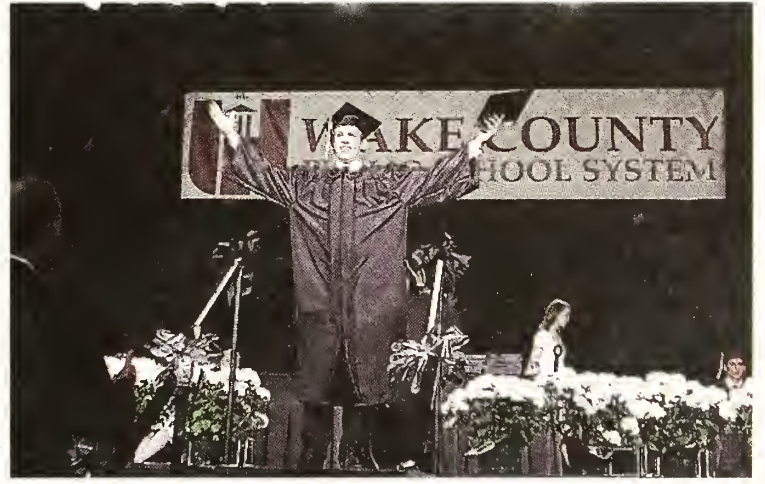
By Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II
N.C. NAACP State President and
National Board Member

For the moment, at least, North Carolina has lost out in its \$469.5 million application for a federal "Race to the Top Fund" grant. While Governor Beverly Perdue and Superintendent June Atkinson led a delegation to Washington, D.C. on a noble effort to compete for hundreds of millions of dollars in "Race to the Top" funds, the "First in Backwards Flight Five" led our state's largest school system, the capital city, in the opposite direction, making us famous for abandoning the best practices in public education.

Hundreds of millions of "Race to the Top" dollars go to states that make the strongest case for their achievements in measuring and addressing school inequities. And the Department of Education's evaluation acknowledges that North Carolina is a "national leader in development of measuring student growth." But the weakness in North Carolina's application, reviewers said, included a lack of "policies that ensure that [local school boards] distribute funding equitably between high-poverty schools and other schools." Reviewers also noted that "North Carolina does not have equitable distribu-

tion of effective teachers and principals in high-poverty and high-minority schools" and cited "lackluster recent trends" in closing the achievement gaps that plague re-segregated high-poverty schools. "There does not appear to be any policies promoting the equitable funding of high-poverty schools" within local school systems.

While some have alleged that North Carolina's statewide cap on charter schools posed a fatal problem, the truth of the matter is that one of the winners (Tennessee) has an equally, if not more restrictive, policy on charters. Like us, they recognize that charters are no solution to what ails public schools unless they're required to act as genuine laboratories of change and not merely as a backdoor tactic for promoting voluntary re-segregation.



The state ranked 12th among 16 finalists for the \$400 billion program to reward states for educational innova-

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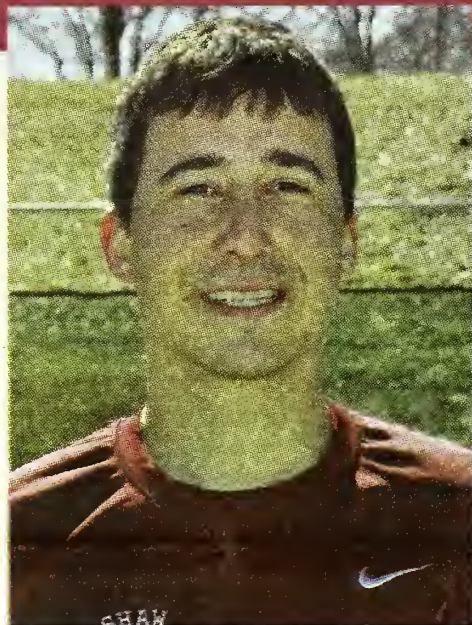
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From Press Release



Lolia Kienka



Milos Stankovich



Kalada Kienka

Twenty student-athletes representing ten of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association's (CIAA) eleven member schools have been named to the 13th Annual CIAA Commissioner's All-Academic Team. This year's team defines the total NCAA DII student-athlete experience with each member excelling on their respective playing fields and courts as well as in their classrooms and communities.

"I'm proud of each one of our student-athletes and their commitment and dedication to education," notes Commissioner Leon G. Kerry. "In these tough economic times, having the ability to multi-task and treat both their academic and athletic endeavors with devotion will set them ahead of the game of life."

The CIAA Commissioner's All-Academic Team aims to recognize twenty well-deserving student-athletes for their efforts in the classroom, in the community,

as well as their contributions to the success of their respective athletic programs. Ten CIAA student-athletes were named First Team CIAA Commissioner's All Academic Team. Those ten student-athletes boasted a 3.95 overall grade point average. The Second Team also consists of ten student-athletes, averaging a 3.69 overall grade point average. Both Shaw University and Johnson C. Smith University placed three student-athletes on the First Team.

