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Ministry Briefs

Missions Team In Liberia

The Reverend Dr. John D. Fuller, Sr., pastor of Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Fayetteville, N.C., and three other area pastors recently returned from a 14-day missions trip to Liberia in West Africa.



Dr. Fuller

The team included the Rev. Reginald A. Wells, co-pastor of Lewis Chapel-West; the Rev. Perry B. Irby, pastor of Restoration Missionary Baptist Church in Fayetteville, N.C.; and the Rev. F. Bernard Fuller, pastor of Manna Missionary Baptist Church in Spring Lake, N.C.

During the trip, they held workshops and worship services with clergy and congregations in Ganta City, Nimba County, Gbangba City and Zwedru, Liberia. They also presented workshops at the Lott Carey Mission School in Liberia. Dr. Olu Menjay, principal of Rick's

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Shaw University Graduates March Into History

Press Reports

Shaw Graduates 411 Students Three Weeks After Tornado

Three weeks after a tornado damaged buildings and forced the cancellation of spring classes, Shaw University held its 2011 Commencement Exercises at Dorton Arena on May 7, conferring degrees upon 411 students.

Another nearly 100 students - all of whom were candidates for graduation, but still needed to meet financial and/or aca-



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Healthy ministers, healthy churches

By Bob Allen
American Baptist Press Reports

(ABP) "You cannot go to church," Christian philosopher Elton Trueblood once said. "You are the church wherever you go." That is especially true if you are the pastor.

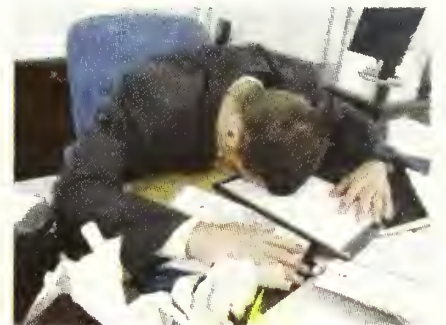
While many people with high-demand occupations view Sunday worship as a haven from day-to-day pressures, ministers are on call 24/7. Clergy rank high in job satisfaction, because most don't enter the field expecting to get rich but

are motivated by wanting to make a difference in people's lives. At the same time, clergy rank among the highest rates of obesity, depression, high blood pressure and adult-onset diabetes when compared to other professions.

For that reason, congregational experts say it is extremely important—but often neglected—that ministers and congregations take seriously ministerial wellness and self-care.

"Healthy clergy make for healthy parishes," Pamela Lee

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demic requirements - also were eligible to march. The University granted them the opportunity because of the disruptions after the University was closed.

"I saw a tearful senior on the steps of Estey Hall and knew we

compassionately and with a generosity of spirit."

Former U.S. Representative from North Carolina's Second Congressional District, Bob Etheridge, delivered the 2011 Commencement address, reminding them that "You are

2010-2011 academic year.

Dr. McClaurin addressed the graduates and congratulated them on making it through the storm - both literally and figuratively. "Your memory of Shaw University and your final days as a student here will be unlike the memories of any other alumni in the history of this institution. The tornado that devastated our campus, but spared us any injuries will be a focal point for days to come. Do not despair about why you? Relish the fact that you did survive the storm, and now you must fulfill the obligation of destiny that God has laid forth for you. We are all put on this earth for a purpose. Explore the world, find your purpose, and be relentless in the pursuit of fulfilling it."

She also invoked the story of a famous fictional tornado - the one in L. Frank Baum's *The Wizard of Oz*. In her remarks, she drew a parallel between the rapidly changing landscape at the time Baum wrote his famous work, and the current environment of "a world where things are not as they have been in the past, and where change and transformation of unprecedented proportions are inevitable."

She continued, "To survive, to succeed in such a world, you will have to trust your brain (like the Scarecrow who realized its importance); trust your heart (like the Tin Man who knew that he was simply a hollow piece of tin without it); and have courage (like the Cowardly Lion who understood that to face his fears, he needed it)."

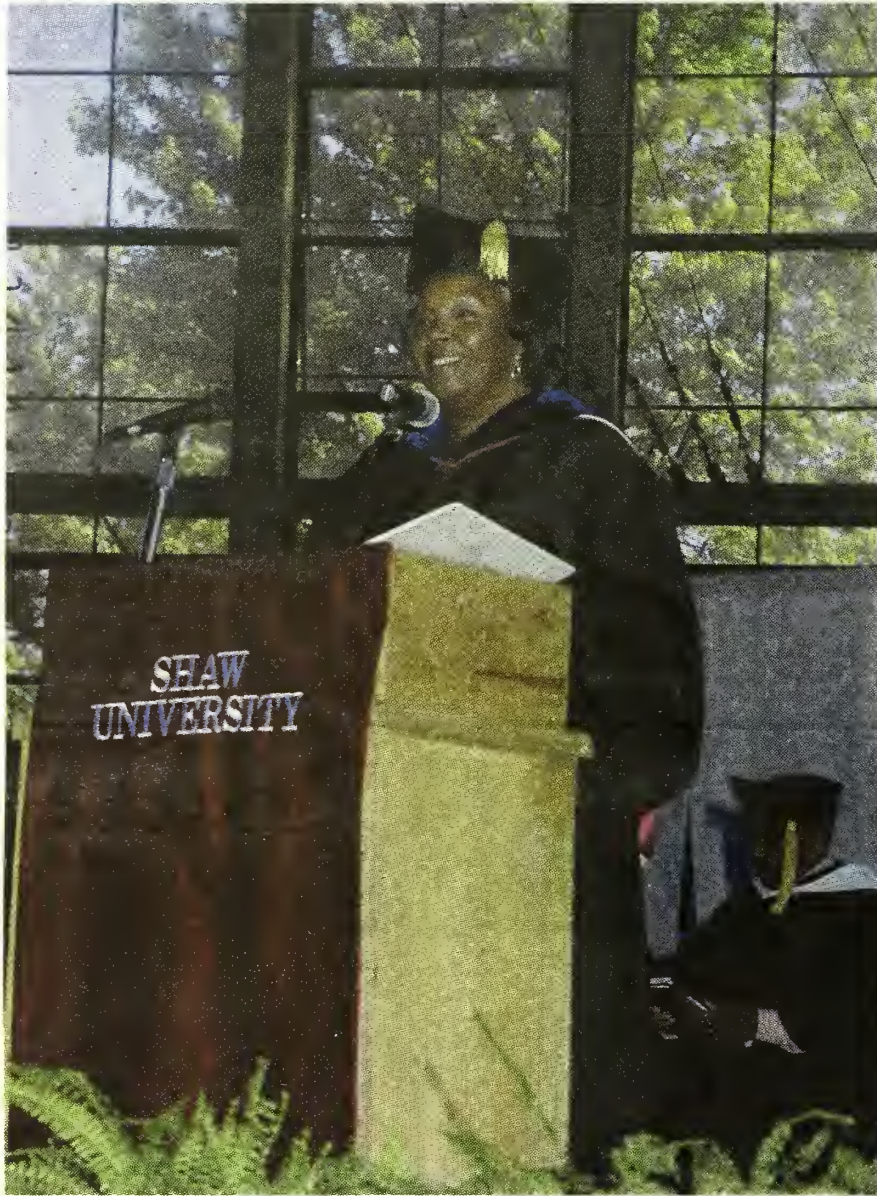
She concluded the allusion:

