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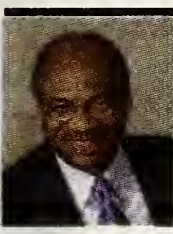
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GBSC THEME

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

Don't Let the Recession Bankrupt your Marriage



Rev. Donald Stevenson



Dr. Sara Stevenson

Co-Founders of the National Christian Family Resources Council

Bad economic news continues to dominate the headlines. Millions have lost their homes, jobs, and retirement savings. Relationship experts tell us that one of the casualties of an economic downturn is often marriages.

Nothing drains the passion and romance from a marriage like financial difficulties. The pressures of foreclosure or job loss certainly can strain even the best of marriages. In hard times, arguments mount, sex diminishes, and partners blame each other for their financial predicaments.

"This economic crash need not crash your marriage," says Dr. Sara Stevenson PhD., a psychologist and relationship coach. "You can ensure

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Shaw University Divinity School Prepares for Annual Women's Conference

From Staff Reports

Shaw University Divinity School will host its 27th Annual Women's Conference: "I Am My Mother's Child," on the campus of Shaw University, in the Estey Hall Auditorium. The conference will open with a worship service from Rev. Debra L. Haggins O'Bryant, on Saturday, September 25 at 8:30 am.

Rev. O'Bryant is the first female chaplain of Hampton University and the executive secretary and treasurer for the largest gathering of interdenominational African-American clergy in the world of its kind, the Hampton University Ministers' Conference and Choir Directors' and Organists' Guild.

The Women's Conference will continue with workshop conversations on Nurturing the Total You and Raising Healthy Children. It will close with the Sarah Leonard Baker Tupper Awards Banquet. This awards banquet was designed to recognize distinguished clergy women, lay women, and Shaw University undergraduate women. This year, the banquet will also recognize and honor church mothers. The keynote address will be delivered by Rev. O'Bryant.

The Sarah Baker Leonard Tupper Awards are named in honor of the co-founder of Shaw University. A strong proponent of women's rights and education, Mrs. Tupper was a pioneer and visionary who demonstrated courage and spiritual fortitude. This award is given in honor of her memory and in recognition of women who continue in her spirit. All nominees will be honored and three awards will be presented during the Sarah Baker Leonard Tupper Awards Banquet, one in each of the following categories: Church Mother, Laywoman, and Clergywoman.

"I Am My Mother's Child" will bring scholars and practitioners to the Research Triangle and offer presentations that will focus on the foundations for the dynamics of leadership, particularly for women in ministry, worship, healthy living, spiritual practices, self-healing, and creating healthy communities. This conference will engage the mind, inspire the soul, impassion the heart, and build the community.



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Conference Registration

Pre-registration:

-Students, \$35

-Regular admission, \$45

On-site registration:

-Non-Shaw students, \$45

-Regular admission, \$55

-Shaw students (lunch only), \$15

Buy a table and sponsor two students! Purchasing a banquet table for eight people at the pre-registration price will be a blessing to two Shaw University students.

Award Nomination Criteria

Shaw University Divinity School is now accepting nominations for the 2010 Sarah Baker Leonard Tupper Awards to be presented at the 27th Annual Women's Conference: "I Am My Mother's Child," Saturday, September 25. The awards will be given in each of the following categories: Church Mother, Laywoman, and Clergywoman.

Church Mother Award criteria: Nominees must be living Christian women who have been named and garnered the respect of "Church Mother" by her local church congregation. Nominees must be longstanding female leaders

who exemplify faith in God and demonstrate a tremendous love for God's people. They may or may not hold official leadership positions or ministerial titles, but are individuals who commit their passion, time, talent, and energy to fostering the spiritual growth and leadership development of African-American Christian women and girls both in and out of church.

Laywoman Award criteria: Nominees must be living Christian women who are members in good standing with their local church. Nominees must be laywomen who exemplify faith in God. They may or may not hold official leadership positions or ministerial titles, but are individuals who commit their passion, time, talent, and energy to fostering the spiritual growth and leadership development of African-American Christian women and girls.

Clergywoman Award criteria: Nominees must be living Christian women who are ordained clergy serving in official leadership positions in North Carolina Christian congregations or faith-based organizations. We welcome nominations of women who are serving as pastors and as associate pastors/ministers as well as women who are serving in leadership positions within faith-based organizations (such as nonprofits). Nominees must be women who exemplify faith in God and who commit their passion,

time, talent, and energy to fostering the spiritual growth and leadership development of African-American Christian women and girls.