Shaw University's three student-athletes named to the First Team are Kalada Kienka (Lagos, Nigeria), Lolia Kienka (Lagos, Nigeria), and Milos Stankovich (Montenegro, Serbia), each of them members of the tennis team. Kalada Kienka has compiled a 3.96 overall grade point average in computer science, and was named Shaw's Outstanding Student in Computer Science. He was also named to the All-CIAA Men's Tennis Team after helping his team win their

sixth straight conference championship. Lolia Kienka was this year's CIAA Women's Tennis Player of the Year and is a member of Shaw's Honors College with a 3.82 overall grade point average in political science. Stankovich has been perfect in the classroom with a 4.0 grade point average in business administration. He was an All-CIAA performer this year and only lost two matches in the number one singles slot this season for the Bears.

The CIAA Commissioner's All-Academic Team is voted on by the CIAA Sports Information Director's Association and is in its 13th year. To be eligible for the team, a student-athlete must have completed one academic year at a CIAA institution, earned a minimum 3.2 grade point average, and have excelled as a starter or significant reserve in a CIAA-sanctioned sport.

tion and reform. Funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, "Race to the Top" rewards states for closing achievement gaps, improving graduation rates, increasing equity in the distribution of highly effective teachers, and turning around low-performing schools. All of these are areas that will be harmed by the decisions of the Wake County School Board's narrow conservative majority to abandon Wake's nationally renowned diversity program. The next round of the competition ends in June, when North Carolina could lose out on hundreds of millions of dollars in much-needed school funding. Why is the Wake County School Board engaged in a "race to the bottom" strategy that endangers North Carolina's "Race to the Top" in educational reform?

The RTTT grant requires a visible commitment to addressing the widely recognized problems associated with "high-poverty schools." But the 5-4 anti-diversity coalition on the Wake school board explicitly refused to state that "the Board will eliminate high concentrations of low-income students in schools" and also voted down any assurance "that schools will not become segregated" under its plans, which do not yet exist in concrete form. This pig-in-a-poke smells like bad news for North Carolina's hopes for \$469.5 million in "Race to the Top" funds.

Officially, of course, the outcome of our application depends on the grant proposal and the state's track record. And part of the problem is North Carolina's too-limited cap on charter schools, given its size, though Department of Education head Arne Duncan insists that charter schools are not given disproportionate weight. But Wake County is the flagship system in North Carolina, and the narrow anti-diversity majority could not have picked a worse time to make us "First in Flight"—backwards, that is. From *The Today Show*, to the *Los Angeles Times*, from *The Economist* to the *Christian Science Monitor*, the anti-diversity coalition has made national news in deserting the widely acclaimed model of Wake's socioeconomic diversity program. "It's putting Wake County in a very bad light," Mayor Charles Meeker acknowledges, "and making people have second thoughts about coming here." No doubt it gives federal officials second thoughts about sending their money here, too, especially when we realize that the abandonment of mixed schools has begun to spread across the state.

Anybody who studies educational policy knows that the Wake diversity program, though it represented a crucial advance, hardly solved all the county's educational challenges. We have much work to do. The NAACP fought to end

"separate but equal" schools several decades ago, not just to seat black children beside white children, even though that is a good thing and also a mandate of the U.S. Constitution. We fought because "separate but equal" produced poisonous inequities in teacher pay, school curriculum, textbooks, transportation, and other opportunities. Segregation was wrong because it produced barriers no child should have had to face. If we look honestly at our history, we'll understand why the re-segregation inevitable under the proposed new program creates poverty and racially identified schools in its race to the bottom.

The anti-diversity contingent on the Wake County School Board has tried to spin the public conversation, pitting socioeconomic diversity as the enemy of school excellence. Ending the diversity program, they insist, will magically address issues of student achievement. They act as though advocates of the pioneering program regard diversity as a cure-all, when the NAACP, Great Schools for Wake, and other supporters all underline the need for highly trained teachers that are equitably distributed, small class size, renewed parental involvement in schools, an emphasis on math, science, and reading, and diverse constitutional schools. The anti-diversity caucus should have never started this fight to dismantle diversity; forty years of education research shows that isolating students in high-poverty schools creates dangerous pools of misery and failure that can sink a school system. We need to embrace diversity as a powerful tool, in the push for a sound, basic, constitutional education for all of North Carolina's students. That \$469.5 million from "Race to the Top" would be helpful, if we were not so busy racing to the bottom.

There are aspects of the crisis that are even worse than misguided educational policies. Wake County's right-wing ideologues, led by Republican moneybags Art Pope and his various mouthpieces on the school board, have lifted up old code words that are laced with muted racial appeals and invoke a divisive partisan program. These slogans originate with Richard Nixon's 1968 "Southern strategy," which sought to capitalize on white racial fears. The author of that strategy, Kevin Phillips, argued that "the secret of American politics is knowing who hates who." According to *Swann's Way: The School Busing Case and the Supreme Court*, by Professor Bernard Schwartz, Richard Nixon responded to the fears among white Southerners by arguing for "neighborhood schools" and against "forced busing." But Nixon's speechwriters did not coin the slogan—we must give credit where credit is due: the "neighborhood schools" slogan actually first appears in a

speech titled, "The Civil Rights Movement: Fraud, Sham, and Hoax," an attack on the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by none other than Alabama's segregationist Governor George Wallace.

