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## Woman's Executive Requests Retirement

Raleigh - The members of the Executive Board of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention of N.C., Inc., were left in tears last October 16, when their Executive Secretary, Mrs. Berthenia D. Horne requested retirement, effective August 1977. The unexpected announcement struck the Board with such force until many of the women wept openly and unshamedly. Feelings reached an uncontrollable proportion and order was restored only after the Board was requested to pause in silent prayer to await direction from the Holy Spirit.

Mrs. Horne's career as a leader in the Woman's Convention began 28 years ago when she was unexpectedly elected to the office of president as an unknown young woman. She resigned from the office of president 10 years ago to become executive Secretary. Her work

has been crowned with success and has reached around the world. The Woman's Convention has grown to national prominence under the guidance of her hand. Recently, the Convention received recognition as the best stewardship convention in the nation.

The dynamic leadership of Executive Secretary Horne has inspired countless individuals to do a better job for God. She has been an unyielding and unending source of strength and encouragement to those who have needed direction in their work. One member of the Executive Board declared that: "She has made an indelible contribution to the work of the Lord Jesus Christ through the Woman's Convention of N.C. and nothing can erase the record of good that she has done".

The great strength that she has shown has often been

misinterpreted, but it has been her strength that has led the Convention to success. There are those who look upon her as a mother, because her hand led and supported them when they were to young to walk alone. This writer has been the recipient of that support throughout his active ministerial career; especially when he was a student at Shaw Divinity School and as a student minister at her home church, Mt. Zion in Winston Salem, N.C.

After much discussion of the request for retirement, the Board deferred action on the retirement until August 1978. President, Mrs. J.B. McLester, stated that action should be deferred in order to give the women an opportunity to find and prepare a replacement for the Executive Secretary. She said that this should be prayerfully done: "God sent us



Mrs. Berthenia D. Horne, Exec. Director  
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this leader and he will send us another one. We should pray and trust of God to continue to bless our Convention with the right kind of leadership".

The full text of the retirement request follows:

"In March 1949 early one Thursday morning around 3:00 o'clock - The Lord called me through a vision for the work He

had for me to do. At that time I did not understand, but five months later I understood.

For eighteen (18) years I served as president of this august body, the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. I am now serving in my tenth (10th) year as

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## Why We Need Thanksgiving

As you know, Thanksgiving Day was first observed in our land by our Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth Colony in the autumn of 1621.

Still fresh in their minds, winter. There had been privation and hardship during the winter and many of the colonists had died. Much of the romance of a new land had faded. Yet, in the autumn, they gave hearty

thanks to almighty God.

Why has thanksgiving become a national observance? Why have we been pausing low these many decades to give thanks on one special day? Is it because Abraham Lincoln started the tradition formally on October 3, 1863 by proclaiming the last Thursday in November as the official national Thanksgiving Day? Why even did Lincoln do this since our country was in the throes of a civil war? Why has Thanksgiving stayed with us when so many other traditions, observances, special days have been abandoned? Why? I would suggest that we have kept Thanksgiving because we need it. It meets our needs. It answers a deep longing in the human heart. Why do we need Thanksgiving?

### I. Thanksgiving Is Therapy for Us.

All of us know that there is therapeutic value to be found in the reverent attitude of gratitude. How wise was the psalmist when he said, "It is good give thanks to the Lord." By therapy, I mean the healing power of being thankful; the healing, the wholesome,

restoring power that comes to you and me when we are thankful to God. Even though we are hard put to explain how, it is true that a thankful heart has a healing affect on the body. Being thankful heals the heart as well as the soul and the psyche. They, in turn, affect the body. The field of psychosomatics, a study of the relationship between the body and mind, has demonstrated the strong relationship between how a person thinks and how his body responds. The mind that is preoccupied with bitterness, ingratitude, and hate creates a hazardous situation for the body. Constriction of blood vessels, hyperactivity of the heart and other related biological situations develop from a heart of bitterness, and ingratitude.

Ingratitude is self-destruction. Bitterness is death of real life.