Nomination and selection process: Nominations for the awards will be accepted from Christian congregations in North Carolina. The award recipients will be selected by a committee made up of faculty, students, and alumni from Shaw University Divinity School. Each of the awardees and nominees will be honored at the awards luncheon during the Women's Conference. Nominations must include a completed nomination form and three letters of recommendation. Nominations may be sent by mail or faxed to the address listed on the nomination form and must be received by September 10 for consideration.

You can download the nomination form by visiting www.shawu.edu/Academics/Divinity.aspx and clicking on the conference link.

For more information regarding registration, award nomination, and schedule of events, contact Shaw University Divinity School, Office of Continuing Christian Education, 118 East South Street, Raleigh, NC 27601, 919-546-8654, www.shawu.edu/Academics/Divinity.aspx.

Hinson Named Director of Communications for GBSC

From Staff Report



Dexter A. Hinson

Dexter A. Hinson has been appointed the Director of Communications for the General Baptist State Convention effective August 1. Hinson is under contract with the Convention through the end of November.

This arrangement is made possible because of the special efforts of President Gregory Moss to raise special funds designated for personnel to help ease the severe personnel shortage at Baptist Headquarters. So far, the Moss Personnel Funds have been used to offer fringe benefits to one Convention staffer, employ four student interns for the summer, contract with an external meeting planning firm, and employ one college student to serve as an administrative

support assistant to Dr. Haywood T. Gray, the Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

"Without the energy and effort of the president, GBSC would have pretty much been a one-man show this summer," said Dr. Gray.

Dr. Gray is referring to the fact that the Baptist Headquarters has been severely understaffed for years and he has had to assume the duties of several staff persons. "One of the key people in the Moss Funds this year will be the director of communications position. Having a professional in this capacity is a God-send."

The director of communications position will focus on producing The Baptist Informer newspaper, renewing the Convention's website, opening a Facebook presence for the GBSC, and developing promotional materials, press releases, and general publicity for the Convention.

Hinson is a 2008 graduate of Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Mass Communication. He was most recently a staff writer for the Stanly News and Press newspaper in Albemarle. He's a member of the Charlotte Area Association of Black Journalists (having served as Vice President of Print in 2010), National Association of Black Journalists, Optimist International, and Stanly Lodge #88 of the Free and Accepted Masons, Prince Hall

Affiliated.

In 2008, he was named to Who's Who Among America's College Students. He's participated in the N.C. Press Association 2010 Newspaper Academy and the National Association for Multi-Ethnicity in Communications 2009 Carolina Digital Media Summit.

Though a professional and practicing journalist, Hinson also has a passion for music. He teaches piano, conducts vocal music training, verified by the University of California as having absolute (perfect) pitch, and has had college-level music theory training. He is presently Minister of Music at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Ansonville.

He was superintendent of the Sunday School for seven years at Shiloh Baptist Church, New London. He's currently an executive board member of the Stanly County Baptist Sunday School Union.

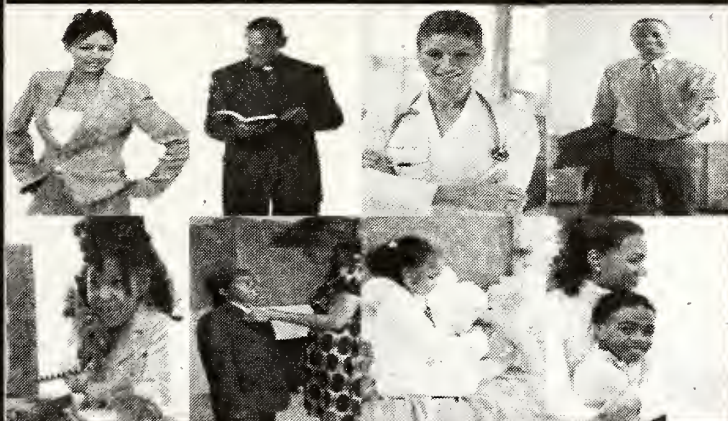
His skills include strong writing abilities, videography, and audio recording. He plays piano, organ, synthesizer, marimba, xylophone, concert bells, and handbells. While an intern at WAUG, he worked in television and shot promos and public service announcements.

Shaw University Divinity School
presents
27th Annual Women's Conference



I Am My Mother's Child!

Nurturing the Total You



Raising Healthy Children



Featuring:

Rev. Debra L. Haggins O'Bryant

Hampton University Chaplain &
Executive Secretary and Treasurer
Hampton University Ministers' Conference and
Organists' and Choir Directors' Guild



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that your marriage not only survives this financial storm but even thrives as a result of it. How? Focus now on those things that strengthen a marriage—honesty, trust, openness, and romance.”