What lessons should you take from Shaw and what should you make of your experience with the tornado? Remember this: that God has endowed you with the tools you need (brains, heart, courage) to be successful. And that Shaw has educated you with a strong knowledge base and a set of values rooted in our motto: Pro Christo et humanitate (for Christ and humanity). You should remember that every catastrophic experience will only make you stronger, if you believe in yourself; and that the key to your success always lies within you. Believe in yourself.

The commencement ceremony conferred degrees on graduates from the Summer 2010, Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 semesters. One hundred seventy-five received bachelor's of arts degrees, 163 bachelor's of science degrees, 46 bachelor's of social work, 23 master's of divinity, and four master's of religious education.

Among the honored guests were two recipients of honorary degrees: Dr. Dorothy Cowser Yancy, former Interim President of Shaw; and Alfonza Carter, Shaw Director of Athletics. Also in attendance was Peter Chamberlain and his wife Genie. Chamberlain is the great grandson of Shaw founders Sarah and Henry Tupper.

The University's Baccalaureate Service was held on Friday, May 6, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Thomas J. Boyd Chapel on the Shaw campus. Guest speaker was retired Shaw Chaplain Dr. Quincy Scott.



had to do something under these circumstances," said Shaw President Dr. Irma McClaurin. "In the face of our recovery from disaster, I believe now is the time for us as an institution to act

graduates of the storm. You are graduates of champions."

The Shaw athletic teams won four CIAA titles - football, men's basketball, women's basketball, and men's tennis - during the

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Institute in Virginia, Liberia, served as host for the mission team from Lewis Chapel.

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Rev. Lee

New Pastor At St. James In Greensboro

The Reverend Jerome E. Lee, Jr. is the new pastor of

St. James Baptist Church on West Florida Street in Greensboro, N.C. Rev. Lee served as former pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Painter, Va. For 12 years.

His ministry has taken him to West Africa, South Africa, South America and the Caribbean. He also facilitated two 5-day workshops for the Baptist General Convention of Virginia - "How to Change Your Church without Killing It," and "Leadership Development in Rural Congregations." Rev. Lee received his Master of Divinity from the Samuel D. Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in 2005. He is currently pursuing a doctorate of ministry degree there.

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Guests On Tom Joyner Show

Shaw University President Dr. Irma McClaurin and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Willie E. Gary appeared on the Tom Joyner Morning



Dr. McClaurin and Mr. Willie E. Gary

Show May 9 to discuss on-going recovery at Shaw University following a tornado that swept through the campus on April 16.

Shaw's summer session began on May 25, but only for non-residential students. Classes will be held in person and online. Shaw's eight College of Adult and Professional Education sites across the state will hold classes as previously scheduled. Donations to Shaw's disaster relief fund can be made by going to www.shawu.edu.

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Dr. Goatley's Words In New Book

Dr. David Goatley, Ph.D., of Lott Carey recently authored a chapter in a new book about the Lott Carey experience.



Dr. David Goatley

On Mission With God: Free and Faithful Baptists in the

21st Century was edited by Pamela R. Durso and William O'Brien and is published by the Baptist Historical and Heritage Society in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. David Goatley's chapter is "The Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Society as a Global Missional Community."

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Cook Named Ambassador

The Reverend Suzan Johnson Cook, an American Baptist pastor, author and motivational speaker, was sworn in May 16 as Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom by Undersecretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs Maria Otero.

Nominated by President Obama and confirmed by the

Senate April 14, Johnson Cook will serve as a principal advisor on religious freedom to the Secretary of State and to the President and will head the



Rev. Suzan Johnson

Office of International Religious Freedom in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

The new ambassador is founder and president of Wisdom Women Worldwide Center. She retired in 2009 as senior pastor of the Bronx Christian Fellowship Baptist Church in New York City. Before that she was pastor of the historic Mariners' Temple Baptist Church, the oldest church site in Manhattan. The ambassador-at-large position was created in 1998 by the International Religious Freedom Act. (ABP)

Race Relations Pioneer Dies

Richard "Dick" Brogan, a pioneer in building bridges between white and black Baptists in the South, died of a heart attack April 25 at Baptist Hospital in Jackson, Miss. He was 73.