On the other hand, a wholesome, appreciative heart, even in the spite of difficulty, has an amazing influence over the body. It releases us from an unhealthy preoccupation with

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E. Leon Smith

## Former GBSC Head Elected Progressive National Prexy

Dr. Thomas L. Kilgore, Progressive National Baptist Convention Washington, D.C.

Dr. Thomas L. Kilgore, Jr., pastor of Second Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Cal. and Former Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was elected President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, September 10th at the Shoreham-Sheranton Hotels, Washington, during the 15th Annual Session. Dr. William A. Jones, Jr., pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York was elected Vice President. Also Rev. Ralph Canty of South Carolina and President of the Southern Region was elected Second Vice President, and Dr. H.S. Diggs of Charlotte, Secretary.

Nearly 10,000 Visitors, Pastors and Messengers were in at-

tendance with 160 New Pastors and Churches. Seventy Churches and Pastors from the Bahamas alone were added to the Membership.

Dr. H.S. Diggs and Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte will Host the National Progressive Baptist Congress in Mid June.

Drs. Harold A. Carter, Wyatt T. Walker, and William A. Jones, Jr. have written a Book for the Progressive National Convention entitled, "The Black Church Looks at The Bicentennial". It is mostly a Minority Report on the Bicentennial, Published by the Progressive Publishing House - \$3.00. Copies are available from President Johnson.

The next session of the Progressive Convention will be in Atlanta, Georgia the First Week in August.

# Who's Who Among N.C. Baptist And Shawites

Dear Brother Pastor,

After leaving the All Baptist Assembly the first of August in Winston-Salem Jubilant and rejoicing over the tremendous success of 4,000 souls saved and \$800,000.00 raised plus, the Spirit

of Christian unity and harmony and while thanking and praising God for His wonder-working power I was reliably informed that Shaw University and the Divinity School were in dire financial need. In the midst of

meditation and mourning a program and plan was divinely revealed to save our schools - Shaw and the Divinity School.

The plan was simply to publish a "1977 Who's Who Among N.C. Baptist and Shawites." The publication to consist of 1,000 pages, listing biographical data and pictures of pastors and laymen who have made significant contributions to their community and state. The data and picture would be placed on 1/4 page for a cost of \$250.00.

The biographical data and picture for pastor and church or moderator and association would be placed on 1/2 page for a cost of \$500.00.

The biographical date and picture of nationally outstanding contributors to society would be placed on a full page for a cost of \$1,000.00. These personalities would be recognized solely on their contributions to society and by invitation only from Who's Who Editorial Staff. Also these contributors would be presented special designed plaques by the Editorial staff.

The publication of this significant document on the contributions of blacks primarily would bring in a gross receipt of one million dollars. However, the expenses would be far less than \$200,000.00. This would give us a net income exceeding \$800,000.00. This

would give the Convention financial creditability, dignity, and pride as well as history of our heritage.

Therefore, on November 4, 1976 at the St. James Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N.C., Reverend C.T. Bullock, pastor, bring a check for \$125.00 for 1/4 page or \$250.00 for 1/2 page as down payment and deposit for your biography to appear in "Who's Who Among N.C. Baptist or Shawites". If you are elected as a nationally outstanding contributor to society your down payment or deposit will be \$500.00.

Please make check payable to the General Baptist State Convention. On check, please designate for "Who's Who Publication." Credit will be given for contribution. The time

and numbers are limited. The first to get their names and deposit in will be included in the biography.

Your president will be speaking at Shaw University's Founder Day, November 12 at 10:30 a.m. Come and bring your check if you cannot do so on November 4 at Rocky Mount. Let us make another record breaking session.

Try and Trust God for all your needs.

Sincerely,  
Joy J. Johnson, President  
P.S. You may send before time a check to the Baptist Headquarters, 603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27601 but designate for Who's Who Publication.

You may secure biographical data sheet later.