“This recession provides an opportunity for couples to focus on relationship basics,” says her husband, Donald Stevenson, an ordained minister and corporate tax attorney. The Stevensons have been conducting marriage enrichment workshops for couples and singles for almost 25 years.

Problems in the marriage, such as communication, honesty, and trust, are often ignored when the couples’ finances are good, the spouses are employed, and the mortgage is being paid on time. However, the added stress of a loss of job, pension, or home could be just enough to send an already strained relationship to the divorce court.

A recent survey revealed that 50 percent of couples lie to each other at least once a week, especially when it comes to money matters. Lying and keeping secrets about financial matters can only be detrimental to your marriage. Couples need to be completely honest with each other in all matters, especially financial matters. The Bible says “lie not one to another.” When couples are honest about their finances, they’re better able to communicate with each other, support each other, and plan effectively for hard times. A team works a lot better when all players know the true score.

“Conflict often arises in marriage because both spouses use money as a means of power and control,” says Dr. Stevenson. “I opened up a separate account because I need my own money just in case,” one woman commented. “I keep a separate account because my first wife took me to the cleaners and I’m not going to let that happen to me again,” a man stated. These attitudes

develop a plan that will get them through the difficult financial times. When the couple works together as a team, anything is possible.

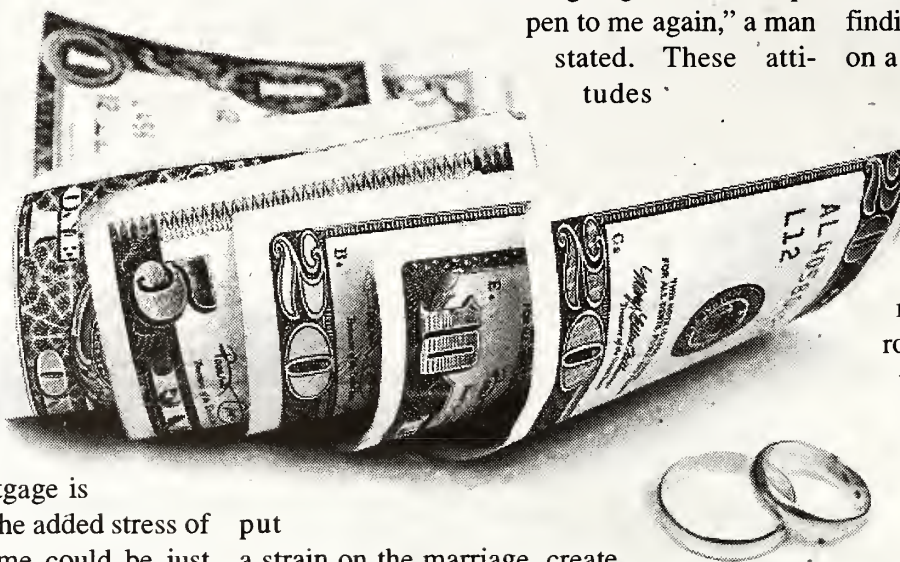
In addition to being open and honest with each other, the couple needs to continue affirming each other. Unemployment is particularly devastating on a man. Finger-pointing and fault-finding serve no useful purpose. Work together on a common goal.

Finally, keep the romance alive.

When a couple’s financial future looks bleak, the last things on their minds are candlelit dinners and soft music. But this is the time to be romantic. “It doesn’t take a lot of money to be romantic. In fact, the most creative and romantic ideas are free. The best investment that a couple can make in these difficult times is in each other,” says Donald.

Life is challenging and stressful. You don’t need to face the vicissitudes of life alone. It is during these hard and difficult times of life when we need our partner the most. The Bible says, “two are better than one.” The advantage of a good marriage is that you have someone to help shoulder the challenge of unexpected losses in your life. Tough times should only make us stronger. 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.ncfrcministry.org.



put a strain on the marriage, create distrust, and can spell financial disasters. By constantly reaffirming that “what’s yours is ours and what’s mine is ours,” couples can avoid using money as a means of control and work together toward common financial goals.

An essential key to a successful marriage is the couples’ ability to be open with other. Most couples, however, find it difficult or if not impossible to talk about money. Money is one of those emotional hot topics that lead to heated arguments. Most couples try avoid the topic altogether. This can be disastrous. As difficult as it may be, couples need to communicate their hopes, fears, and expectations about money and

Shaw University Divinity School Names Interim Dean

From Staff Report



Dr. Bruce T. Grady

Dr. Bruce T. Grady has been named Interim Dean of the Shaw University Divinity School in Raleigh. Dr. Grady succeeds Dr. James T. Roberson Jr. in this interim leadership position.