This re-segregation rhetoric has worked in some circles but not among those who know the facts. School diversity is one of the best friends of school excellence. In truth, 85 percent of Wake County students attend schools within five miles of their homes under the diversity policy and 99 percent of students attend schools within ten miles of home. The old segregation required busing, integration required busing, and there will always be some busing unless you decide to build an elementary, middle, and high school every few blocks. This seems unlikely when the Wake County school system has a \$20 million deficit and faces an era of shrinking resources and expanding demands. The anti diversity crowd, in essence, says dismiss the facts, forget the research and do away with socioeconomic diversity because it feels good and sounds easy. Making themselves the issue, they urge us simply to trust them. But they refuse to promise not to re-segregate the schools. Nor can they explain how they will build "neighborhood schools" that are not pretty much segregated by socioeconomic class and generally by race, too. This pig-in-a-poke policy is not only morally wrong but practically delusional.

Meanwhile, the actions of five ideologues in Wake County endanger the educational aspirations of the entire state. It's time that all citizens of Wake County and throughout North Carolina join together and lead us toward the sane, sensible, research-based, and constitutional educational policies that really will help us "Race to the Top," whether or not we get the funding that our schools so badly need.

In wishing North Carolina's educators the best of luck in changing their fortunes in the next round, we stand by all our children, regardless of the neighborhoods their parents can afford. On May 17, the 56th anniversary of *Brown vs. Board of Education*, the NAACP will hold a Mass Meeting in Raleigh to present our 45-minute research-based position on re-segregation to the public that the anti-diversity caucus would not allow us to present to the board. This presentation will lay out why historically, legally, educationally, economically, and morally we stand for the children and against those bent on destroying socioeconomic diversity.

“ought to be concerned about serving God!”

That was the morning of my ministry. It was a time when freshness dominated my fervor for ministry. It was a time when zeal often outpaced sense. It was often full of those Peter moments: when one speaks first and thinks whenever one can get around to thinking about what one has just blurted out.

But things are so different now. I'm no longer in the morning of ministry. I'm no longer a new, fresh journal whose crisp and clean pages beg for the hand of God to inscribe direction and revelation. The truth is that this journal has aged, its pages yellowing, the edges dog-eared, and the spine bending. Upon the pages of the story of my life and ministry is the indelible ink of the Divine with the mysterious scribbling of the Holy Spirit in the margins of the highs and lows of ministry. And I seem to hear the voice of my long-ago deceased friend whispering still to me:

“You ought to be concerned about serving God.”

In our present busyness, have we failed to see the simple and powerful truth behind those words? Our purpose is serving God. We need to be reminded of that.

We have too often thought that ministry and Church and denomination and missions were somehow about us, connected to us, and directed by us. Not so! The Risen Christ makes us to know that it is all about serving God, loving God, following God, and being the face and the heart of God for the suffering, the disenfranchised, the disinherited, and the hopeless.

The outpouring of support for Haiti by our Baptist family over the past few months is not about competition—it's about service. The regular support of congregations, large and small, to give to Shaw University is not about obligation—it's about service. The heartbeat of Central Children's Home is kept strong and well

defined not simply out of rugged adherence to tradition—it's about service. Keeping our Baptist Headquarters staffed and supported in an age where far too many attack denominational affiliation as a relic of days long gone is not about throwing good money after bad—it's about service.

But will our service be only an afterthought? Will we think of service only after we have set out to satisfy our selfishness? Will we pray about finding our avenues of service only after we have wearied of the current popular “Christian thing” of the moment? Will we serve only because we will be embarrassed to be called out for our inaction in the face of great crisis and need? Will we really be concerned about serving God?

I hope so. I am.

The Holy Spirit Is God's Mark On Us

By Dr. Audrey Battle

President of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C.

The world today is indeed vastly different than that of former times. As families go, so goes the nation. When the family declines, that is, when men and women can no longer maintain a bond of love and trust, society declines; and in its wake emerges an ever-increasing tide of self-destructive behavior.



Dr. Audrey Battle

We're reminded of the basic habits of leadership to which we've been called even with the wave of changes in our society.

CSI: A Call to Spiritual Integrity with the Anointing of the Holy Spirit

“What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of

the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?” (1 Corinthians 6:19)

Your body, as a Christian, is the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

This is where the Holy Spirit is God's mark on us, and we belong to Him. Because He dwells in us and we belong to God, our body must never be defiled by any impurity or evil, whether by immoral thoughts, immoral desires, immoral deeds, immoral films, or immoral books or magazines.

We must live in such a way as to glorify and please God in our body. God cares for our needs in the midst of the forces of evil that attempts to

destroy our lives and souls. We are confronted daily by Satan and are surrounded by an ungodly society. We're furnished with sufficient grace to live and rejoice in God's presence.

We may eat at the table in faith with thanksgiving and in hope, fully at peace, and protected by the shed blood and broken body of this Good Shepherd.

“Anointest my head with oil” refers to God's special favor and blessing through the anointing of His Holy Spirit upon our bodies, our minds, and our spirits.

We're called to a higher level of listening as the ministers of God proclaim the Word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit. This power results in the conviction of our sins, deliverance from satanic bondage, and the performing of outreach ministries.

