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WASHINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH, WACO, NORTH CAROLINA, REV. P. B. BARNETTE, PASTOR

The Washington Baptist Church, Waco, North Carolina, will be the scene of the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. This beautiful and spacious church was constructed under the capable leadership of Reverend P. B. Barnette who will be the host Pastor.

This new building was recently dedicated to the glory of God with hundreds in attendance.

Reverend Barnette, the good people of Washington Church and the citizens of Waco await our arrival for this all important session. President Pitts
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THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS



PRESIDENT PITTS

To the Baptist Family:

Since last we met we have faced an hour of testing and challenge. Nature unleashed her wrath upon us and we have suffered because of it. We cannot do anything about these conditions but we can do something in spite of the conditions. We can support the Cause and meet the demands placed upon us.

It is not necessary for me to enlarge upon the work but I will. But first accept my thanks for what you have done. Many have gone the second mile and ignore the sacrifices some

then some. We cannot ignore the sacrifices some are making so we thank you.

Now while some have gone the second mile, there are others who have not started yet. Our appeal to you is, look beyond yourself, your church or organization and see the need to help somebody else. If every Pastor, Church and organization would do their share we would have no problem. Give your people an opportunity to respond. Take the lead and give first. Leave no stone unturned. Let us make this One Day Session a REAL Session in every way. Above all, let us go over our financial goal.

We have set \$100,000.00 as our goal for the One Day Session. We have over 300,000 Baptists in the state. Our quota is less than \$1.00 per member. Let us not fail. Let us not fall Short.

Don't forget to pray much for the Convention. God still lives, moves and has being in the affairs of men. Let us seek His guidance and follow where He leads. MEET ME AT WASHINGTON MAY 4.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE—GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF N. C., INC.

MARCH, 1965

Foreign Missions	\$ 714.46
Shaw University	632.82
The Oxford Orphanage	91.60
STATE MISSIONS:	
Designated—Unified	2,884.12
Baptist Convention	250.00
Baptist Informer	126.00
OTHER RECEIPTS:	
Miscellaneous	89.00
Current Operations	827.00
(Shaw University)	
GRAND TOTAL:	\$5,615.00

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1965 THROUGH THE OFFICE OF WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

HOME MISSIONS

Undesignated	\$ 699.17
Institutes	346.25
District Conferences	72.43
Building Fund	5.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Undesignated	180.50
Foreign Scholarship	2.00

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Orphanage	37.65
Shaw Drive—Committee	221.00
Shaw Scholarship	500.00

SALES AND SERVICES

Helpers	1,312.26
Guide—Handbooks Srs. and Jrs.	15.36
Student Loans	10.00
Mimeograph work	4.00
Books	48.07
Rent	80.85

TOTAL: **\$3,534.54**

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Sisters:

In a few weeks we will meet for the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention in Waco, North Carolina. There is no doubt in my mind that you will be there in large numbers, I know you will. You have never failed us and you will not fail us now.

As I think of this session, I cannot help but think of our meeting last year. Sisters, you did a marvelous job, yet we did not quite reach our goal. We must not have a repeat in 1965, we must go over the top.

Every organization has been given a quota. If we bring up the quota assigned we will reach the mark. Don't loose heart just tackle the job with a determined will. If you have already reached your goal keep on working and go over.

Work has already begun on new buildings at Shaw. With these new facilities Shaw will be able to cope with other institutions like her. Our State Missions program was helped by your sacrificial efforts during our One-Day Session but additional funds are needed to carry on. All the Objectives of the Convention must be supported and we have no resource but you.

Come praying and come paying. No better compliment can be paid us than WE DID WHAT WE SET OUT TO DO. As your President, I humbly ask that you do your best. All reports will be made through the Informer.

ONE DAY SESSION

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and President Horne is asking that we make this session big in every way.

WHAT TO BRING:

MONEY! Money for Shaw. Money for State Missions. Money for Foreign Missions. Money for the Colored Orphanage of North Carolina. Money for the Objectives of the Convention and the Cause of Christ. Bring **MONEY, BIG MONEY AND LOTS OF IT.** The Cause Needs It Now.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Baptist! Baptist men (laymen), Baptist women, Baptist Young People, Baptist Ushers, Baptist Sunday School and B. T. U. leaders and workers. The entire Baptist Family is expected to attend this meeting.

Charter buses, form car pools or do whatever you must, but by all means, be present.

WHY THE CALL IS URGENT:

The first nine weeks of this year found us in the grip of foul weather. There were some Sundays when many of our churches did not meet at all. There were other Sundays when only a few came. This means that the churches themselves got behind in finance and so did the state work.

The CAUSE needs our support. The slack must be taken out. Shaw's current debt was paid, now Shaw needs operational and expansion funds. State Missions, the life blood of the work, is suffering and struggling. Foreign Missions is in desperate need. The Orphanage awaits our assistance. The School of Religion must be maintained. These are needs we cannot ignore — they need our support NOW.

