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

Matthew 28:19-20

Parker Elected Thirty-First President

Staff Reports

Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr. was elected the thirty-first President of the General Baptist State Convention at the 143rd Annual Session held recently in Charlotte. Dr. Parker, who was serving at Vice President-at-Large at the time of his election, is Pastor of the Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church of Greenville, N.C. Dr. Parker has served Sycamore Hill for nearly thirty years as Pastor.

Dr. Parker has served in the Convention's leadership for nearly twenty years having first been elected as Fourth Vice President. In making remarks during the Installation Service at the close of the Annual Session, Dr. Parker remembered that the first Annual Session that he ever attended was during his time as a freshman at Shaw University. The year was 1970. Forty years later, he assumed the top elected position in the Convention.

Dr. Parker was formally installed during a worship service on Thursday morning. Dr. Clarence Moore, Southeast Regional Vice President of of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., preached in the installation sermon.



Dr. John D. Fuller, Sr., the 28th President of the GBSC delivers the Charge to the President during the Installation Service on October 28.



Dr. Clarence B. Moore, President of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, brings the Convention leadership to their feet with his inspiring sermon during the Installation Service.



Turner elected President of the N.C. Baptist State Laymen's League

Staff Reports

July was election month for the auxiliaries of the General Baptist

State Convention and new officers were elected for the GBSC Congress of Christian Education, the North Carolina Baptist State Laymen's League and the North Carolina Baptist Ushers Convention. All are auxiliaries of the General Baptist State Convention.

Elected to the presidency of the Laymen's League is Mr. Richmond M. Turner. Mr. Turner previously held the office of First Vice President in the State

Laymen's League. He is a resident of Greensboro, NC and a member of New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church in Sherrills Ford, N.C. (Rev. Jarvis Saner is Mr. Turner's pastor). Mr. Turner also serves in Mountain and Catawba Missionary Baptist Association. Mr. Turner sees his role in his newly elected office as, "encouraging men for Kingdom Building and the Calling by God."

Mr. Richmond Turner of Greensboro, NC, was elected President of the North Carolina State Baptist Laymen's League on July 7, 2010.

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"Meet Me At The Future Home of Galilee"

"An Answered Prayer For A Consecrated Temple"

And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there forever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.
1 Kings 9:3 (KJV)

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Saturday: January 8, 2011
 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
 Guided Tours & Reception
 9:00 AM - 11:30AM

Saturday: January 8, 2011
 Church Dedication and Reception
 Dr. Charles H. Brown, Jr.
 New Light Missionary Baptist Church
 Greensboro, NC
 3:00 PM

Sunday: January 9, 2011
 Joint Worship/Holy Communion Service
 Dr. Nathan E. Scovens, Pastor
 10:45 AM

Wednesday: January 12, 2011
 Citywide Fellowship Service
 Dr. Maurice Watson
 Beulahland Bible Church
 Macon, GA
 7:00 PM

Saturday: January 22, 2011
 Community Day
 Fun, Food & Fellowship
 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Wednesday: January 26, 2011
 Leadership Consecration Service
 Dr. James R. Woodson
 St. James Home of Fresh Start Ministries
 Greensboro, NC
 7:00 PM

Saturday: January 29, 2011
 Semi-Formal Gala Extravaganza
 Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr.
 Friendship Missionary
 Baptist Church
 Charlotte, NC
 6:00 PM
 Cost - \$30.00

Tuesday: February 8th - Friday: February 11th
 Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire Revival
 7:00 PM

Dr. Stephen J. Thurston, Jr.
 New Covenant Baptist Church
 Chicago, IL

Dr. Charles E. Booth
 Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
 Columbus, OH

Wednesday: February 16, 2011
 Fellowship Service
 Dr. Sir Walter Mack, Jr.
 Union Baptist Church
 Winston-Salem, NC
 7:00 PM