Brogan was president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, a school established in 1944 to provide theological education for black ministers and laity at its central campus in Jackson and extension centers around the state, until the Mississippi Baptist Convention turned control of the institution over to National Baptist trustees in 1988. After that Brogan worked for the Mississippi Baptist Convention as a consultant in the cooperative missions department, dealing with black church work, metropolitan missions and seminary extension.

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Belton Creek Missionary Baptist Church

Belton Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Oxford, North Carolina is currently accepting resumes for the position of Pastor.

Belton Creek is affiliated with the United Shiloh Missionary Baptist Association

Interested persons should possess the following qualifications:

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- Ordained Pastor with pastoral experience
- Willingness to work with all ministries of the church
- Good reputation
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- Demonstrates leadership skills and enhance spiritual growth
- Qualified and gifted to preach and teach the word of God and counsel with clarity and understanding.
- Support and attend trainings and workshops with the United Shiloh Association and General Baptist State Convention (GBSC)

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Cranston says in a clergy-wellness handbook for the Episcopal Church. "Unfortunately, unhealthy work patterns practiced by clergy in congregations have resulted in

ment usually is evaluated by "performance." The vocation of ministry, however, is not defined as just another job, but rather in relational terms of "being" and "doing" in

toral relationship, while contracts protect both the clergy and congregation from the worst."

Studies suggest 75 percent of the stress in clergy life is related to unclear and improper sense of

boundaries related to work. According to the Alban Institute, to work more than 50 hours per week is considered

Research also links clergy burnout to family problems, poor communication with congregations, financial responsibility and clergy sexual abuse.

"Clergy are not called simply to be 'institutional CEOs and business managers' but are in the 'health and wholeness business,'" Cranston says. "The healthier and more whole clergy are the more likely parishioners and congregations will become healthier too."

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America profiled its typical ministers as a 51-year-old male with symptoms of depression, high blood pressure and overweight with heightened risk of heart disease and other illnesses. He works 60 to 70 hours a week in a sedentary job lacking physical exercise and reports considerable work-related stress. He is married with three children. One expresses interest in following their father into full-time ministry. The pastor, however, expresses little enthusiasm for encouraging a child to do so.

"The healthier and more whole the clergy are the more likely the parishioners and congregation will become healthier too."

burnout, if not actual physical, spiritual, emotional and psychological breakdowns."

Cranston says clergy face several unique career challenges. One is "dual relationships." The reality of clergy vocation is that, whether they would like to or even if they should, ministers never can completely "de-role" with members of the congregation.

Another is ambiguity about expectations. In secular fields, employ-

ways not always measurable by a bottom line.

Closely related is the dual nature of the relationship between minister and congregation.

"The reality of today's church is that the working pastoral relationship between clergy and congregations is both contractual and covenantal," Cranston writes. "It is both a job and a vocation, although not in equal measure. Covenant assumes the best aspects in a pas-

"dangerous," but many ministers are expected to do this consistently.

Roy Oswald of the Alban Institute says one in five clergy score high on the burnout scale. "With stress, too much change or novelty forces people to overuse their adjustment capacities and after a while they become physically or emotionally ill," he said. Furthermore, he adds, burnout occurs "when people over use their listening and caring capacities."

The ELCA promotes a "Wholeness Wheel" model for balancing the interconnected aspects of individual wellness:

• **Physical well-being.** "While we are not all born perfectly healthy and no one makes it through life without injury or illness, with tending and nurturing we can live well even with disabilities, injuries or illness. Those with good health can lose it as a result of unhealthy lifestyles and behaviors. Keeping the wholeness wheel in perspective means optimizing our physical health through good nutrition, physical activity and avoiding risks to our health."

• **Emotional well-being.** "Being emotionally well means feeling the full range of emotions and expressing those emotions appropriately. Not feeling emotion is a sign of stress or depression, just

as having emotions that you cannot control may be the sign of emotional distress. Physical health problems can affect our emotions, and emotional problems affect our physical health."

• **Social well-being.** "We were created to be social persons by God with instructions to help and love each other. We are nourished by the love and intimacy of our family and friends. Isolation is a significant risk for depression and premature death. Whether we are introverted or extroverted, regular social contact is essential for health. Being healthy means having healthy relationships with family, friends, co-workers and others. Studies have shown that volunteering in service to others actually lengthens life."

• **Intellectual well-being.** "Alzheimer's disease or dementia is feared by all who have seen or heard about the personal frustra-

tion or social disruption it causes. While we cannot be certain that we will never experience dementia or something similar, using our minds keeps them alert and active. ... We can stretch our minds by experiencing new things—music, art, hobbies or travel. Pushing ourselves at work by seeking out new responsibilities and pursuing lifelong learning keeps us healthy and growing."

• **Vocational well-being.** "Having a sense of purpose is important in living a healthy life. We all want to feel that we are using the gifts God has given us to make this world a better place. We need to be aware of what those gifts are and make good use of education and training to hone our skills. We need to always be seeking for opportunities to make a difference. If not through our occupation, then perhaps through volun-

teering in the community, nurturing our family, or actively participating in church."

• **Spiritual well-being.** "Loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength impacts everything we do and everything we are. ... Nurturing your relationship with God through daily prayer or devotion is the first step. Knowing that God is always present and has given us the gift of grace through the death of Jesus Christ allows us to stumble along the way and keeps us from getting lost."

Bob Allen is managing editor of Associated Baptist Press.

A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO BIN LADEN'S DEATH

The killing of Osama Bin Laden has taken the nation by storm much like the terrorist attacks of September 11th. I am led to share these short thoughts with you as a way of prayerfully ensuring we see this event from a Christian worldview and not the world's perspective.

I believe it is imperative for leaders' to lead their people to understand and respond to this event as the Word of God teaches. The pain inflicted on so many people on September 11th is incomprehensible. Crime/evil always destroys those touched by it. The desire for justice is also a biblical response

for Christians. The USA carried out its plan to get justice for the 9-11 victims. Bin Laden was a sworn enemy and threat to the USA without question. Yet there is another court Bin Laden will face before the greatest King of all as will all people who reject the great Savior-King, Jesus the Christ.