The Divinity School is one of the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention. In remarking about the appointment, Dr. Haywood T. Gray,

Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the GBSC, said, “I certainly wish Dr. Grady well in this new role. I am greatly encouraged by our early conversations on how the Interim Dean is interested in finding new ways that the GBSC and Divinity School can connect, serve, and support each other.”

Dr. Grady is a native of Wilmington. He’s happily married to his best friend, Michele Moore, and they have two children, Isaiah and Alexa.

He received degrees from North Carolina State University in 1991 (B.S.), Duke University, The Divinity School in 1994 (M.Div.), Princeton Theological Seminary in 1996 (Th.M.), and Columbia University Teachers College in 2002 (Ed.D.). On September 30, 1997, he was ordained and installed at the historic Rendall Memorial Presbyterian Church in Harlem, NY. Under his

ministry Rendall experienced revitalization in the areas of Christian Education, worship, community service, and missions.

In 2001, he became the Assistant Pastor of Fordham Manor Reformed Church in the Bronx. Fordham Manor is the second oldest church in the Bronx and the oldest established ministry in the entire borough.

Dr. Grady is a teacher, preacher, writer, and global-minded leader. He continues to participate in grass roots organizations that address a range of community issues from challenging the wrongs of inequality in public education to building alliances across racial, economic, and denominational lines.

For the past six years, he has served as Director of the Master of Religious Education Program at Shaw University Divinity School. He was appointed Interim Dean of the Divinity School on July 1.

Hold Steady on God's Ship

By Dr. Audrey Battle
President of the Woman's Baptist Home
and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C.



Dr. Audrey Battle

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We pause in this moment of time to give thanks to whom honor is due. First to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To Dr. Linda Bryan, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, WBH&FMC; Rev. Dr. Gregory Moss, President, GBSC; Dr. Haywood Gray, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, GBSC.

We give honor and praises to God for His Almighty power, His goodness, His holiness, His faithfulness, which is great. Morning by morning, His mercy we see. All we ever needed He has always provided. As we embark into areas of unknown adventures, we are trusting God for a safe and meaningful passage.

We thank God and all of you, the Woman's Convention, for accepting me as your leader. As we set forth, we realize the waves of life will sometimes cause us to waver unsteadily as we try to meet the needs of the convention and support the objectives of our convention.

We do solicit your prayers, your

support, and your finances as we move forth on this voyage. The ship may get rocky, winds of life will continue to blow debris, and obstacles will always confront us. It is good to know that the Lord will give us the courage and determination to move on up a little higher.

We are spiritually equipped with the helmet of salvation and the shield of faith. The power has been given to us. We are filled with the Holy Spirit to fulfill His promises. We have been anointed and we have been called out, for we are a special breed. Our feet are ordered by Him and we are the blood washed, so thanks be to God for placing me at the helm of this old ship of Zion to carry out the objectives of this Holy Ghost

filled anointed body.

We pray that the Lord has strengthened our hearts for works, delete doubts and fears, that our minds will not be cluttered with envy. As we continue our voyage pray that our theme will be accepted and implemented in your circles, union, associations, and churches, which is "CSI: A Call to Spiritual Integrity with the Anointing of the Holy Spirit."

I need you, you need me, and we're all a part of God's family. This ship is on the move. We can make a difference. The urgency of now.

Youth Missionary News

By Sabrina Charleston-Miles
Health/Wealth Journalist; Missionary and
Community Educator

Here's good news for and about our state youth. Everywhere I go there are youth church events that someone just found out about or just didn't know about. Until we get the youth calendar online, we'll be covering youth and young adult community service events from the Baptist churches within our convention. A lot of things are happening all across the State with our awesome youth, and I hope this column will continue to be an inspiration for you all.

This month, we're highlighting Durham County Youth Missionary and Morning Star Missionary Baptist, of Durham, Rev. William Henderson, pastor. "He has provided great leadership, and a constant support for our youth, young adult, and the seniors, along with helping

each year and always willing to be a host church for Durham's growing Lenten Services since inception," states Mrs. Vivian Samuel, DCMU president, and executive board member.

The youth in the district have been doing some great things from starting a Facebook page for Lincoln Memorial; to providing dinner for the Shelter for Hope, Mt Level Missionary Baptist; to Henderson Grove Baptist taking youth to Disney World every other summer. Community Baptist visits the sick and their Junior Department won third place in the Oratorical Contest (New Hope Association).