Wednesday: February 23, 2011
 Galilee & St. Stephen
 "A Family Affair"
 Reverend James E. Cook
 St. Stephen Baptist Church
 Winston-Salem, NC
 7:00 PM



Dr. Nathan E. Scovens, Pastor

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Down Through the Years: A Look Back

Compiled by Dexter A. Hinson, Interim Managing Editor, the Baptist Informer

During the summer of 2009, the staff at Baptist Headquarters took the liberty of archiving the Baptist Informer and its rich, detailed history by digitally importing copies of this, the beloved Organ of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Let's take a glimpse of past issues of the Baptist Informer, with brief details and pictures about particular editions.

40 YEARS AGO.....

The October 1970 edition of the Baptist Informer was edited by George W. Dudley under the auspices of Convention president J.W. White and Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary. Highlights of this edition included:

- Announcement of the 103rd annual session of the GBSC, convening with the United Metropolitan Baptist Church of Winston-Salem Oct. 26-29. Rev. J. D. Bullard was host pastor.
- A pictorial spread of the installation of the Rev. Robert Lee Davis as pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Goldsboro with a corresponding article was featured.
- A "Children's Reading section featured the poem "Watch Out for those Goblins."
- V. L. Crawford gave a detailed list of Definition of Prayer in the life of a Christian.
- The subscription price? \$2.00 per year!

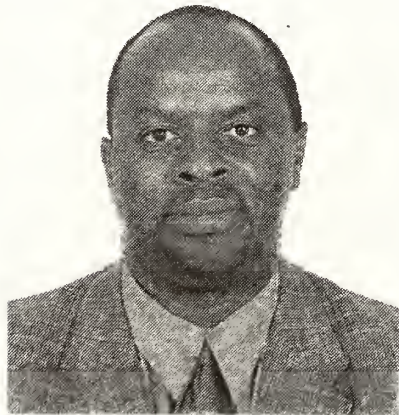


A group of State Baptist Officials meeting at the call of president J. W. White to discuss the 1971 conventional meeting.

The D.C. Rallies – My View

An Op-Ed piece by Edwin Horsley, Roanoke Salem Missionary Baptist Church – Garysburg

Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert, unapologetic liberals- the two biggest stars on the Comedy Central cable network- have something in common with Fox News stalwart of conservative values- Glenn Beck. All three men have used their television popularity to lure their loyal minions to ral-



lies in Washington D.C. Three more rallies in the nation's capitol. I say, "Enough already!" The World Wide Web or as it's more commonly known, the Internet, makes it possible for people –literally- all over the world, to communicate with each other about anything at anytime. And the addition of the web camera allows folks to also see each other while they communicate. Computer and internet technology have created "chat rooms" where hundreds, nay, thousands of folks can get together in cyberspace and share thoughts, exchanges ideas and offer support to each other when they have common interests.

And yet, the traditionalists among us, who support a common cause, still like being together in the same physical location at the same time. Thus the idea of holding a "rally" continues to survive and actually thrive at a time when people don't have to ever leave home to "be part of the crowd."

Beck's late August rally endorsed the idea of restoring "honor" to America and also thanking our service men and women. Beck, a highly controversial, fiercely anti-[President] Barack Obama

media megastar, was adamant in declaring that his event was "non-partisan". Apparently lots of his Tea Party followers did not get the "leave your signs at home" memo. They made the event ultra partisan. Beck acknowledged planning the rally to coincide with the 47th anniversary of the "March on Washington" led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., much to the chagrin of the NAACP and other liberal leaning groups. While no verifiable number has been given- some claim his rally drew "hundreds of thousands" of supporters. A counter rally (the same day) led by Rev. Al Sharpton drew very few supporters and even less media coverage.