## I Was In Prison

Raleigh — "I was in prison and ye came unto me". (Matthew 25:36), are the words that can be heard echoing in the heart as we view the work of the General Baptist State Convention through its recently established Prison Ministry. In July of this year, the General Baptist State Convention employed Reverend Ernest Bradley Moore, Jr., as a Chaplain to work with the men at Polk Youth Center. After three full months on the job, Chaplain Moore says that he is greatly satisfied with and deeply committed to his work at Polk. Working with 521 inmates between the ages of 18-22, Moore finds the work a stimulating challenge each day. There are 242 blacks, 264 whites, 4 Indians and 1 other at the camp.

In discussing his work at the camp, Chaplain Moore stated that: "In their own way, the inmates have a very strong code of ethics; which says that one inmate will not betray another inmate by telling on him". If it were turned around to say that they would not rob, stab, or do bodily injury to one another, it would be a very positive code, perhaps the strongest in any society known to man.

The Chaplain explained that the religious life in a prison society is quite different from that in free society. As one religious leader put it recently. "Christians today are suffering from sterile self-righteousness and pious goodness". In a word, far too many religious people talk religion but do not know how to get it down to a practical level.

Coming closer home, we know how to say all the rights words, but don't know how to do very much of it. Therefore, most of the men in prison reject the kind of religion most ministers have to offer. The inmates see them as hypocrites, going through a form merely for money. But they ask the question, how do I make religion work for me, what good can it do me in my condition? Therefore, they need a faith that is positive ... not a negative one.

One of the reasons that these men are in prison is because they hold some basic misconceptions about life. In addition to that, they have experienced a sense of rejection from free society, and many of them feel cheated. Some have very little to live or hope for, they will never be free again. They are, in many instances the forgotten souls.

They feel what Jesus said: "I was in prison and ye visited me not". Even though the money from Baptist churches is providing a ministry, each of us

would have a deeper sense of appreciation if we could walk into these cells and hear the bolt click behind us and let it sink into our hearts what the sound means. Each of us would be more sensitive to the needs of others if we could get the slimy and queasy feeling that comes when we see the guards standing in the tower with a shotgun.

The greatest sense of feeling came to this writer when he visited Dormitory 300 Building and went into K-Dormitory. The beds were all made in neat and identical fashion, towels were folded identically, shoes and clothing were arranged in identical fashion, and the dormitory was as neat as a pin.

The first impression was that these men were just before going home. But this impression was shattered when it was revealed that some of them would probably never go free again. Yet why the neatness and the pride? But the simple answer was that these men want a better way of life.

They are persons with feeling and pride, caught in the unfortunate circumstances of life; and in their own way they have learned to be, they are human beings. This writer stood in reverence there, for something deep within seemed to say that: "these also are my sheep". Chaplain Moore has brought a sense of community to th camp.

He has organized a group known as R.C.A., Resident Committee In Action, which is a group of young inmates who voluntarily serve as deacons of the prison church fellowship. Some are converted there and baptized. The activities include: Sunday School, Bible study, prayer meeting, worship service and a male choir.

It was learned that the group sings without music because they do not have anyone who can play the piano. One of their needs now is a volunteer musician to play for their 8:00 a.m. worship on Sundays. In their search for the answer to: "How to live a life with God"?, they are like all of us, serving and worshipping God imperfectly but sincerely seeking to know His will.

Chaplain Moore says that this is his life's work and that he intends to spend his life "visiting those who are in prison, for he believes that deep in each of the inmates, is a spark of God". On the wall in his office Chaplain Moore has painted the story of Jonah and the whale, and this raises an interesting question within each of us.

There are roughly 14,000 individuals in the 77 prison units in North Carolina.

Secy. Sherrill

## Issues Call To One Day Session

Raleigh — The One Day Session of the General Baptist Convention will be held November 4, 1976, at the St. James Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, N.C., the Reverend

Charles T. Bullock, pastor. The church is located on East Thomas Street. The session is scheduled to begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. with President Dr. Joy J. Johnson, presiding.