Rev. Henderson, along with other participating pastors of Durham's District, have continued to be a beacon of light to our youth, states Eva Geer, former president of Woman's Home & Foreign Missionary, and past board chair of WH&FMC. Rev Henderson's many youth events and projects have been: Habitat for Humanity, helping construct birdhouses and collecting cans, Ronald McDonald House, collected pop-a-top tabs to support families with sick children, for Genesis House they donated 10

bicycles and cleaning supplies during the Christmas holiday, collected plastic medicine bottles for Third World countries, donated old cell phones for military personnel in our war torn countries, and raking and cleaning for senior citizens.

DCMU also celebrated their Annual May Fellowship Day on May 23 at Gethsemane Baptist Church. The host church varies each year, but the guest of honor has always been the same, Central Children's Home. The youth were showered with gifts and funds this year. Previously, the youth and church families have been asked to bring basic needs and gifts. This gift of the heart and remembrance was Mrs. Anne L. Filmore (Mt. Vernon), who worked with youth here and abroad.

Please send all news and events for youth, teens, and young adults, or health/wealth questions to youthteenyoungadult@gmail.com. We welcome all comments or suggestions. Although children are only 25 percent of our population, they are 100 percent of our future!

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

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Qualified Candidates should submit a resume to: Board of Christian Education, Mt. Level Missionary Baptist Church, 316 Hebron Road, Durham, NC 27704 or email: mtleveleducyouthchild@gmail.com.

A black and white photograph of a man and a child. The man, on the left, is smiling broadly and looking towards the camera. He is wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved button-down shirt and a dark tie. He is holding a young child with curly hair, who is also smiling and looking towards the camera. The child is wearing a light-colored, possibly pink, top. The background is a plain, light color.

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Legacy Lunch Series with Female African-American Bank President

From Press Release



Leadership Triangle has announced that the organization will host a legacy lunch series this fall. The series will

consist of three lunches featuring speaker Kim Saunders, president and CEO of Mechanics and Farmer's Bank (M&F).

The luncheons will take place from noon to 1:30 p.m. on September 8, October 13, and November 10 at 2634 Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard in Durham. The cost is \$70 for all three meetings. This series is open to the 500-plus regional leaders who have graduated from Leadership Triangle, a nonprofit organization established in 1992 to educate and promote regionalism across the separate communities of the Triangle through regional and leadership development classes, seminars, and awards.

Since joining M&F as the second female president to serve at the bank, Saunders has made a positive

impact. She guided the bank through its first acquisition in 85 years, expanding the company's operations into the Greensboro market. She also led the bank to success in obtaining new capital under the U.S. Treasury TARP program. Saunders has implemented numerous employee-focused initiatives to enhance productivity and efficiency at M&F.

Prior to serving as president of M&F, Saunders served as president and CEO of Consolidated Bank and Trust Company. She heightened and sustained the bank's profits and led efforts to secure additional investor capital. She has also served as the executive vice president and chief lending officer for City First Bank in D.C. and Enterprise Federal Savings Bank in Maryland.

She graduated from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree in economics. She also holds an honorary degree from Shaw University.

Saunders was recognized in 2009 as one of the state's exceptional women leaders by N.C. Magazine and the Triangle Business Leader Media Magazine. She was also selected in 2010 as one of the nation's 75 Most Powerful Women in Business by Black Enterprise Magazine.

For more information on Leadership Triangle and the luncheon series, visit www.leadershiptriangle.com.

Mount Shiloh Baptist Church

Winterville, North Carolina

Mt. Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Winterville, NC is seeking a Keyboard Player and a Drummer.

Keyboardist must be able to work with all voices, teach hymnals and contemporary gospel music.

Needed for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays.

Please contact Daphne Moseby at 252-902-6758.

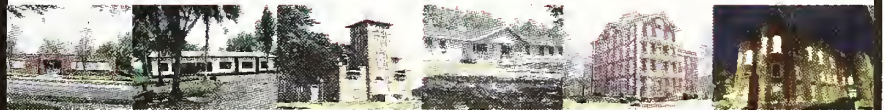
Baptist Headquarters Seeks Fall Student Interns



The Baptist Headquarters is currently accepting applications for employment for interns from students attending Raleigh-area colleges. Interns at the Baptist Headquarters may work up to 15 hours per week during the semester and up to 35 hours a week during school breaks and summer. The position pays an hourly wage directly to the student. Preference is given to students affiliated with GBSC churches and who are enrolled at Shaw University, but others may apply.

Students who are interested should contact Dale Smith at 919-821-7466 to request an application.

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143th Annual Session Representation

October 25 - 28, 2010

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On-site registration begins October 25 at 11:00 a.m.



