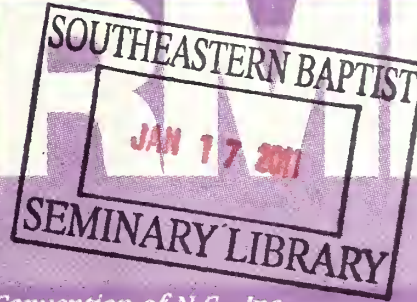




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"To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced...through Education, Missions and Fellowship,"

Matthew 28:19-20

Bears take title again

by Bonitta Best, CIAA Sportswriter

DURHAM – Shaw has been making great escapes all season.

The Bears trailed in seven of their 10 regular-season games and overcame fourth-quarter deficits in the two games leading up to Saturday's CIAA football championship game.

This time, the Bears never trailed, but they did need some outstanding play by the defense to win their fourth championship with a hard-fought 14-7 victory against Virginia State before 8,107 at Durham County Stadium.

Shaw (9-2) intercepted VSU quarterback Jarred Battle three times and recovered two fumbles, the last setting up the winning touchdown. The championship was the Bears' third in the past four seasons.

The Bears are 4-0 in championship games and have the second-most titles in the 40-year history of the game.

"This team has been resilient all year," Shaw coach Darrell Asberry said. "They find a way to win, and we will continue to get better as we head into the playoffs."

Both defenses were the stars of the show in the first half.

Twice, the Bears went for it on fourth-and-1, and both times the Trojans (8-3) held. Shaw finally broke through with an 11-play, 84-yard touchdown drive that saw running back Raymond Williams, the game's co-most valuable player, dive in from the 1 for a 7-0 halftime lead.

Shaw appeared ready to increase its margin in the third period after its drive stalled at the VSU 6. But a field-goal attempt was blocked by Clifton Haney and scooped up by Alfred Ngauja, who ran 76 yards to tie the score with 5:38 left in the third. "We have a saying, 'Something good happens,

keep playing; something bad happens, keep playing,'" said Williams, who ran for 117 yards in his sixth 100-yard rushing game of the season. "The last two weeks, we've had to make plays, and we knew we could do it again."

Daniel Lee made the play the Bears needed by recovering Sean Smith's fumbled punt to put

Undaunted, the Trojans drove to the Shaw 13, but defensive back Gerald Kennedy halted the momentum with his second interception of the game.

"I knew I had to do something, and this makes for a nice present since today's my birthday," Kennedy said.



The Bears celebrate with the MVP trophy and championship trophy.

Shaw at the Trojans' 6-yard line.

Two plays later, freshman quarterback Quinshon Odom, who replaced injured starter Kevin Atkins in the third, bulled into the end zone for the go-ahead touchdown early in the fourth.

But a Shaw fumble on the quarterback exchange with 2:37 left gave VSU one last chance - to no avail.

The Bears' defense held on fourth-and-9 for the win.

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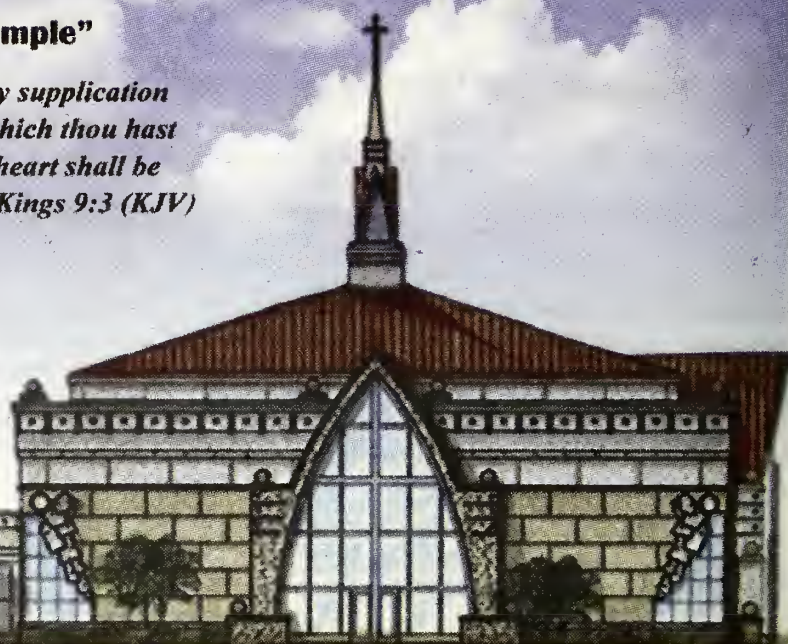