The first week end in October, the NAACP co-sponsored the "One Nation Working Together" rally. Although its various unions, civil and human rights sponsors tried to downplay "One Nation" as a counter to Beck's gathering, most people believe that's what it was. Especially the media, which spent too much time doing the predictable comparisons of numbers, arrests (if any), opposing supporters and star power between the two rallies. In late October, Comedy Central's Stewart and Colbert used their star power to bring bus loads of

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fans and (probably) gawkers to Washington for their rallies on the same day, again on the Washington mall. Stewart held a rally to "Restore Sanity in Washington D.C.", while Colbert's clan marched to "Keep Fear Alive." Both men gladly admitted their rallies were intended to counter Beck's.

I say stop the rally madness - and do it now! The U.S. Congress, which is usually focal point of most D.C. rallies, should pass a law limit-

ing the number of rallies in our nation's capitol each year. Oh yes, I'm very serious. The main reason I say put limits on the rush to rally is because rallies really don't accomplish their stated purposes, in my opinion.

If folks just want to gather in D.C. - that's cool. But if they think they're seriously affecting how (many) selfish, greedy, arrogant Washington lawmakers will vote, not! Sadly, if the folks attending these rallies don't have enough money to

buy influence like the multi-million dollar companies and certain individuals who hire lobbyists, they're wasting valuable time. Their time and energy are better spent where they live, doing grass roots issue organizing, registering people to vote and getting those registered, to vote- early or on Election Day. The tried and true method to make your voice heard is showing up at the polls; not on the Washington Mall. That's the way I see it.

Davis named Morehouse Board chair

Staff Reports



Pastor Fredrick A. Davis, First Calvary Baptist Church of Durham was recently elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of Morehouse School of Religion.

Pastor Fredrick A. Davis has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of Morehouse School of Religion. Morehouse is one of eight seminaries that make up the Interdenominational Theological Center of Atlanta, Georgia. ITC is a Christian, ecumenical, graduate professional school of theology.

Morehouse School of Religion dates back to February 1867 when a school for the training of ministers and other church leaders was organized in Augusta, Georgia. The school moved to Atlanta in 1879, whereupon it was renamed Atlanta Baptist Seminary. Twenty years later, the

Seminary was authorized to offer college work and the name was changed to Atlanta Baptist College. The name Morehouse was adopted in 1913 in honor of Dr. Henry L. Morehouse, Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society and, in 1924, the Divinity School of Morehouse College became known as the School of Religion.

Since June 1991, Pastor Davis has served the First Calvary Baptist Church of Durham. He is married to the former Judith Hayes and they have three sons: Frederick Amos, II, Jordan Emmanuel, and John Daniel.

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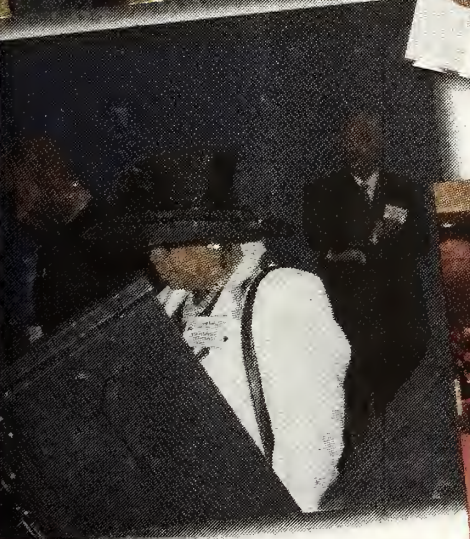
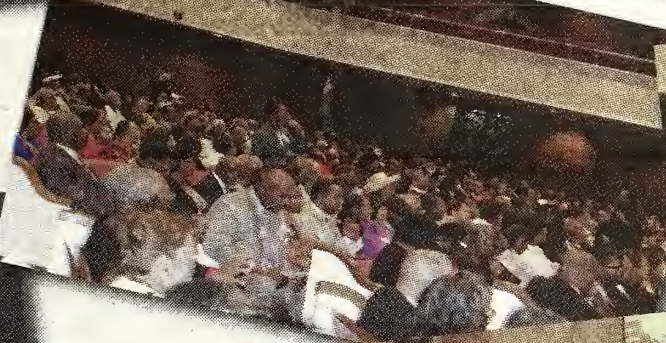
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**To all who are loved by God
and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you
from God our Father
and from the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Romans. 1:7

143rd Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention at Saint Paul Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC, which was held October 25-28





Appeal to help restore J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly dining hall

By Rev. Dr. Linda W. Bryan, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C.