GBSC

REPRESENTATION FORM

2010 ANNUAL SESSION

OCTOBER 25 - 28, 2010

Saint Paul Baptist Church, 1401 Allen Street, Charlotte, NC

1. You may register on-site for this session. Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. on October 25 at Saint Paul Baptist Church (1401 Allen Street, Charlotte). Checks should be made payable to GBSC.
2. However, we encourage Churches to pre-register. Your pre-registration form must be received at the Baptist Headquarters (603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601) by 5:00 p.m. on or before September 27, 2010. You may mail or hand deliver your form and fees. If you choose to mail it, please mail it far enough in advance so that it will arrive on or before September 27, 2010. Please do not mail any pre-registration forms after September 27. Any forms received after this date will be processed on-site.
3. If your Church will not attend or represent at this session, you may send your representation fee and your contribution for State Missions to the Baptist Headquarters (603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601).
4. The following chart outlines the Constitutional requirements for representation. Please use this chart to determine the amount you must pay to represent and the number of messengers that your Church is entitled to send to this session.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	AMOUNT TO REPRESENT	NUMBER OF MESSENGERS
1 -- 50 Members	\$20.00	2 Messengers
51 - 100 Members	\$35.00	3 Messengers
101 - 250 Members	\$50.00	4 Messengers
251 - 500 Members	\$75.00	5 Messengers
501 - 750 Members	\$100.00	6 Messengers
751 - 1000 Members	\$125.00	7 Messengers
1001 and above	\$150.00	8 Messengers

5. This is an election year. Only persons sent as messengers from a Church are entitled to vote. Pastors must be included in the total count of messengers allowed. Representation forms must be accompanied by the appropriate fee shown in the chart above PLUS a contribution for State Missions.
6. You are entitled to send the number of persons indicated in the chart above based on the size of your Church and your representation fee. Based on the messengers you are entitled to send, each person listed on your representation form as a messenger is entitled to one (1) badge and one (1) registration/messengers' bag. A badge will be necessary to vote; no one may vote without a badge. Lost badges will not be re-issued.
7. Persons who are not sent as messengers from a Church may register for a fee of \$20.00 per person. However, persons who are NOT sent as messengers from a Church will NOT receive a voters' badge and will NOT be allowed to vote.
8. Each Church is **REQUIRED** to bring a contribution for State Missions to the Annual Session. The contribution for State Missions is ABOVE AND BEYOND the representation fees listed above. The amount to be sent for State Missions is left up to each Church to decide. However (as a suggestion), Churches who are able to do so are asked to make a special \$500.00 contribution for State Missions in addition to the representation fees listed above for the 2010 Annual Session.
9. The representation form must be signed by the Pastor and the Church Clerk; if the Church is without a pastor, an officer of the Church and the Church Clerk must sign the representation form. Phone numbers are necessary in the event that we need additional information from you. If you have a cell phone, please give that number because we may need to contact someone during the Annual Session if there is an issue with your messengers or registration.
10. Churches may choose to name alternate messengers on the representation form in the event that a named messenger is not able to attend. Changes in named messengers may be made onsite during the Annual Session upon appeal to the Registration Committee and verification by a Church's pastor, clerk or officer.
11. If you need assistance in completing this form for pre-registration or if you have other questions, please call the Baptist Headquarters at (919) 821-7466 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Date: _____ Church Membership:

PLACE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON ROLL IN BOX ABOVE

YOUR REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT A NUMBER IN THE ABOVE BOX

Name of Church: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

SECTION A: FEES

Representation (Based on size of congregation; see chart on back) _____

State Missions (A contribution of your choice is REQUIRED) _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

SECTION B: MESSENGERS

NAME E-MAIL ADDRESS

1 _____

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SECTION C: ALTERNATE MESSENGERS

NAME E-MAIL ADDRESS

1 _____

2 _____

Clerk's Signature: _____ Phone: _____

Pastor's Signature: _____ Phone: _____

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his spot on the first team of last year's All-CIAA squad. Sparkman led the Bears with 63 total tackles, including 11 tackles for a loss and 3.5 sacks.

Defensive lineman DeMarcus Roberson (6-4, 240, Chapel Hill, NC) led the Bears in tackles for a loss with 13.5 and had 48 total tackles. He was on the 2009 All-CIAA Second Team.

The Bears were picked by the CIAA Coaches

Association to finish second in the conference behind Fayetteville State. Last season, the Bears finished second in the Western Division with an 8-2 record overall and 5-2 in the conference.

Last season against FSU, the Bears lost in the closing minutes of the game, killing their chances at the division title. This season, the Bears will play host to Fayetteville State on October 16 in a

game that is likely to decide the division title and a slot in the CIAA Championship game.

The Bears open the season on September 4 hosting Virginia Union University at Southeast Raleigh High School. For game schedule and ticket info, and to keep up with the team throughout the season, visit www.shawbears.com.