I saw the reaction of many Americans on television and had to think back to the reaction I saw in the Middle East when Americans were killed on 9-11. I asked myself, should a Christian rejoice and celebrate the death of a person who does not know Jesus Christ? The many Americans I saw reveling in the death of Bin Laden is not the way a Christian should respond to the death of anyone.

It is my prayer the Church will not be like the world in responding to Bin Laden's death. We who have been forgiven of our sins and spared the second death should not

rejoice in a death that has no redemptive value. Our hearts should never rejoice to know another has stepped into eternity without Christ. The Lord has taught me valuable lessons since I decided to follow Him. The lessons are "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that world through Him might be saved (John 3:17). He also taught me "For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:6-8).

I agree with Oswald Chambers who said, "I have never met the man I can despair of when I see what lies in me apart from the grace of God." Ezekiel 18:23.

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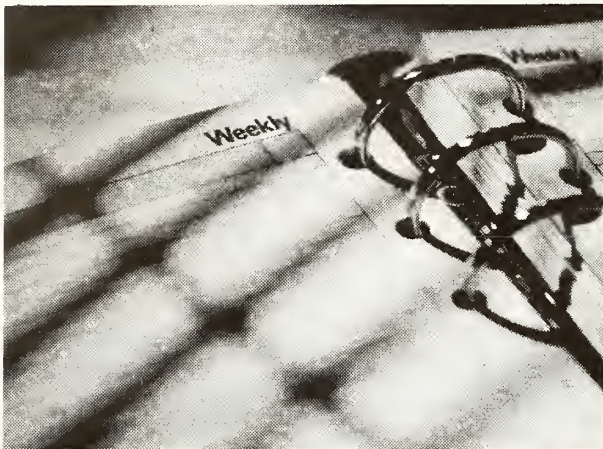
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ACTIVISTS HEAD TO CONGRESS

Under the theme "Changing the Politics of Hunger," hundreds of Christian activists are planning to visit Bread for the World's National Gathering 2011 to learn how to voice the issues they care about to Congress.

National Gathering 2011 will be held June 11-14 at American University in Washington, DC. The event features plenary sessions, workshops, and worship services geared toward "Changing the Politics of Hunger." The event will culminate on June 14 with Lobby Day, where attendees will meet with their members of Congress and have an opportunity to test their advocacy skills.

MEN ON THE MOVE

The 15th Annual Walter Cade Jr. Workshop, presented by the National Baptist Laymen, will be held September 23-25 at the Best Western Hotel in High Point, N.C.

A workshop package will include two nights lodging, registration and five "Southern" meals for \$160 per person for a double occupancy

and \$225 for singles. Additional meals will be available for children at half-price.

For details about the workshop and/or the Souvenir Journal, contact Michael E. Bodie, housing chairman at (336) 886-3397 or James Simon, advertising chairman at (336) 884-0169. Early registrations are encouraged since participants will be coming from various states. Online registrations are available at www.templememorial.com.

GBSC-NC CALENDAR 2011

June 2011

- 19th - 24th WBH&FMC Leadership Training Conference, Browns Summit, NC
- 19th - 24th WBH&FMC Youth Bible Camp, Browns Summit, NC
- 20th - 24th National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 25th - WBH&FMC Missions Prayer Day, County Unions, e.t. al
- 27th - 29th GBSC Congress Oratorical Contest, Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC

July 2011

- 24th - 28th WBH&FMC 127th Annual Session, Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh

August 2011

- 6th GBSC Ushers' Executive Board Meeting, Mount Peace Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC
- 15th - 19th Lott Carey Annual Session, Memphis, Tennessee

September 2011

- 5th-9th National Baptist Convention USA Annual Session, Orlando Convention Center, Orlando, Florida
- 10th GBSC Laymen's Mens' Retreat, Piedmont Region -- Place to be determined
- 23rd - 25th National Baptist Convention USA Walter Cade Southeast Regional Workshop, Best Western Hotel and Conference Center, High Point, NC
- 24th WBH&FMC Family Missions Conference

LOTT CAREY YOUTH HEAD TO OLD DOMINION

The 57th Annual Lott Carey Youth Seminar will convene June 25-30, 2011 on the campus of Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Virginia.

Registration is available under the Youth Development tab at www.lottcarey.org.

The youth seminar is an annual gathering of Lott Carey's International Youth Development department and its mission is to help churches nurture new generations of leaders. Prior to 1973, the Youth Seminar convened on the campus of Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia. Due to flood damage in Richmond following hurricane Agnes in 1972, it relocated the Seminar to Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C., where it remained until an April 17, 2011 tornado damaged buildings on Shaw's campus and forced the university to cancel classes for the remainder of the spring semester.

After the Storm: Reflections on Palm Sunday 2011

By Adrienne Silvey
Guest Columnist for *the Baptist Informer*



Adrienne Silvey
of Raleigh

The morning of Sunday, April 17 was sunny and mild in Raleigh. The temperature was cool — in the low-60s —

and the sky was a brilliant shade of blue. It was a picture-perfect spring day. But the beautiful weather belied the fact that a nightmare had been unleashed on the city the day before, when a violent storm system ripped through central North Carolina.

sounded just like we've always heard, like a freight train."

The National Weather Service received reports of more than 70 tornado sightings in 19 North Carolina counties on April 16. Fortunately, my friend and her son were unscathed and their home was not damaged. But many residents in our city and our state suffered injuries and extensive property loss. Shaw University was forced to close for the remainder of the spring semester and now faces rebuilding in the midst of a financial crisis. And from North Raleigh came the worst possible news, when four young children perished after a tree fell on their family's home.

All around Martin Street Baptist Church lay evidence of the tornadoes that created a path of destruction. Massive pin oak

baptism that had been scheduled for 10:30 that morning.