In 1967, fifty acres of land located in Laurel Hill, North Carolina was donated by the late Dr. and Mrs. Joy J. Johnson and their daughter Deborah to the Convention for the purpose of providing a Christian environment for the people of God to host camps, retreats, conferences and the like. Additional acres were purchased by the Woman's Convention and the General Baptist State Convention for a total of 75 acres of beautiful land. This land was named the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in honor of its donors. The J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly consist of the following facilities:

Rowan Association Chapel	Seating capacity 400
Horne Lodge	Seating capacity 20-25, sleeps 12
Alston Lodge	Seating capacity 100, sleeps 64
Lumber Bridge Asso. Lodge	Seating capacity 100, sleeps 64
Brown Assembly Dining Hall	Seating capacity 200

Three years ago the dining hall at the site was destroyed by fire forcing the campsite to shut down for lack of a commercial cafeteria to service its attendees. One of our major summer programs at the site, the Youth Bible Camp, had to relocate to other costly venues.

This year, the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C., in collaboration with the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. pledged to restore use of our beloved camp by rebuilding the dining hall for reopening by June 2011. The Woman's Convention has committed to raising \$100,000 to assist with this restoration project and believe that working together it will be done.

General Baptist has hired Andre Johnson Architectural Firm who has begun drawing up plans and preparing the groundwork for the actual construction to begin. The Board of Trustees recently met with the architect and gave approval for the preliminary prospectus.

Some of you were in attendance of the One Day Session of the Woman's Convention in January when we solicited your prayers and support by asking 100 churches, associations, auxiliaries, or individuals

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African-Americans Twice as Likely as Whites To Go Hungry

From Press Release

Washington, DC – Twenty-five percent of African-American households suffered from food insecurity in 2009—compared to 11 percent of white households—according to the most recent data on hunger released today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Food insecure households are those that struggle to put food on the table at some point in the year. Nationally, one in seven—or 14.7 percent—of U.S. households experienced food insecurity in 2009.

“The national figures are record-breaking, but the fact that such a disparity exists between African-Americans and whites shows that we must call on Congress to do more—especially for communities with the greatest need,” said Rev. Derrick Boykin, northeast regional organizer for Bread for the World. “Congress must act now to ensure that programs designed to mitigate hunger are well-funded.”

This year, participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly called food stamps) hit record levels. African-Americans comprised 22.6 percent of the 42 million Americans who receive SNAP benefits each month. Ninety percent of African-American children will receive SNAP benefits at some point before age 20, compared to 49 percent of all U.S. children.

Nearly 35 percent of African-American children currently live in households that struggle to put food on the table, compared to 16.7 percent of white children.

Congress reconvened today for a lame duck session with several important unfinished agenda items, including extending tax benefits for low-income working families and reauthorizing the Child Nutrition Act, which will improve school breakfast and lunch programs along with WIC and summer food sites.

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Official Election Results

Listed below are the official election results from the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina election held on October 27, 2010 in Charlotte. Elected persons are italicized.