In Memoriam

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

Rev. Dr. Calvin C. Craig Jr.

Executive Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

The Reverend Dr. Calvin C. Craig Jr. was born in Union County, North Carolina and attended the school system of the county. Having graduated from Western Union High School, he attended the College of Liberal Arts and the School of Divinity at Shaw University and graduated with an A.B. and Master of Divinity degrees respectively. In addition to his college and seminary work, he completed the requirements for a diploma in clinical pastoral training at the School of Pastoral Care, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, and the Bowman



Gray School of Medicine at Winston Salem. He did further study at Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest. He was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Shaw University and from Friendship Junior College in Rock Hill, SC.

Rev. Craig served for fifteen years in the office of the assistant to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., and for eighteen years, he served as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Convention until August 31, 1996, when he retired. He was named Executive Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus upon his retirement after thirty-three years of executive leadership.

He has served in the pastorates of First Baptist Church, Ansonville, and First Baptist Church, Hamlet. He also served as Pastoral Counselor at the McCain Sanatorium in McCain. On the national level, he was the Supervisor of the Division of History and Basic Studies, National Baptist Congress of Christian Education of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc., which is the largest Black Baptist group in America. He was appointed by Governor James B. Hunt Jr. to the North Carolina State Public School Forum.

He was a former member of the Shaw University Board of Trustees. He held memberships on the Executive Committees of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missions Convention, the General Baptist State Convention and the

National Baptist Congress of Christian Education U.S.A., Inc.

At the time of his death, he was Moderator of the Yadkin Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Association as well as Pastor of Piney Grove East Missionary Baptist Church in Wingate, NC. He was one month shy of celebrating his 55th pastoral anniversary at Piney Grove East.

Rev. Craig is married to the former Viola Little of Wadesboro. They are the parents of two children, Deborah Craig Raye and Calvin III, and the grandparents of three boys, Barnes and Brennan Raye and Calvin Craig IV, and one girl, Kaila Craig.

The Baptist Headquarters closed on August 19 in respect for Rev. Craig's life and legacy. A memorial wreath marked the Wilmington Street entrance of the Baptist Headquarters for several days in his memory.

Two funeral services were held. The first was August 19 at First Baptist Church in Raleigh, where Dr. Dumas A. Harshaw Jr. is Pastor, and Dr. C. R. Edwards served as Eulogist. The second service was held August 21 at Piney Grove East Baptist Church in Wingate, where Dr. H. E. Edwards served as Eulogist. The interment was held at Piney Grove West Baptist Church in Waxhaw.

Condolences may be addressed to Mrs. Viola L. Craig, 2217 Sanderford Road, Raleigh, NC, 27610-5070.

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

The Director of Music Ministry at First Baptist Church – Highland Avenue (Winston-Salem, NC) is responsible for overseeing the entire music ministry and all music-related functions of the church, to include choirs, instrumentalists and conductors, praise and dance teams and other music-related activities/duties as may be determined in the future.

Ministry Area/Department	Music Department
Position	Director of Music Ministry
Accountable To	Senior Pastor
Ministry Target	Choirs (Adult/Youth/Children), instrumentalists and conductors, praise and dance teams and general congregation
Position Is	Part-time paid employee
Position May Be Filled By	Individual with exceptional music skills
Minimum Maturity Level	Mature Christian
Spiritual Gifts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A servant's heart • Ability to teach music based on biblical principles
Talents or Abilities Desired	<p>Accomplished:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pianist • Organist (Renaissance by Allen) • Choir Director • Ability to read music and play by ear • Ability to conduct and play simultaneously • Creative thinker • Ability to execute plans/ideas • Ability to communicate and motivate all age levels
Best Personality Traits	Training/teaching and effectively leading a diverse sacred music program
Passion For Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BA in Music (minimum) • 3-5 years of demonstrated experience in expanding existing adult and children's music programs. These programs should include sacred music of all genres.
Length of Service Commitment	One year minimum
Salary	Salary will be commensurate with experience

ANTICIPATED TIME COMMITMENTS

1. Performance/Preparation: 16-20 hours per week

RESPONSIBILITIES/DUTIES

MINISTER OF MUSIC OR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:

1. Rehearse/Conduct/Accompany Chancel Choir
(Thursday weekly rehearsals with 4th Sunday, 8:30 and 11 am worship services)
2. Rehearse/Conduct/Accompany David R. Hedgley Memorial Choir
(Tuesday weekly rehearsals with 3rd Sunday, 8:30 and 11 am worship services)
3. Rehearse/Conduct/Accompany Men's Chorus
(Monday rehearsals of 5th Sunday month with 5th Sunday, 8:30 and 11 am worship services)
4. Rehearse/Conduct/Accompany Combined Choirs
(Tuesday and Thursday rehearsal with 1st Sunday, 9:45 am worship service)
5. Rehearse/Conduct/Accompany Youth, Children's or Tot's Choirs as needed
(Rehearsal Tuesday, Wednesday with 2nd Sunday, 11 am worship service)
6. Conduct at least one workshop/retreat per year
7. Work in conjunction with the ministerial staff to coordinate weekly services (song transitions, improvisation, preludes, postludes, hymns, etc.)