Our new member, Sister Pearl Holland, was excited to be baptized. When she emerged from the water, her face was

night praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. This was the night Judas led a party of armed soldiers to arrest Him, try Him and condemn Him to die on a cross. With dread in His heart, Jesus



Dozens of homes were devastated in the storm that rocked Southwest Raleigh and other areas of the state. (Photo: JesSanne Robinson Johnson of Raleigh).



An April 17 tornado uprooted innumerable trees and destroyed property and lives across North Carolina. (Photo: Andrea Lenore Kee of Raleigh).

The tornadoes came suddenly. On the evening of April 16, local news stations issued urgent warnings for residents to take cover as the sky darkened, sheets of torrential rain fell and the winds began to howl.

"I was scared to death," a friend who lives in Southeast Raleigh recalled. "I grabbed my son and we got in a closet. I just prayed the whole time. When the tornado passed our house, it

trees were plucked out of the earth like weeds, roofs were peeled away from houses and businesses, and power lines and traffic lights littered the city's streets— including the one on which our church stands.

The morning after the storm, a sanctuary full of worshippers gathered at Martin Street for church. Although we had no electricity, our Pastor, Dr. Earl C. Johnson, decided that we would proceed with our 11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday service, including the

glowing. "I wasn't about to miss my baptism," she said later. "I didn't care if the water was cold. I was going through with it. But you know, somehow they made that water warm."

Not only was the baptismal water warm on that chilly morning, church Trustees managed to provide the soft glow of the two lamps in the pulpit and a working PA system that carried the pastor's voice across the sanctuary.

"How did y'all get light?" a visitor asked in wonder.

And that morning, without our state-of-the-art sound system or electronic instruments, voices lifted in harmonic songs of praise and thanksgiving. We prayed for church members and neighbors in the community, state and region who suffered losses. We worshipped God and gave thanks for the safety of friends and family members. In his sermon, Dr. Johnson reminded us of another storm. Over two thousand years ago, Jesus spent an agonizing

anticipated the terrible storm that was approaching. But because of His love for us, He chose to endure the agony of Calvary.

The congregation left the church that day hopeful, spiritually edified and ready to contend with the aftermath of the tornadoes. We may not always escape the destruction of natural disasters. But as Christians, we recognize disasters as opportunities to deepen our faith and to allow God to use us. Through storms, we are reminded that He is always with us, He supplies our needs, He is in control, and we always have hope in Him. God does not promise us lives without storms or suffering (Matthew 5:45), but through His Son, we are spared from spiritual death.

Ms. Silvey is a member of Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C.

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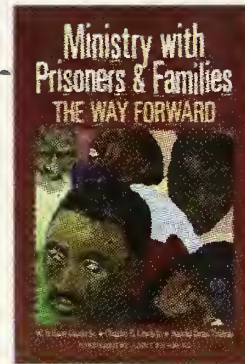
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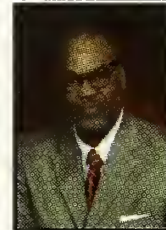
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Mrs. Audrey Battle,
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The Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina

www.wbhmc.org or (919) 833-4823

ANNUAL SESSION COMING IN JULY

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina will present its 127th Annual Session on July 24-28 at the Raleigh Convention Center.

The pre-registration for seniors/young adults is \$25 per person; \$15 for youth.

The deadline to pre-register is July 15, 2011. Note: Contact person is responsible for all tickets and each attendee MUST have a ticket to enter an event requiring a ticket.

All pre-registration forms (see below) should be sent to: Woman's Baptist State Convention (WBSC), Post Office Box 1818, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602.

For details, please contact the WBSC at (919) 821-7466.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 19-24 Youth Bible Camp, Browns Summit, NC
- June 19-24 Leadership Training Camp, Browns Summit, NC
- June 25 Annual Prayer Day
- July 24-28 127th Annual Session

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- A Bachelor's degree is desired or five years of related experience including two years of supervisory experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Knowledge of operations, maintenance, repair, planning, scheduling, management and administration of the Facilities; federal, state, and local regulation safety practices; record keeping and report writing experience.
- Knowledge and experience with state and local safety, fire, construction, and public access regulations; experience developing cost estimates and budgets.
- Ability to communicate effectively, express oneself clearly and concisely presenting ideas and concepts verbally and in writing. Skill in areas of budgeting and financial administration.
- Computer literate in Windows environment.
- Must have the ability to meet a flexible work schedule including evenings and weekends and be available on-call for emergencies by telephone and/or cell phone.
- Candidates are subject to a criminal background check prior to employment.

Interested candidates should submit resumes to;

Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church
Personnel Committee
1243 West Boulevard
Charlotte, NC 28208

THE CHURCH USHER

By Mr. Charles Dunn

GBSC-NC Ushers' Auxiliary

Revelation 3:20 reads "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

The mission of the church usher is to open the door and let Christ enter. Ushers who allow Christ to enter use the same pledge as the 4-B youth. These youth pledge their heads to clearer thinking, their hearts to greater loyalty, their hands to larger service, and their health to better living. We (ushers) are committed to use what God has given us for service to mankind. Models are needed to point the way for our youth. I challenge all ushers to provide this model. Our youth are standing in the mist of dis-

tractions from a world which can lead to their destruction. Our youth are tempted by drugs, sexual misconduct, and gang activity just to name a few examples. The world has made our youth an offer. Ushers, we need to show our youth the other side of the coin. Something needs to be done and we need to take action. Ushers, open the door and let Jesus Christ come in.

The world has not opened the door to allow Jesus to enter. The world has many travelers traveling the broad smooth road. This road is crowded with those who know not Jesus. They have not opened the door, nor heard the knock.