Those who believe the messages will obey the Word of God and will live it out in their lives. They will be holy and righteous before all.

We must remain obedient to God and His word, (John 15:9-10).

We must look for and wait for the return of our Lord and eternal glory that will accompany His return, (John 14:2).

We are kept by the Holy Spirit. And kept by His power divine. We have been anointed by the Holy Spirit. And have been appointed to be a witness for Him.

Breathe On Us

Oh Holy Spirit, breathe on us that our thoughts may be Holy. Act on us, oh Holy Spirit, that our work may be holy. Draw our hearts, oh Holy Spirit, that we love what is holy. Strengthen us, oh Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard us, oh Holy Spirit, that we will always be holy. Amen.

• To inspire. • To guide. • To energize. • To instruct.

To sustain and help us to do better in our praying with our minds and praying with our spirits.

Passion Week 2010 a Success

By Rev. Norman T. Umstead Jr.

In the fall of 2003, there was a discussion among some members at Lee's Chapel Baptist Church in Cedar Grove about doing something special for the residents at Central Children's Home. From that, several area churches were invited to participate in a week-long service that would benefit the Central Children's Home in Oxford. It was decided to hold this service during Passion Week in 2004.

For the past seven years, several churches in northern Orange and southern Caswell counties

have been holding services in conjunction with Passion Week to support the objectives of Central Children's Home. Each year, the services move to a different church. This year, Warren's Chapel Missionary Baptist in Prospect Hill served as host church. Rev. James W. Brown, who pastors both Warren's and Allen's Chapel, was the host pastor.

On Sunday afternoon, March 28, we started off with a concert that featured the male choruses from the member churches. Each male chorus sang two songs, and then they formed one huge chorus and sang together. It was truly a wonderful sight to see so many men of all ages singing praises to our God.

On the following evening, Dr. Vaughan Brayboy Jr. and the Orange Cross Roads Church of Hillsborough were responsible for the worship

services. They were followed by Rev. T.E. Taylor and Lee's Chapel on Tuesday, Rev. Norman T. Umstead Jr. and Mt. Moriah of Mebane on Wednesday, and we closed out on Thursday with Dr. T.C. Nicholson and Jones' Grove Church family of Hillsborough.

Since that time, we had one church to drop out, but we've had two others to join us in our efforts to meet the needs of Central Children's Home. Currently, there are seven churches, from four different associations that make up this union.

We are thankful to the Lord for the \$9,204.10 that was raised this year. Since we began in 2004, we have been blessed to donate more than \$40,000 to the home. Next year, the services will be held at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Mebane.

Jesus' Idea of Leadership

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. I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world," (Romans 1:7-8, NIV).



Dr. Nilous Avery, II

The story is told about a man who was walking down the street and pulling a chain behind him. Several individuals asked him why he was pulling the chain. He replied with an interesting question of his own: "Did you ever try to push one?" The idea of pushers and pullers has existed through the ages.

In Jesus' day, the Caesars, the centurions, and the religious leaders symbolized pushers who sought to destroy Jesus and push people against their will. When pushers spoke, people were expected to

respond in submissive and oppressive obedience.

Jesus provided an insightful directive to the twelve original disciples in Matthew 20:25-26 (NIV): "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant."

Walter Rauschenbusch (The Social Principles of Jesus) suggests that Jesus chose the people He did to follow Him because Jesus wanted to influence the world with a new kind of leadership—one that would serve and not exploit. Jesus sought people who would not be spoiled by success and poisoned by position and the pursuit of power. The search continues today!

According to Clarence Cranford (Taught by the Master), Jesus' idea of leadership clashed with the popular thought of that day. Many thought of leadership as climbing on top of people to gain position and power. Jesus' idea of leadership emphasized getting underneath people and their problems, and trying to lift them to new life, new hope, new purpose, and a new fulfillment.

Jesus is our exemplary model: "...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve," (Matthew 20:28, NIV). We must be servants of

Jesus the Christ in our homes, churches, to our communities, and the world. We have been saved in order to serve! We must serve with compassion, not confusion. We are equipped, enlightened, empowered, and endowed by the Holy Spirit to be:

- Pullers, not pushers.
- Lifters, not oppressors.
- Persuaders, not dictators.
- Missionaries, not "messy-naries!"

We can live out our call to be pullers and not pushers through our prayerful and generous financial support of our General Baptist State Convention objectives, particularly State Missions. Numerous initiatives are possible when we support this arm of our great convention. These initiatives provide opportunities for individuals, local churches, associations, unions, and others to invest in our General Baptist Convention's aim and desire "to convince the unconvinced to be convinced through education, missions, and fellowship."

"To the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ. Amen," (Romans 16:27, NIV).

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

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Shaw University Divinity School Gears Up for Annual Leadership Conference

Shaw University Divinity School is proud to announce its 73rd Annual Church Leadership

Conference, “Transparency and Integrity in the Church,” taking place Saturday, June 26.

This year’s conference offers eight great workshops that have been designed to provide basic leadership principles for the entire church. Participants will be able to attend at least two workshops of their choice, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Pastors are encouraged to bring/send at least six participants to benefit from all of the workshops. For every six paid participants, you are able to register two more at no additional cost. Certificates of participation will be given at the end of each workshop.