"Meet Me At The Future Home of Galilee"

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

Saturday: January 8, 2011
 Church Dedication and Reception
 Dr. Carden 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
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Tuesday: February 8th - Friday: February 11th
 Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire Revival
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 Dr. Stephen J. Thurston, Jr.
 New Covenant Baptist Church
 Chicago, IL

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



Dr. Nathan E. Scovens, Pastor

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

Wednesday: February 23, 2011
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 "A Family Affair"
 Reverend James E. Cook
 St. Stephen Baptist Church
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Of the three championships, Asberry said this one is the most satisfying. "We had to come back from so many games, and people didn't expect us to be here," he said. "But we're playing well enough to compete for a national championship."

The Bears went on to compete against Shepherd University in West Virginia on November 20, losing to the home standing Rams 40-6 in the first round of NCAA play.



A closer view of the championship trophy and team.



Raymond Williams jumps over the pile for the Bears first touch-down of the game.



Tyson Bland-Allen (left) and Chris Martin sandwich a Trojan runner.



Mr. Charles Dunn of Raleigh, NC, was elected President of the North Carolina State Baptist Usher's Convention on July 9, 2010.

Dunn elected President of the N.C. Baptist State Usher's Convention

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 State Ushers auxiliary is Mr. Charles Dunn. Mr. Dunn previously held the office of First Vice President in the State Ushers auxiliary. He is a resident of Raleigh, N.C. and a member of Malaby's Crossroad Baptist Church in Raleigh. (Rev. James Utley is Mr. Dunn's pastor.) Mr. Dunn also serves in Wake Missionary Baptist Association. In commenting on his new office, Mr. Dunn said, "Our

past achievements should serve as a calling to challenge us to greater heights of service. Our creed should be to go forth looking upward, serving outward, and pressing onward so that the glory of the Lord is revealed before men."

From the Laymen's Corner

The N. C. Laymen's would truly wish every one
A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

As the Laymen are preparing for a paradigm shift in the year 2011, we are certainly pausing to reflect on the importance of the season.
Celebrating the birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Let make Christmas real! Keep in mind the reason for the season: Jesus is Lord every day we live.

Glory and Praises to Our Lord,
Richmond Turner, President

The New Christian Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

Rose Hill, North Carolina

The New Christian Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
family is presently in need of a pastor.

The congregation moved into the new church building 1st Sunday, August 1st, 2010,
but the church has been a solid fixture in the area since the original church was built in 1943.

The New Christian Chapel is located in a rural community in
Duplin County at 2283 South NC 11 Highway, Rose Hill, North Carolina.

The last census of 2000 listed 1,392 people in the Rose Hill area
and 53,988 people in Duplin County.

We have church every Sunday.
Our membership is approximately 350 active members

Brief Church Highlights:
Currently the church Youth Choir has approximately 25 to 30 youth.
The Youth Ushers number approximately 12.
We have a strong active male membership and a widely known
Male Choir that is approximately 28 strong.

Interested parties may send a resume to
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More information can be found about our church at our website:
<http://www.newchristianchapel.com>.