When we as ushers open the door and receive Jesus in our lives, there comes a change in our lives. We have the courage to do the will of Christ. We should testify because of the things Christ has done for us. The presence of

Christ causes us to live responsibly, so that every act brings glory and honor to the father and enhances the well-being of fellow brothers and sisters. The presence of Jesus will cause ushers to rely on the wisdom of God instead of the wisdom of man. The presence of Jesus creates love in us. Love binds everything together in perfect harmony. It holds human relationships together. It is what motivates us.

Jesus gave us the greatest commandment: "Thou shalt love the lord thy God with all thy heart, mind, soul, and strength. And second is thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, and upon these two hang the law and the prophets." Ushers open the door and let love in so that we can begin to make a difference!

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LOTT CAREY FOREIGN MISSION

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Dear Lott Carey Partner:

We rejoice in your faithfulness and wanted to give you an update on some of our work together to inform your prayer time this week.

Our Pastoral Excellence Program's final international immersion team left for Italy on



Dr. David Goatley

Wednesday evening, 18 May 2011. We have been blessed with eight teams of pastors and one team of associate ministers/staff pastors to share in this project of service learning immersions. The journey

from orientation to disorientation (in different global cultural and community contexts) toward reorientation is helping pastors to broaden visions, build networks, and deepen impacts.

Four of us attended a conference sponsored by the Lilly Endowment last week in Indianapolis where our Program received strong affirmation for its design, implementation, and learnings. Rev. Brenda K. Harewood and Dr. Sheila K. Robbins are co-authoring a chapter in a book scheduled for release in December based on insights gained through this project. Please pray for safe travel, meaningful ministry, and personal growth for the team.

Additionally, we continue to work on our Disaster Response Strategy with pastors and churches in Alabama following the recent devastating tornados in that region. Thankfully, supplies and volunteers continue to come in abundance. Lott Carey is working with partners in the region to provide a design for Resurrection Centers that will help people with mental health, social service, and child development programs in the months to come. Pastors may also have need for consultation around relevant ministry in the aftermath of disasters.

We have found this approach helpful in the aftermath of disasters in Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas,

and Haiti. The needs of people remain once the news cycles have turned away, and Lott Carey plans to be engaged in our disaster response model of "helping people rise again." We rejoice in the churches and individuals who have already given generously to support this partnership of disaster response, and we encourage all who are led by the Spirit to share in this ministry soon.

Upcoming Events:

- **The 57th Annual Lott Carey Youth Seminar, will be held June 25-30 in Norfolk, VA.** The week-long program focuses on young Christians to enrich their missional commitments through service, learning, worship, and fellowship. Registration is available now at www.lottcarey.org under the "Youth Development" tab.

- **Lott Carey's 114th Annual Session convenes on August 15-19 in**

Memphis, Tennessee. Highlights include the Civil Rights Museum and fellowship at the Cook Convention Center where our Host Pastor, Dr. Gina M. Stewart, and the Christ Missionary Baptist Church will relocate their Sunday morning worship. Discounted airline rates are available through Delta Airlines. For details, visit www.lottcarey.org under the "Annual Gatherings" tab.

We solicit your prayers that God will enable us to do faithfully all that our hands have been assigned. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry.

On mission with Christ,
David

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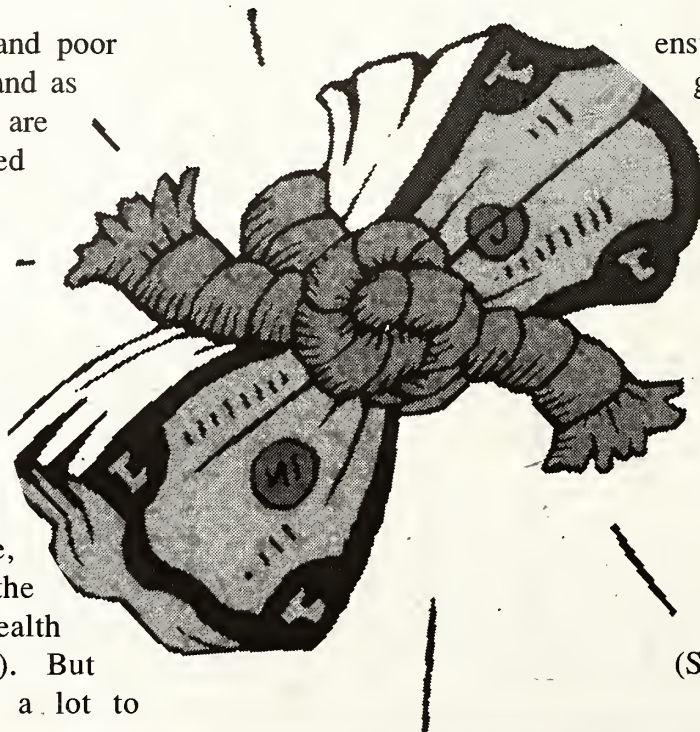
What the Budget Battle in Congress Means to You

Press Reports

You've surely heard something in the news lately about our nation's federal budget and debt ceiling, or credit limit. What is the discussion in Congress all about, and how does it impact you? There are many implications of the fiscal year 2012 budget proposals and the debt ceiling, but perhaps the most dramatic are the possible

impacts on hungry and poor people. As citizens and as people of faith, there are a few things you need to know.

Contrary to what you may be hearing, only 14 percent of our federal dollars go to domestic social safety-net programs (not including Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program). But these programs do a lot to



ensure people do not go hungry. In 2009, for example, U.S. poverty reached record levels—14.3 percent for the general population and 25.8 percent among African-Americans! However, poverty and food insecurity would have been much higher had it not been for social safety nets such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly called food

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stamps), unemployment insurance, and federal feeding programs, which helped feed millions of families.

At the same time, less than 1 percent of our federal budget goes to foreign assistance programs that help hungry and poor people. However small the percentage of the budget, here is what U.S. foreign aid provides in human terms: school breakfast and lunch for 5 million children each year; supportive care for more than 10.1 million people affected by HIV/AIDS worldwide, including more than 4 million orphans and vulnerable children; vaccines that save 3 million lives each year; and clean water and sanitation projects for 750 million people. Cuts to U.S.

foreign aid will cost lives, add to global instability, and have long-term consequences for America's leadership role and national security.