In addition, there will be a special Youth Seminar that will help youth combat some of the spiritual

warfare and peer pressures they encounter in today’s society. The morning session will address “Peer Pressure and Sexual Behaviors,” while the afternoon session will address “Peer Pressure and Gang Violence.” Each session will conclude with a panel discussion on “What Can the Church Do to Help?” You’re encouraged to bring your youth to attend.

On Friday, the day before the conference, Shaw University Divinity School will also host its second Gospel Music Festival at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

For more details and to register online, go to www.shawu.edu and click on Shaw University Divinity School in the bottom left of the homepage.

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

Candidacy Announcement

Reverend Anthonette Wright

For 4th Vice President

General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.



“Ready”

“Therefore said he unto them, the harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore he LORD of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.”

Luke 10:2

Experience

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- Professor of Biblical Studies, GBSC Congress of Christian Education
- GBSC Evangelism Ministry & Ministers Council
- Program Manager, Shaw University Divinity School
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Marriage May be Hazardous to Your Health

If you think your marriage may be making you sick, you probably are right. Your marriage may be literally killing you. While men generally benefit from marriage, even a bad one, the same is not true for women. In fact, some studies suggest that women may need marriage like a turtle needs snowshoes. Recent studies have



Rev. Donald Stevenson



Dr. Sara Stevenson

Co-Founders of the National Christian Family Resources Council

linked marital stress to coronary heart disease for women. Researchers found that women in unhappy marriages suffered from increased stress levels as well as higher blood pressure which could raise the risk of heart attack or stroke. In short, marriage may increase the risk of cardiac death in women. Does this mean that women should immediately rush for the divorce court or avoid that walk down the aisle to protect their health? Not so, says the same researchers.

The research shows that the health benefits of marriage for women depend on how good the marriage is. That is, it is the quality of the marital relationship, rather than simply being married that produce positive health benefits for women. Women in good marriages are less like-

ly to get heart disease and are healthier than divorced, widowed, and single women.

The challenge for women then, both those already married and those contemplating marriage, is to create a good, healthy marriage. But that's a lot easier said than done. Creating a long-term fulfilling marriage in today's climate is difficult to say the least, but it can be done.

Marriage experts warn that most marriages fail within the first few years. They point to several reasons for the high rate of divorce and mar-

ital distress: incompatibility, poor communication, sexual or financial difficulties. They miss the point! These are only symptoms of the real problem: the lack of intimacy.

Of all our human needs none is more compelling than the need for intimacy. We all need it. We are programmed for it. We need intimacy as much as we need air. That's why we get married or get into relationships in the first place.

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In Memoriam

The GBSC recognizes the following Baptist family members who have recently passed away.

Rev. Thomas B. Jiles Sr.

Rev. Jiles was a former moderator of Wake Baptist Association. His funeral was held April 24 at Springfield Baptist Church in Raleigh. Condolences may be sent to the family at 2410 Brenda Drive, Raleigh, NC, 27610.

Mrs. Hazel Baldwin Forbes

Mrs. Forbes is the wife of Dr. David C. Forbes Sr., pastor of Christian Faith Baptist Church in Raleigh. Her funeral was held April 15 at First Baptist Church in Raleigh. Condolences may be sent to Dr. Forbes at P.O. Box 28181, Raleigh, NC, 27611.

Rev. Dr. Wade Hampton Gatewood

For 56 years, Dr. Gatewood served as pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Hamlet. His funeral was held April 14 at New Hope. Condolences may be sent to his daughter, Lillian Rorie, c/o New Hope Baptist Church, P.O. Box 389, Hamlet, NC, 28345.

Rev. Dr. John E. Hall

Dr. Hall was a former pastor and longtime board member of Central Children's Home. His funeral was held April 3 at First Baptist Church in Oxford. Condolences may be sent to the family in care of the funeral home: Wright Funeral Home, 3724 Salem Road, Oxford, NC, 27565.

Rev. Dr. Amos Thomas Griffey Jr.

He is the father of Dr. A.T. Griffey III, former historian of the GBSC. His funeral was held April 2 at First Missionary Baptist Church in Clarksville, Tennessee. Condolences may be sent to Dr. Griffey at Mount Olive Baptist Church, 3411 Albion Street, Nashville, TN, 37209.

Rev. Willa C. Cooper

Rev. Cooper was a former institute instructor in the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention. Her funeral was held March 26 at First Baptist Church in Oxford. Condolences may be sent to the family in care of the funeral home: Betts and Sons Funeral Home, 512 Lewis Street, Oxford, NC, 27565.

Dr. Prince Rivers

Dr. Rivers is the father of the Rev. Prince Raney Rivers, pastor of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. His memorial service was held March 26 at United Metropolitan. Condolences may be sent to Rev. Rivers at 450 Metropolitan Drive, Winston-Salem, NC, 27101.

Mr. Russell James Frances Smith

Mr. Smith is the brother of Ms. C. Trumilla McDowell, GBSC Congress of Christian Education oratorical director. His funeral was held March 10 at White's Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Clarkton. Condolences may be sent to Ms. McDowell at 115 East McDowell Street, Elizabethtown, NC, 28337.