Dr. Sherrill declared that the 1975-76 convention year was the greatest year in the history of the Convention: "This was due to the splendid cooperation of all

the pastors and churches," he stated. "All the pastors and churches that did not reach your suggested quotas during the past

year, are urged to bring a liberal contribution to this special session" continued the Executive Secretary. "Come see and hear what great things have

been done. Remember that the 1976-77 budget is \$1,000,000.00 the time to being raising it is NOW! To the brethren that have

already reached their suggested quota this past year, I would like to suggest that you start paying now on your 1976-77 suggested quota.

## Letters To The Editor

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

## A Tribute The Late Dr. C. M. Deloatch

By O.L. Sherrill  
Scotland Neck  
General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc.

Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary

Dear Dr. Sherrill:  
December 1975 our deceased pastor, Dr. C.M. Deloatch, received a letter from you stating that our quota for Shiloh is six hundred dollars (\$600.00) to help the Unified Plan.

Enclosed you will find a check for six hundred dollars (\$600.00) to help with the Unified Plan, payable to the General Baptist State Convention.

Done by the order of the church.

Yours for His Cause,  
Shiloh Baptist Church  
Reverend Waymond Walden,  
Pastor

(Mrs.) Gladys McTootle,  
Clerk.

On one occasion, Jesus emphatically taught his disciples, "But whosoever will be great among you, let him be your servant".

Who are the truly great in any land? Probably not those who names quickly occur to us, but

maybe, some mother in a hard-pressed home, or some teacher in a village school, or some preacher in a community of less than four-thousand population.

The true standard of greatness requires that one bid farewell to littleness, forget himself, become sensitive to the suffering of the poor, the criminal, the sad, and concentrate on the growth of the mind of Christ among men.

In his poem, "A Psalm of Life," Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote:

Lives of great men all remind us

We can make our lives sublime,

And, departing, leave behind us

Footprints on the sand of time.

The greatest memorial tribute that can be paid to the late Reverend C.M. Deloatch, is, the fruition of his labor at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Scotland Neck. The letter in print attests to the fact that he taught his people to be concerned about life's enrichment and humanity's betterment, and moreover, his living was not in vain.

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# WOMEN'S PAGE



Mrs. Augusta Mann And Mrs. Horne

Secretary Horne Honored

## National Banner To N. C.

Dallas, Texas — The Woman's Convention of North Carolina, Inc. was the recipient of the "National Banner" for being the best stewardship Convention in the nation during the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. in Dallas, Texas. The photo on this page shows Mrs. Augusta E. Mann, president of the Woman's Department of the National Baptist Convention, presenting the banner to Executive Secretary Horne.

In addition to the "National Banner", Mrs. Horne won the "Mary O. Ross Appreciation Certificate", given for faithful service. (See the photo of the certificate on this page. The full text of the citation follows:

Mrs. Berthenia D. Horne  
2442 Konnoak Drive, S.W.

Winston Salem, N.C.

My Dear Sister Horne:

Because of your support in our endeavor, the confidence, faith and trust, we present the Mary O. Ross Appreciation Certificate for your faithful service.

I would like to have presented this at the Convention, but you know as well as I, there was just no way. Smile.

God bless you as you continue your "closer walk with God".  
Augusta E. Mann

5,000 Souls Saved

1 Million

Dollars Raised

## Director Seeks Retirement

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Executive Secretary and Treasurer.

I have seen the NUMERICAL growth of the Woman's Convention from meeting in the Shaw Campus Church to meetings in City Auditoriums.

I have seen the FINANCIAL growth of the Woman's Convention from \$22,000.00 a year to over \$228,000.00 a year.

I have seen the growth in Circles, Unions, Auxiliaries, District Conferences and Individuals.

I have seen the Convention grow from Two (2) departments to Three (3) active departments.

I have seen the Convention grow from One (1) Annual Meeting to Three (3) Annual Meetings.

I have seen the Convention organized into Ten (10) Ten Round Committees, thus giving hundreds of women something to do.

I have seen the Convention grow from Four (4) Major Objectives to Six (6) Major Objectives.

AND

I have seen the lightning flashing,

And, I have heard the thunder roll,

I have felt sins breakers dashing,

Trying to conquer my soul;

But I heard the voice of Jesus Telling me still to fight on,

He promised never to leave me,

Never to leave me alone.