For President:

Dr. Percy Chase — 227

Dr. Howard Parker — 832

For VP at LARGE:

Dr. Nilous Avery — 938

For First Vice President:

Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch — 961

For Second Vice President:

Dr. Ricky Banks — 954

For Third Vice President:

Dr. J. Vincent Terry — 943

For Fourth Vice President:

Dr. Paul Lowe — 252

Rev. O. D. Sykes — 487

Rev. Anthonette Wright — 288

For Recording Secretary:

Rev. David Camps — 898

For Ass't. Rec. Secretary:

Rev. Quientrell Burrell — 903

For Historian:

Rev. D. K. Ferguson — 974

For Statistician:

— 951

For Parliamentarian:

Dr. Clinton Feemster — 949

For General and Trustee Boards:

YES — 917

NO — 24

Op-ed Article to the Wall Street Journal

By Dr. William R. Harvey,

President, Hampton University

Chairman, President's Advisory Board on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

A recent Wall Street Journal article by Jason Riley questioned the relevance of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) in today's society. He complained about President Obama's conventional approach to HBCUs and opined that "instead of more subsidies and toothless warnings to shape up," the President and federal government ought to "...remake these schools to meet today's challenges."

I cannot speak for the President, but I have spoken to him about HBCUs. An ardent supporter of historically black colleges and universities, President Obama understands and appreciates their value to the nation and the world. The facts justify his support, i.e., representing 4% of all American colleges and universities, HBCUs conferred over 22% of all degrees awarded to African Americans. With only 13% of African Americans in higher education, these colleges awarded nearly 30% of all undergraduate degrees earned by African American students in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines; 50% of all bachelor's degrees in teacher education received by African American students; and 85% of Doctor of Medicine degrees acquired by African Americans according to statistics compiled by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

Most HBCUs are also economic engines in their communities. According to a 2006 National Center for Educational Statistics report, the short term economic impact of HBCUs is \$10 billion annually, providing more than 180,000 full and part-time jobs. The report also noted, "to put that in perspective, the rolled up employment impact of the nation's HBCUs exceeds the 177,000 jobs at the Bank of America in 2006, which was the nation's 23rd largest employer."

In attempting to make his case, Riley presented biased, antiquated suppositions such as articles written by Thomas Sowell some 36-years ago along with references by Christopher Jencks and David Riesman some 43-years ago. Riley also makes such groundless claims as "...available evidence shows that in the main, these students are better off exercising their non-HBCU options." What evidence? This certainly is not the experience that we have seen at Hampton University.

Another ridiculous assertion that Riley offers is that "For-profit entities could be brought in to manage other schools." He uses the University of Phoenix, a for-profit college, as an

example stating that they confer more bachelor's degrees on black students than any other school. Does he really want HBCUs to model themselves after an institution whose latest graduation rates, as reported by the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), was 1% at 4 years, 4% at 6 years, and 6% at 8 years?

Riley's mindset, journalistic standards, and research methodology aside, as President of Hampton University, and Chairman of the President's Advisory Board on HBCUs, I want to provide a more accurate view of HBCUs and the quality work many of these institutions perform.

First and foremost, just like predominately white institutions, HBCUs are not a monolith. Some are exceptional, the majority are sufficient — all but a few are accredited institutions that meet or exceed the standards set by the accrediting bodies for any institution. An acknowledgment of some of the world-class academic and research activities at HBCUs is in order. Let me begin with my own institution—Hampton University.

In August, Hampton University began seeing its first patients at the Hampton University Proton Therapy cancer treatment center. The center is one of only eight in the United States and the largest free-standing facility in the world. Sixty-five percent of the patients treated at this facility will have prostate cancer, the other 35% will be those with breast, lung, ocular, and pediatric cancers.

Faculty in our School of Pharmacy have been involved in Alzheimer's research. If their research on proteins in the blood can provide a link to Alzheimer's, then a protocol establishing an early diagnostic test will allow physicians to treat the disease before it manifests itself.

Our Skin of Color Institute is a research center dedicated to probing issues, challenges, and diseases unique to the skin in people of color. The goal is to develop new and better treatments.

In 2007, Hampton University launched a \$140 million weather satellite from Vandenberg Air Force Base to study noctilucent clouds in the ionosphere. With this feat, Hampton became the first historically black college or university to have 100% responsibility and control of a NASA satellite mission.