Continued: Marriage may be hazardous to your health

Marriages fail because couples do not achieve intimacy. No intimacy—no relationship. Get a clue! You can read every relationship book in the world, watch Oprah or Dr. Phil all day, or spend tons of money on counseling, but if you do not achieve intimacy in your relationship, it will fail. It's just that simple.

As important as intimacy is, very few people really understand what it is. Much is written today about intimacy, but most of it is confusing. Consequently, most people today have absolutely no clue about what intimacy is.

Intimacy is not just romance. Mention the word "intimacy" and automatically you probably think of a candlelight dinner, roses, perfume, or soft music. We naturally confuse intimacy with romance, but they are not the same. Romance is dependent upon external settings, mood, and ambiance. Two strangers can create romance but never intimacy.

Intimacy is not longevity. Living under the same roof and sharing household expenses do not necessarily bring about intimacy. Couples can live together for 50 years, raise children, pay bills, and do all kinds of things together and never experience intimacy.

Intimacy is not sex. Most people think that intimacy and sex are the same. They're wrong! Intimacy does not necessarily involve sex and sex certainly doesn't require intimacy. A couple can be intimate without sex or can have sex without being intimate. Sex does not necessarily lead to intimacy. In fact, sex too early in a relationship can be a roadblock to intimacy.

Intimacy is the desire to connect with

someone with whom you can share our innermost thoughts, feelings, fears, and emotions. We all long for a loving and intimate relationship in which we can be understood, appreciated, loved unconditionally, and accepted for who we are. We want someone with whom we feel safe to disclose our real selves. Intimacy allows us to retain our separate beings while combining our hearts and souls with another. Intimacy is best exemplified by the Biblical expression, "two shall become one."

Intimacy is a oneness. It springs from an emotional and spiritual communion and not just a physical connection. Intimacy is sharing not only your body, but also your heart, soul, and spirit. There are no shortcuts or quick fixes for intimacy. Achieving intimacy is not easy, especially in our culture today that is witnessing a general loss of intimacy. If a couple wants to make their marriage work, they must work hard at creating intimacy.

In an intimate relationship, we become like Siamese twins—two separate personalities joined together at the heart. While retaining our separateness, we become one emotional-

ly and spiritually. Our hopes, dreams, fears, and emotions become so intertwined that what affects one also affects the other. It's in this kind of marriage that the woman blooms and the man soars and both experience great health. That's the way God planned it!

Rev. Donald Stevenson and Dr. Sara Stevenson, authors of *Get A Clue! Why Relationships Don't Work*, are available to conduct relationship workshops for married and engaged couples and singles looking to be in a long-term relationship. Visit their website at www.ncfr-ministry.org.

Congratulations on the Ordination of Minister Charles R. Mosley Jr.



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Dr. Charles R. Mosley Sr., Pastor

*Minister Charles R. Mosley Jr.
was ordained
on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010.*

Nightly Service Supports Central Children's Home

By Rev. Norman T. Davis

Grace and Peace to you from the Lord Jesus Christ. I'm happy to share some good news, from the Middle Ground Association in the Eastern part of the state and the New Home Association of Durham.

From March 1 through March 5, a special service was held nightly at Batt Chapel Church, where the Rev. Dr.

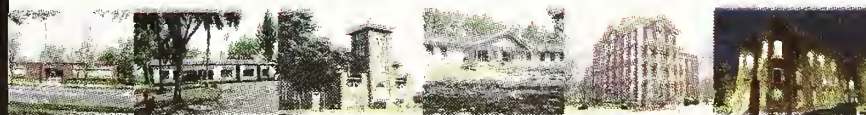
Walter Hines is pastor.

The following pastors rendered their services for the cause of the Central Children's Home of North Carolina by delivering sermons: Monday, the Rev. Russell Roberson; Tuesday, the Rev. Rony Wilson; Wednesday, the Rev. Freddie Hyman; Thursday, the Rev. Kenneth Matthew; and Friday, the Rev. Norman Davis.

Thank you to the moderator, Dr. Walter Cherry, and his staff. A special thanks to Sister Maxine Goss for your fine service.

The home received a total of \$13,570. Dr. George Cook, Ms. Angela Williams, the children, and the staff thank you all and may God's blessings be with you.

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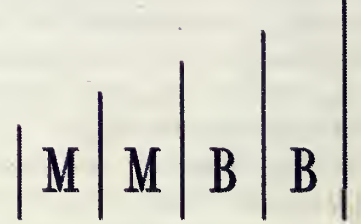
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"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness..."

(II Corinthians 6:7)

African-American Men: Health, Family, and Self

By Abdullah Jones
Press Associate, Men's Health Network

The Office of Minority Health (OMH), a division of the Department of Health and Human Services, has put men at the heart of National Minority Health Month. At their Fatherhood and Men's Health Forum on April 18, held at Busboys and Poets in Washington, DC, the panelists used four words to articulate the role of men: provide, nurture, guide, and protect.