SACRIFICE! SELF-DENIAL! These are the key terms for this hour. The need is great but so are our resources. The demand is challenging but the task ahead is not as great as the power behind us. Baptists are called upon to **RISE, SHINE** and give God the Glory.

President Pitts and Horne and Executive Secretaries Sherrill and Alston have sent out the clarion call. Will we answer? Pastors, Churches, Associations, Unions, District Conventions and Auxiliaries are urged to not only bring your quota but something extra.

Turmoil and strife stalks the world. This is our opportunity to have a share in bringing world peace and brotherhood. Only as we support the Cause of Christ can we hope to have a better world.

HOW TO GET THERE

From Salisbury area, take Highway 150 to Waco. Turn left on Highway 1001 two miles to church.

Asheville area, take 74 east to Shelby, take Highway 150 to Waco, turn right to church.

From Monroe area, take Highway 74 west to Bethware school, six miles near Kings Mountain take Highway 1001 right to church.

From Statesville area, take Highway 18 to Shelby, turn right on 150 to Waco, turn right at Waco to church.

WHERE THEY MEET

May 4—One Day Session, Washington Baptist Church, R.F.D., Waco

June 7-13—World Baptist Congress, Miami, Florida

June 14-20—National Baptist Sunday School Congress, U. S. A., Inc., Tulsa, Oklahoma

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

"Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it." The same is true when it comes to developing a program of systematic giving for the Objectives of the Convention. Everybody talks about it but nothing in a definite way has been done.

The General Convention has a skelton plan in the Unified Program. This plan, properly presented and directed, can and will work but when have we heard anything about the Unified Program?

It is not uncommon for supporting churches and pastors to get two or three letters of appeal for funds to be "designated" for some one Objective. It is increasingly common for contributions to be sent direct to an Objective instead of through the Baptist Headquarters. Designated funds or designating funds weakens and presents untold problems to the administration.

The Convention is BIG BUSINESS and has the potential of growing much larger. If we are to meet the increasing demands placed upon us we must rethink and rechart our financial course.

Is there any merit or virtue in appointing a Finance or Budget Committee with representatives from the General Convention and each Auxiliary? This Committee would meet in Raleigh during the month of June to work out the budget and ways and means of meeting it.

This time element poses certain problems of course but will not the merits outweigh the problems? This time element would allow all auxiliaries to know what will be presented to the General Convention for adoption in its annual session.

Often the Auxiliaries have had to change what they adopted because the General Convention assessed them more than they had told the people they would seek. This is confusing, also.

It is again flattering to appoint a Budget Committee at the Annual Session of the Convention and give it the responsibility of working out a budget and recommending to the Convention ways and means of raising it. No matter how intelligent or learned the members of the Committee may be, it is impossible to give directions for raising a half million dollars in a few hours. Time is needed to plan. Direction is needed to promote.

It is wholly unfair to give the president of the Convention the sole responsibility for financial plans. He must direct, of course, but to be shouldered with this burden is too much.

If the Objectives of the Convention are to get the support they need, a workable plan is needed. That plan can be the UNIFIED PROGRAM.

The organizational structure of the General Baptist State Convention is of such that the President of the Convention is faced with problems when he attempts to guide the Convention. He is not Chairman of any Committee or Board that administers

the affairs of the Convention. In fact, he is President TWICE a year. At the One-Day Session and the Annual Convention. At other times he is at the mercy of others.

Let it be said hurriedly that those who do chairmen administrative Committees have shown every courtesy and respect for the Chieftan. At no time has his wishes been ignored nor his suggestions honored. For this type respect, high recommendation is given. Thus this is not an indictment of personalities but of the organizational structure.

How many Pastors could successfully administer the affairs of the church and sell the Lord's program if he is at the mercy of others? Those who lead should be placed in positions where their leadership can be effective.

The President of the General Baptist State Convention should be Chairman of either the Executive Committee or General Board. This would place him in a position to guide and keep the Convention in line with its program without having to go through someone else.

The Constitution should be revised to make provision for this as soon as possible. Who knows, brother, you may be next in line!

WHERE THEY MEET

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- June 14-20—National Baptist Sunday School Congress of America
- June 14-20—Progressive National Baptist Sunday School Congress, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Durham
- June 25-30—Baptist World Congress, Miami Beach, Florida
- July 13-15—State Ushers Convention, Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Durham
- August 3-5—State S. S. & B. T. U. Convention, Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem
- August 10-13—Woman's Home & Foreign Missionary Convention, New Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Charlotte
- August 31-September 3—Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, Richmond, Virginia
- September 6-12—National Baptist Convention of America, U. S. A., Inc., Jacksonville, Florida
- September 6-12—National Baptist Convention of America, Houston Texas
- September 6-12—Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.
- November 8-12—Laymen League & General Baptist State Convention, Shaw University, Raleigh

BE A PAL

The Informer's Office Secretary, Mrs. Z. H. Noble, is still confined in Wake Memorial Hospital, Raleigh. Drop her a card at: 2E10 Wake Memorial Hospital, Raleigh, North Carolina.