Hampton is also home to the National Center for African American Marriages and Parenting. The Center's mission is to strengthen families in the African American community by helping them gain essential knowledge, skills, and other resources required for building and sustaining healthy marriages and practicing effective parenting.

Hampton's nationally known physics department continues to do outstanding work. One physics group has received 12 patents on prostate and breast cancer detection devices. Another group has 14 patents on prosthesis for artificial

limbs.

The Hampton University Leadership Academy is providing a multi-faceted approach to improving the level and effectiveness of school leaders. Hampton is the only educational entity in the entire state of Virginia to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Education in support of this initiative, and will work with the public school systems in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Franklin, Danville, and Roanoke, Virginia.

When one looks at the depth and breadth of Hampton University's academic, research, and public service activities, any objective analysis will show that Hampton does not need a remake, as it is clearly one of the best and most productive modest-sized universities in the country.

Other HBCUs are also doing outstanding work. Xavier University in New Orleans has educated nearly 25% of the approximately 6,000 black pharmacists practicing in the United States, and ranks first in the nation in placing African American students in medical schools. Tougaloo College ranks among the top 50 institutions whose graduates earn PhDs in science and engineering disciplines. More than 40% of Mississippi's practicing African-American physicians, dentists, other health professionals, and attorneys are graduates of Tougaloo College.

North Carolina A&T is the nation's largest producer of African-American bachelors and doctorates in engineering. North Carolina A&T, Tuskegee, Florida A&M, Spelman, Tennessee State, Prairie View A&M, Morgan State, Howard, and Alabama A&M cumulatively graduate more than 30% of all African Americans who receive engineering degrees.

In addition to training physicians, dentists, and other health professionals, Meharry Medical College has a Center of AIDS Health Disparities Research. Faculty at this Center have discovered and patented a salve that removes cholesterol from the HIV virus causing it to lose its ability to infect.

This short list of some of the research and academic activities at HBCUs refutes the assertion that HBCUs are inferior. In fact, it illustrates that some HBCUs are superior.

Better research could have enlightened Riley immensely. Sometimes, however, particularly when a viewpoint is inaccurate or extreme, people don't want to be confused with the facts.

Clearly, historically black colleges and universities do not need "a makeover" or "a new mission." What is needed are major publications, such as the Wall Street Journal to conduct solid and sincere research so it can better appreciate the value and contributions HBCUs make.

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to contribute \$1,000 towards meeting our goal of \$100,000. To date, we have received \$29,000. We are grateful for what many of you have already given but we continue to need your support to ensure that we will be back at J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly next June. The total cost of the project is approximately \$450,000. The insurance company has paid \$235,000, leaving a balance to be

raised of more than \$200,000. With your support, we believe this challenge will be met.

In light of our timeline to complete the restoration project, this is an urgent call for a special J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly gift. I humbly ask that you please forward your contributions to the Woman's Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602 by December 31, 2010.

On behalf of our President, Dr. Audrey Battle, thank you for your special contributions and for your continuous strong support of all six of our objectives. May the Lord bless you as you consider making a special contribution in this urgent matter.

"In the African-American community in particular, high rates of unemployment have led to dramatic increases in poverty and food insecurity rates over the past few years," Boykin added. "As African-Americans grapple with the ongoing impacts of the recession, Congress needs to ensure that programs like SNAP, the national school meal programs, and WIC are funded at levels to support this time of need."

According to the USDA figures, nearly 27 percent of Hispanics suffer from food insecurity and nearly 35 percent of Hispanic children live in households that struggle to put food on the table.

For additional information on food insecurity, visit www.bread.org/foodinsecurity.

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(II Corinthians 6:7)

A black and white photograph of a man and a young 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, who is also smiling and looking towards the camera. The child has curly hair and is wearing a light-colored, long-sleeved shirt. The background is a plain, light color.

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