But what happens when young boys are raised in a community where there are few responsible men who present a positive way of life for the boys to follow? Several key issues were discussed, from the man's perception of health to the grandmother's role as the matriarch of the family.

The event's moderator was attorney Tonya Lee Lewis, spokesperson for A Healthy Baby Begins with You campaign. She stated that the goal of Sunday's forum was not to criticize men for what they don't do. It was a chance for those who attended to share information.

"I certainly love my black men, and I'm trying to help them as I help myself," Lewis said.

Dr. Garth Graham, deputy assistant secretary at OMH, established the connection between health and the longevity of life early in the discussion. If people are doing meaningful work and have access to health insurance, their perception of health will change, according to Dr. Willie J. Parker. As a result, they will be more productive and able to contribute rather than cost society.

"When people are healthy, they can be more self-determined," Parker said.

According to statistics obtained from

OMH's website, African-Americans have a higher risk than Caucasians of being diagnosed with or dying from any of the top health threats. For instance, they're twice as likely of being diagnosed with diabetes and 33 percent more likely of dying from all types of cancer.

On the topic of youth violence, Parker stated that the youth feel as though they aren't important so they act out violently—even sexually. That feeling of inadequacy is only one example of the stress that affects the mental health of the African-American community. "We're seeing the outcome of some internalized negative valuation," Parker said.



According to Dr. Jermaine Bond, a research associate at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, the media doesn't help the youth develop a positive self image by regularly showing negative images of African-Americans.

About single mothers, Roland Warren, president of the National Fatherhood Initiative, believes single mothers can raise responsible men—but they shouldn't have to. He also point-

ed out that many grandmothers (mostly the mothers of men) don't have access to their grandchildren. Therefore, if young mothers want access to their children's children when they grow older, they need to understand the type of father their sons become is connected to their knowledge of what it means to be a father.

During the question and answer component of the forum, an anthropologist and representative for her mentor, who is a professor at the University of Maryland, stood up to contribute to the discussion. She said that family law judges need to be trained to deal with young, African-American males, since so many are

seen before the courts repeatedly, and so many are fathers. Instead of sentencing them to time away from their children, they should be sentenced to parenting classes.

This year's National Minority Health Month was dedicated to men. OMH wants men to "Man Up for Your Health" because "Healthy Men Move Our Communities Forward."

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National Baptist Congress Gears Up for 104th Annual Convention in Charlotte

By Roderick Jemison, Jemison & Associates

The National Baptist Congress, under the leadership of Dr. T.B. Boyd III, is preparing to convene in Charlotte on June 13-18 at the Charlotte Convention Center. This is the 104th week-long gathering of this institution. The National Baptist Congress is an itinerant Christian educational institute designed for leaders and workers in churches and denominations throughout the nation.

The National Baptist Congress was founded as an educational arm of the National Baptist Publishing Board for training church workers and leaders alike to effectively utilize the various resources for Christian education and discipleship. Today, these resources are produced by a new publishing and printing corporate entity that reflects the name of the founder—the R.H. Boyd Publishing Corporation.

During this annual event, registrants are

exposed to current trends in Christian education methodology, as well as strategies for effectively implementing the work of the church. Congress traditionally begins on the second Sunday in June and continues for five days, drawing thousands of delegates from all over the country.

General sessions have featured keynote speakers such as Rev. Benjamin Hooks, former Congressman Harold Ford Jr., former U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young, Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., Representative Sheila Jackson Lee, former NAACP Chairman Julian Bond, Dr. Joseph Lowery, Dr. Gardner Taylor, and Dr. James Forbes. The 2010 annual session of the National Baptist Congress will again be privileged to have some of the country's most notable speakers.

In the past, the national recording artists to grace the stage have included Tramaine Hawkins, Dorothy Norwood, Micah Stampley, Walter Hawkins, Beverly Crawford, and Kurt Carr just to name a few. The combination of this year's incredible speakers and dynamic artists will ensure that this event is not one that the Charlotte area will soon forget.

The Congress also has a relevant program for the youth delegates including National Drill Team and Oratorical Competitions and Liturgical Dance Workshops. Nightly entertainment will feature a Youth Mixer and a Youth Gospel Explosion headlined by some of the gospel industry's top urban acts. There will also be a

Youth Talent Showcase and a Youth Summit.

The first Congress was held in 1906, and was the brainchild of Rev. Richard Henry Boyd. He envisioned a training vehicle to promote the Sunday school and young people's organizations within black Baptist churches. Congress quickly became an anticipated event where church workers could learn, share, and fellowship with other Christian workers from across the nation.

Today's Congress continues to target its offerings to the contemporary needs of the church. Dr. T.B. Boyd III, president and CEO of R.H. Boyd Publishing Company, was inspired to add an innovative dimension to the Congress structure: the Youth Congress. This division, held simultaneously with the Congress, trains and prepares youth for Christian leadership.

After more than a century, the Congress' mission and commitment remains steadfast—training and equipping generations of pastors, ministers, teachers, missionaries, and other workers to fulfill the calling that God has placed on their lives; to educate, train, and teach church leaders and workers of all denominations, amplifying God's truth through excellence in Christian education resources.