The bottom line is, in the wake of one of the worst recessions this country has ever seen, people—your friends, relatives, neighbors, even you—are still suffering. Cutting programs that provide vital assistance to millions of people who need it is not the way to reduce the deficit—especially since they did not get us into this deep deficit in the first place.

In March, several of my colleagues, including Rev. David Beckmann, president of Bread for the World; Ambassador Tony Hall, director of the Alliance to

End Hunger; Jim Wallis, president and CEO of Sojourners; and Ritu Sharma, president of Women Thrive Worldwide, participated in a fast to pressure Congress to form a "circle of protection" around programs that support hungry and poor people. But there is still work to be done. The debt ceiling and FY 2012 budget are at the top of lawmakers' agenda, so we must urge them to create a circle of protection around funding for programs that help those most in need.

Now, you may be asking yourself, "How can I help?" The answer is simple—advocacy. As David Beckmann says, "I believe God is calling us to change the politics of hunger." In

other words, God is calling us to supplement our charity work for people in need with action. Tell your lawmakers that reducing our nation's debt is important to you, but it shouldn't be done on the backs of hungry and poor people. Urge Congress to review the entire budget, including tax revenues and military spending, and not to cap federal spending at the expense of programs that protect hungry and poor people.

Bishop Don DiXon Williams is racial/ethnic outreach associate at Bread for the World, and bishop of ecumenical and political affairs at United Way of the Cross Church of Christ, Danville, Virginia.

YONDER: That's a Cool Word

Yonder is one of my favorite words. I am sure that many who read this piece will think that a person of my stature and posture could surely come up with a better favorite word. Perhaps a term borrowed from theological



The Reverend Haywood T. Gray
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
GBSC-NC

jargon would be a better choice. Or a word from which a deep and complex etymology

would be nice. Or maybe even the word would be improved if it were quoted in some larger context by some renowned wordsmith. No. I'll just stick with it plain and simple. Yonder.

The word immediately

brings to mind memories of my childhood in the backwoods of Southern Virginia. "Yonder" was how the adults in my community talked. To them it made perfect sense. Whether describing something that was way along the road leading to town or whether it was used by our one-Sunday-a-month pastor to describe life in the world to come, their immediate aim was the establishment of an "association." However, their "yonder" view had to do with creating an institution that would perpetually stand for Christian principles and engage in matters that would not just affect the future, but shape the future. Thank God for their like of the word "yonder."

Nearly 150 years hence, we continue to exclaim "yonder." That is really what Dr. Irma McClaurin, President of Shaw University, means when she speaks of a University "imagining more." That is what Mrs. Angela Williams, Executive Director of the Central Children's Home, reaches for with the admission of every

child placed into her care and keeping. That is surely what Dr. David Emmanuel Goatley, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missions Convention, engages when he tells us of our sisters and brothers around the globe who express needs and our missions dollars fill those needs. That is what our President Howard W. Parker, Jr. challenges us to preach, teach and reach. "Yonder."

The Church at her best keeps pointing toward "yonder." In a world where hope is scarce, justice is fleeting, and humanity seems ever able to find new ways to be inhumane to each other, the Church needs to continue to proclaim the "yonder." Of course, this is not to suggest that we abandon the present nor is it to suggest that we become lax in our efforts to influence the right now with the principles of our faith, but it is to say that a faith that does not point to "a better day a'coming" is not faith at all. Faith is the substance of what we hope for and the evi-

dence of that which eludes our sight and grasp. Robert Browning had something when he said, "Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?" "Yonder!"

So our Church must concern herself with the plight of young black boys and girls in the present while believing that the "yonder" tells of strong, focused African-American men and women who will stand tall on our shoulders because of our intervention today. The Church must speak against the growing tide of political "looking backward"-ness that seeks to reset and regress society's most significant achievements while encouraging the nation to believe in a "yonder" that will bloom from the seeds of justice we plant today. The Church must continue to remain rooted in her glorious past, but her branches must move toward the sky with possibilities unlimited and achievements beyond our present dreams.

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In light of the massive destruction felt across North Carolina in the tornadoes of April 16, the resilience of our Churches and communities is seen along these corridors of

destruction. As Churches give to heal communities over "yonder" and as communities pick up the pieces of their brokenness while believing in a better "yonder," we celebrate the strength of faith

and the power of hope. If faith and hope can take root in places where wind and water swept away everything, faith and hope are indeed powerful ideals.

I like the word "yonder" and

I will keep using it. Even more than that, I will keep believing in it.

Caribbean Baptists voice solidarity with U.S. tornado victims

By Bob Allen
Associated Baptist Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (ABP) – The head of the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship pledged prayers and solidarity with tornado victims in the United States.

Everton Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer of the fellowship of

about 15 active bodies in English, French/Creole and Spanish languages located within the Caribbean, conveyed concern in a recent letter to George Bullard, general secretary of the North American Baptist Fellowship.

"It is likely that some of the persons have Caribbean connection given the reality of migration from the Caribbean to the U.S.A.," Jackson wrote. "Therefore, the people of the Caribbean are deeply touched by this tragedy and are concerned for our brothers and sisters across racial lines."

Jackson asked Bullard to con-

vey Caribbean Baptists' "concerns, prayers and solidarity" to leaders of Baptist organizations in affected areas.

"We are confident that with the help of God, those affected will be inspired to rise above their dilemma and experience expeditious rehabilitation," Jackson said.

The North American and Caribbean Baptist fellowships are two of six continental or regional unions belonging to the Baptist World Alliance, an umbrella organization representing 41 million Baptists around the world.