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The ending date to receive applications is January 31, 2011.
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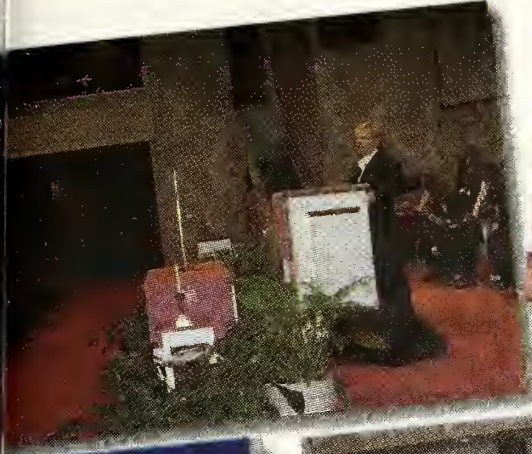
Search Committee
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**To all who are loved by God
and called to be saints: Grace
and peace to you
from God our Father
and from the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

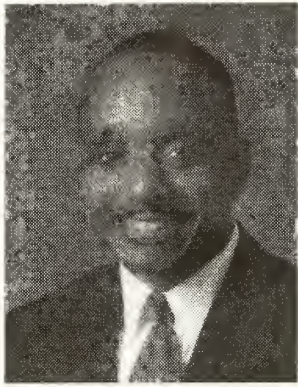




From the desk of the Vice President-at- Large

By Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II, D. Min.

Peace to you all, and love with faith, from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus the Christ. First, let us celebrate God as we congratulate our newly elected 31st President of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr.!



Rev. Dr. Nilous
M. Avery, II

Along with President Parker, our esteemed Executive Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Haywood T. Gray, the Vice Presidential Team, other officers of the parent body and auxiliaries, let us pledge our full support to king-

dom building through our historic convention.

This is the season when the world celebrates Christmas and the New Year in swift succession. Special attention is given to performing acts of compassion and embracing the angelic praise of "peace on earth among those whom God favors" (Luke 2:14, NRSV). Wouldn't it be nice if the hearts and minds of humankind were mobilized and energized to possess this mindset throughout the year?!

The world now stands in between the time when the Lord came into the world and the time when He will come again. The Lord's appearing

here on that night in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago provided a look at a mind-set that often plagues our world --- a mind-set of "no room." The savior of the world was born in an area usually set aside for the animals. There was "no room" for his family in that crowded town filled with people who had complied with Caesar Augustus' decree that all inhabitants of Rome's empire be registered.

This "no room" policy continued some time later when King Herod received word the Messiah had been born in Bethlehem. Herod sent his soldiers to kill all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under. Herod had a "no room" policy --- he would not

God's grace and peace be with you all for a joyous Christmas and a fruitful, fulfilling, uplifting New Year. "May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all" (2 Thessalonians 3:18, NLT).

tolerate any sharing of his throne.

Jesus often found Himself at odds with the political and religious leaders because of His passion for God and compassion for people. He placed human needs above tradition. He crossed lines and removed barriers that alienated people because of their race, sex, status, and religion. He advocated the inclusion of all persons. As a result, Jesus was targeted for crucifixion because the political and religious leaders had a "no room" policy --- they would not tolerate any one defying their custom whose chief aim was to put and keep people "in their place."

Our world has a history of having a "no room" mind-set. Racism and sexism are twin cousins of evil, which seek to oppress others simply because

of their skin color or gender. Whole segments of our population are often abandoned and isolated based upon their race, gender, economic status, creed, and/or religious and political beliefs. When Jesus comes again, will the "no room" policy still be in effect? Will this policy that faced Jesus when He was born as a child face Him as He returns as King?

Many have not made room for others because they have not made room for Jesus the Christ in their life. This season challenges us to lift the veil and tear down the walls that keep a "no room" mind-set in place.

- We must make room for the least, the lost, the lonely, the left out, the kept out, the locked out, and the knocked out.

- We must make room for the frail, the fragile, and the forgotten.

- We must make room for the distressed, the depressed, and the oppressed.

- We must make room for the hapless, the helpless, the hopeless, and the homeless.

If we do not strive to make room for those who are God's beautiful creatures, should we be surprised if God meets us at the gates of the Eternal City and declares: "There is no room for you?!"