The public is invited to this historical event. For more information, call 1-800-382-6772 or visit www.rhboydpublishing.com and click on the "National Congress" link.

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Report Released on Long-Term Unemployment in the African-American Community

From Press Report

A new report released by the Joint Economic Committee (JEC) provides an in-depth look at unemployment and long-term unemployment among African-Americans, and shows that both the unemployment rate and the duration of unemployment increased dramatically during the Great Recession for African-American workers.

"Understanding the Economy: Long-Term Unemployment in the African-American Community" is the first in a series of JEC reports examining the unemployment situation among several demographic groups, including African-Americans, Hispanics, youth, and women. Prepared by the JEC's Majority staff, the report draws from previously unpublished data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and found that though African-Americans make up 11.5 percent of the labor force, they account for 17.8 percent of the unemployed, 20.3 percent of those unemployed for more than six months, and 22.1 percent of the workers unemployed for a year or more.

Other key report findings include:
From February 2007 to February 2010, unemployment

among African-American men more than doubled, climbing from 9 percent to 19 percent. Among African-American women, unemployment increased from 7.1 percent to 13.1 percent during the same time period.

The median duration of unemployment for African-American workers also has doubled, increasing from less than three months before the recession began to almost six months in February 2010. Forty-five percent of unemployed African-Americans have been out of work for six months or more.

Younger African-American workers have faced particularly high rates of unemployment. In February 2010, more than two out of five African-American teenagers were unemployed, compared to an overall teen unemployment rate of slightly more than 25 percent.

"Our first report in the JEC's in-depth series on long-term unemployment shows that African-Americans have been hit especially hard during the Great Recession, facing higher rates of unemployment and longer spells of unemployment than the overall population," said Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, chair of the Joint Economic Committee.

"By better understanding the unemployment challenges facing specific communities, Congress can design and enact innovative policies that effectively address these challenges and help people get back to work. This new report will help move us down that path."

"Every day in the neighborhoods around my home, I see the signs that this recession has been particularly hard in my community," said Congressman Elijah Cummings, member

of both the Joint Economic Committee and the Congressional Black Caucus. "This report puts into numbers what has been obvious, from the beginning. The so-called Great Recession has been absolutely crushing for the African-American community. The work the JEC has done to



highlight the incredibly high long-term unemployment rate among African-American workers is very important, and it will be particularly useful to the Congressional Black Caucus as we continue the fight for policies that will address this issue that is so critical in our communities."

PASTOR SEARCH

The congregation of Johnson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, located at 317 Beauvue Road in Elm City, North Carolina, is searching for a spirit-filled person of God to serve this church and the surrounding multi-cultural community.

Candidate's experience must include 3-5 years of church ministry as a licensed and ordained minister who can effectively teach, preach and communicate the word of God to a diverse group. Candidate must be able to visit the sick and shut-in. Candidate must be willing to attend all church services. A Bible degree is optional.

Candidate must submit to a criminal background check. Salary commensurate with experience. Please send resume to: Johnson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, P. O. Box 37, Elm City, NC 27822

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Central Children's Home Day Celebration to Be Held June 19

From CCH Staff

The Annual Central Children's Home Day Celebration will be held Saturday, June 19, and you are invited to attend, participate, and show your support.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. in downtown Oxford. Please meet on East Spring Street no later than 9:30 a.m. to enter the line-up. We would like to have floats, clowns, bands, marching units, and other entries to enhance the beauty and significance of this event. We look forward to the participation of many of our local churches, civic, and fraternal organizations. There is no fee to participate in the parade, but we

ask that you contact us by June 10 to sign up.

Also, we're soliciting donations for our Souvenir Journal. If you have participated in the past, you know what a charming walk down memory lane that is portrayed in this journal.

In addition, we have an on-campus celebration to include entertainment such as baseball teams, singing groups, steppers, and many activities for the children. You are invited to contact us to reserve a time slot for your singing/dance group. Spaces for booths to sell your favorite wares or vend your food items are reserved for a modest fee of \$75. Spaces are available on a first-come basis.

We encourage you to invite your friends and associates to participate. Please submit your requests early as we tend to fill these spaces fast, and remember to bring your own



tents for shade. Also, there will be no electric current available.

If you have any questions, including reserving a booth, please contact us at 919-693-7617 or cch@gloryroad.net. Donations can be made to: Central Children's Home Day Committee, 211 West Antioch Drive, Oxford, NC, 27565.

This is our 15th annual celebration and we look forward to more fun and excitement than ever!

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General Baptist State Convention Hosts Annual Mid-Year Session at Pinehurst Resort

This year's Mid-Year Session will take place in the midst of luxury accommodations, meeting facilities with state-of-the-art technology, outstanding amenities including gourmet dining, creative entertainment, legendary golf, and world-class spa and tennis. Pinehurst Resort has welcomed the General Baptist State Convention to its facilities beginning May 17 with a golf outing. The Mid-Year Session will continue through May 19 and will include several information sessions, seminars, and worship experiences. Dr. Haywood Gray, executive secretary-treasurer of GBSC, stated, "We are very excited about this year's Mid-Year Session and looking forward to

being able to incorporate an inaugural golf outing."

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, teach, and fellowship

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