Bullard responded to Jackson's let-

ter requesting additional prayer for Baptist volunteers seeking to minister to disaster victims.

"It has been a year of struggle," Bullard wrote. "We are seeing even some weariness in the disaster responders. Every time they turn around, there is another disaster." On the other hand, Bullard noted the challenge "has called for and created an opportunity for greater partnerships among the various Baptist groups in North America."

Heaven's Rain: A Look At Crime Victims, Forgiveness

Press Reports
ABPnews Weekly

A film about a Baptist preacher's son who survived gunshot wounds from a brutal attack that killed his parents yet forgave their murderer is resonating with audiences not only in churches and theaters but also among victims of violent crime walking similar paths.

Heaven's Rain, a feature film produced and co-written by Brooks Douglass, a crime survivor who went on to pioneer victims' rights legislation as a state senator, made its Tennessee premiere on April 5 before a diverse audience of law

enforcement, victim advocates and crime survivors. The screening was billed as an early observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, sponsored by the U.S. Justice Department in April.

"I hope you don't feel like what you are watching is a crime story," Douglass said in a question-and-answer session after the screening at Friendship Baptist Church in north Nashville. "I think of it as a story about our family. It's a tribute to my parents, and it's mostly a story about forgiveness."

The movie tells the story in vignettes from Douglass' childhood as a son of Southern

Baptist missionary parents in Brazil, to Oklahoma, where his father was pastor of Putnam City Baptist Church. Then to

members before leaving them for dead.

Richard and Marilyn Douglass died at the scene. Bleeding and faint, Leslie managed to help untie Brooks, who despite his own wounds got her to the family car and drove them both to a doctor, who in turn got them to a hospital in time to save their lives. The movie climaxes with an eight minute scene summarizing Douglass' 90-minute prison meeting in 1995 with murderer Glenn Ake, during which Douglass let go of hate and anger bottled up for years and forgave the triggerman who changed his life.



the night of Oct. 13, 1979, when 16-year-old Brooks Douglass let two drifters into their home who wound up robbing the family, raping his 12-year-old sister and shooting all four bound family

Martin Street Baptist Church POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT: YOUTH MINISTER

Martin Street Baptist Church is a community-based, intergenerational family of disciples of Jesus Christ. We love God and our neighbors and we aspire to transform the community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The historic church, located in Southeast Raleigh, is seeking an energetic, servant of God to lead its Youth Ministry. This is a part-time position.

JOB SUMMARY:

The Minister of Youth is responsible to the church, supervised by the Pastor and responsible for developing and supervising a comprehensive program of youth Christian education activities that include planning, conducting and evaluating the programs of the Youth Ministry as it relates to the mission and objectives of the church.

Please send RESUMES to:

Youth Minister Search Committee
Martin Street Baptist Church
1001 E. Martin St. Raleigh, N.C. 27601
(919) 833-9756

DEADLINE: June 29, 2011

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Sunday June 26, 2011
4:00PM

Installation Service rendered by:
Pastor, Dr. Robert E. Lee McGowens
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Charlotte, North Carolina,

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church located 530 Lystra Road, in Chapel Hill, N.C.; Chatham County was founded in 1853. - A leader in the area, we are actively involved in local community organizations. We are a growing body of Christ committed to achieving kingdom principles as directed by the Holy Spirit. Currently, we are actively seeking a pastor who, under the auspices of the Holy Spirit, will serve as the shepherd for the congregation. It is imperative that the Pastor's chief concern is the visionary equipping of the congregation for spiritual growth through meaningful worship, educational and outreach experiences, which will lead congregants into a profound relationship with the Almighty.

Pastoral Requirements:

- ☐ Ability to teach and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to a traditional Baptist Church
- ☐ Ability to motivate God's people to ministry as you promote Church harmony
- ☐ Being led by God, provide innovative leadership that will promote church growth
- ☐ Possess willingness to fellowship with other churches in the area
- ☐ Provide leadership and direction to existing ministries while incorporating a vision toward growth with new ministries
- ☐ Ability to work with the youth, young adults and elderly
- ☐ Possess counseling skills
- ☐ Have a progressive vision for growth of the Church and mission work
- ☐ Visit the sick and shut-in
- ☐ Other duties as the need may arise and as God has directs

Current Church Affiliations:

- ☐ New Hope Association
- ☐ General State Baptist Convention
- ☐ Job Status: Full-time
- ☐ Education Required: Some college or seminary degree/Training, preferred
- ☐ Pastoral Experience Required: 6 years

How to Apply

Please send resume including salary history to:
Attn: Pastoral Search Committee
Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church
530 Lystra Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Opening Date: June 1, 2011
Closing Date: July 31, 2011
All resumes must be postmarked by midnight July 31, 2011.

Additional Information

The Pastoral Search Committee will acknowledge receipt of all resumes. All information presented will be treated as confidential. The applicant (including spouse, if applicable) must be willing to submit to a background and credit check. The salary will be discussed at a later time.

Contact Information

Deacon Otis Stroud, Chairman
Pastoral Search Committee
Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church (Chatham)
530 Lystra Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

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CONGRESS OPENS IN INDIANAPOLIS



The 106th Annual Session of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education will convene June 20-24 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

A Message from President Waddles:

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and Lord Jesus Christ.

As we prepare to gather in Indianapolis to help engage and equip National Baptists to do the work of the ministry, it is our confident hope that each Pastor, each Christian Education worker and each delegate that is preparing for this great effort would be abundantly blessed of God.

Educational experiences and Spirit-filled celebrations have been planned for this 106th Annual Session of the Congress of Christian Education and we pray that you

will come thirsty for knowledge and leave filled and ready to share Christ and do the work of the ministry in your local community.

Along with the Congress Dean, Dr. Elliot Cuff and Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, President of the National Baptist Convention, we look forward to seeing you in Indianapolis.

In the Bonds of the Spirit,
Dr. George W. Waddles, Sr., President
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