Beloved, let us make room throughout the year to support the goals and objectives of our General Baptist State Convention. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE 143rd ANNUAL SESSION IN OCTOBER WITH YOUR PRESENCE, PRAYERS, and GENEROUS GIFTS FOR STATE MISSIONS, OTHER OBJECTIVES, and KINGDOM BUILDING!** This is just the beginning of our efforts to make room for the work of ministry and missions through your generous and continual support.

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.

"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.

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 November 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:

◆ "Edwards made chieftain of State Convention" was the head liner on the front page, announcing the election results of 103rd annual session of the

GBSC, convening with the United Metropolitan Baptist Church of Winston-Salem Oct. 26-29. The Rev. Dr. C.R. Edwards, then pastor of First Baptist Church – Fayetteville, was chosen to be president.

◆ The text of the president's address by outgoing Convention leader Dr. John W. White was printed.

◆ The Rev. W.B. Lewis, then historian for the Convention, had a compelling historical account of Baptists in the United States and the GBSC's relation to them.

◆ A story about the annual session of the Education and Missionary Union of Western North Carolina on October 23 appeared. This body was comprised of churches in the Ebenezer and Mt. Peace associations.

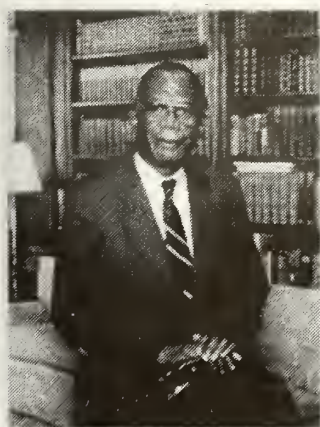
◆ A story about the 102nd homecoming of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Huntersville, held on October 25 appeared, with the speaker being the Rev. L.D. Jeffries. The pastor was the Rev. Max B. McIlwain.



In Memoriam

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

The Reverend Dr. Mansel Philip McCleave, son of the late Reverend Dr. Allen F. and Annie Lewis McCleave, was born August 7, 1926 in Rock Hill, South Carolina. He departed this life on November 25, 2010. In 1927, he moved with his family to Liberty, NC where his father became the pastor of the Edwards Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Dr.



McCleave professed hope in Christ and was saved in 1933 at the age of seven. He chose to unite with the St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Climax, NC where his father was also pastor. Later, when his family moved to Siler City in 1936, he united with the First Missionary Baptist Church where he remained until his death. At 29, he surrendered and answered the call to the gospel ministry.

Dr. McCleave was a preacher of the Gospel, an outstanding leader and spokesperson, an educator, a businessman, a writer (of four publications), a mentor and a friend to many people. He made many unselfish contributions to humanity and

leaves behind a vast legacy of achievements and accomplishments. His adult life was spent in religious, educational, civic, business, and community affairs.

He received his education in the public schools of Chatham County, graduating from Chatham County Training School in Siler City. At 16, he enrolled at Hampton Institute (now University). His career at Hampton was cut short by the World War II Armed Forces draft. After a two-year tour of duty, he enrolled at N. C. A & T State University where he earned both a Bachelor of Science and Masters of Science degree. He was an instructor of Plant Sciences at A & T for thirty-four years teaching on the undergraduate and graduate levels. He did other studies at UNC-Chapel Hill, North Carolina State University and Cornell University. He was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree from Friendship College and the Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Apex School of Theology.

Dr. McCleave was former Pastor of Edwards Grove over three tenures totaling thirty years. He was former pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church for eighteen years. He was affiliated with more than twenty organizations.

He leaves to mourn his nephews, Charles A. Brown of Atlanta and Victor M. Brown of Birmingham. His sisters (Wilma and Lilly) and his brother (Allen) predeceased him. A funeral service was held on December 3 at First Missionary Baptist Church in Siler City.

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

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

(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, long-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, possibly white, top. The background is a plain, light color.

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