8. Create musical schedule for instrumentalists and choirs (calendar, rehearsals, etc.)
9. Represent music department at all appropriate meetings.
10. Meet jointly with the Senior Pastor and the Music Ministry Committee on a regular basis.
11. Prepare musically and spiritually for all choirs
12. Recruit (musicians, instrumentalists, choir members)
13. Responsible for maintenance and up-keep of all church instruments
14. Oversee paid music department staff and volunteers already in place (including instrumentalists/singers/dancers, etc...)
15. Maintain music library with a strong knowledge of copyright laws
16. Create/maintain music departmental budget
17. Ability to work with sound technicians
18. Possess a working knowledge of music software (i.e., Sibelius, Finale, Noteworthy)

OTHER DUTIES:

Make arrangements for music for funerals, weddings, special services, prayer services, etc. and ensuring staff is in place with compensation

INTERESTED APPLICANTS:

Cover letters and resumes may be delivered via US Postal mail to:

Music Search Committee | First Baptist Church – Highland Avenue
PO Box 994, Winston-Salem, NC 27102-0994

Closing date for resumes is September 27, 2010. No resumes will be accepted after this date.

GBSC Annual Session Convenes October 25-28 in Charlotte

The 143rd Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. will convene October 25-28, 2010 at the Saint Paul Baptist Church (1401 Allen Street, Charlotte). As announced at the May Mid Year Session, the representation forms for the Annual Session are being released from the Baptist Headquarters. Please feel free to share it with the leadership of your congregation and with other churches in your association and in your area.

This year is an election year for the GBSC. Officers for the parent body will be elected in Charlotte. In order to vote in the

election, a person must be sent as a messenger from a Church. Each church is entitled to send a certain number of persons as messengers based on the size of the congregation. A chart showing number of messengers and fees is on the instructions side of the representation form.

A person who is not a messenger sent by a church for this Annual Session may register as an individual. However, persons who are not messengers and who register as individuals are not entitled to vote.

Churches are encouraged to pre-register its messengers. The deadline for pre-registration is Monday, September 27. Churches may mail or hand deliver completed representation forms and fees to the Baptist Headquarters. If you choose to mail your form, please mail it in adequate time so that it will be received at Baptist Headquarters on or before September 27. Any forms received at Baptist Headquarters on September 28 or later will be processed on site.

If you have questions about representation, pre-registration, or who may vote in the upcoming election, please feel free to call the Baptist Headquarters at 919-821-7466 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. See Representation Form on Page 8.

Hotel Info

Special hotel rates have been arranged with the Hilton Charlotte University Place Hotel (8629 J. M. Keynes Drive, Charlotte). The GBSC rate is \$99 per night for doubles and singles (tax rate is 16.25 percent). A limited number of rooms are available at this price so please make reservations immediately. The cutoff date is September 17. For reservations, call 704-547-7444.

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Shaw Picked to Finish Second in Conference, Four Players Get Preseason Honors

From Press Release

Four Shaw University football players were named to the Preseason All-CIAA team, while the Bears were picked to finish second—behind division rival Fayetteville State University—in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

At the annual Football Media Day, where both the predicted order of finish and the preseason team were announced, Shaw Head Football Coach Darrell Asberry quietly asserted that “if we can work as a team, we’ll be back in the championship game.”

The four All-CIAA picks were also members of the 2009 all-conference squad. On offense, running back Raymond Williams (6-0, 190, Cleveland, OH), was a first team selection at the end of last season, having lead the conference in scoring and finishing



second in both rushing and all-purpose yards. He finished the year with 811 yards rushing and 361 yards in kick returns. Williams is also a preseason honorable mention All-American.

Joining him on the team is offensive lineman Markus McElveen (6-3, 311, Norwalk, CT). McElveen was second team all-conference last season and a second team preseason All-American this year.

He anchored the offensive line that allowed the Bears to finish first in the conference in scoring offense and total offense.

On defense, linebacker Fred Sparkman (6-2, 220, Columbia, TN) reprises

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