No, never alone, no never alone

He promised never to leave me

Never to leave me alone.

All praises to my heavenly Father, to the Executive Board,

ministers, women, youth and laymen of North Carolina. I Love You

Special and Sincere thanks to my Office Staff, BETTIE CHISLOM, GLADYS WATLINGTON and IVERY WILLIAMSON. Without their cooperation, their love, their

understanding and their deep concern for the Work the Convention could not have grown.

To this end, I have served my Convention. I say "My Convention", because it is a part of me. I have prayed and slept with this Convention. I have walked



BEULAH BARNES

## Sister Beulah Barnes Crowned

By Mrs. Mable Brown

Walstonburg — Sister Beulah D. Barnes, a member of the Holly Green Baptist Church of Wayne County, was crowned Miss Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Auxiliary of the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association during the Auxiliary's 69th annual Session last September 16-18.

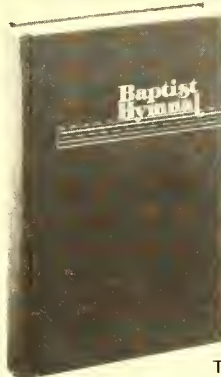
The Session was held at the St. Delight Baptist Church in Walstonburg, N.C., where Reverend Roosevelt Taylor is pastor. Sister Barnes achieved the honor because of her outstanding work done in the field during the past year. The Reverend W. Cotton is pastor of Holly Green Baptist Church where Sister Barnes holds membership.

The motto for the Session was that of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention of N.C.: "Christ In Every Home". Sister Mable Brown is president of the Auxiliary.

and talked with it. I have given the Woman's Convention my best of service. I have grown spiritually and intellectually. I have no regrets, I have no apologizes. I HAVE DONE MY BEST.

To Chairperson Clara N. Hayes and members of the Executive Board of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, I submit to you my Retirement as Executive Secretary and Treasurer. I am retiring from my Administrative Office but not from service and that my office retirement terminates August 31, 1977.

This the 16 day of October 1976  
Berthenia D. Horne,  
Executive Secretary  
and Treasurer



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# Church Retreat Held At Baptist Assembly

Laurel Hill - (Editor's note: The following featured article concerning the Baptist Assembly at Laurel Hill is the second in a continuing series of articles, which will be published monthly in connection with the General Baptist State Convention's program of monthly emphasis of the Convention's six objectives. Briefly, the program calls upon all Baptist, Conventions, Auxiliaries, Associations, Pastors, and Departments to emphasize that objective during the month of its emphasis; and to secure as much and as possible, financially and otherwise for it.)

Recently, (September 24-25), the First Baptist Church of Clinton, N.C., visited the Baptist Assembly for a week-end Church Retreat. Reverend Clifford Jones is pastor of the church. This is just one example of the use churches and Baptist can make of the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly during the fall and winter months. School activities and the chilling winter air make it difficult for a camp to be utilized during the fall and winter. However, the Director of the Assembly, The Reverend John Daniels, pointed out that there are a number of ways that the Assembly can be used during the fall and winter seasons. Paul, the Apostle, admonished the Christian church to: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Ruth" I Timothy 2:16. This can be done throughout the entire year.



The joy of the Lord shows on these faces as they take a part in the Dedication of the Baptist Assembly. Helping others grow is the key to self-fulfillment.

Therefore, Reverend Daniels stated that church groups can conduct sessions dealing with the mission of the church; a workshop on church recreation could be held; and laymen leagues could sponsor a week-end retreat for the boys of North Carolina.

In fact, any organization or convention could sponsor such a retreat. The photographs on this page show some of the participants who attended the

retreat sponsored by Reverend Clifford Jones and First Baptist Church. Bible study has always handiwork in nature. It could be a part of the Youth Bible Camp at the Assembly, and is one of the outstanding features of the total program.

It is absolutely essential that the youth of our day receive a good scriptural foundation, and the Assembly setting is a great factor in getting young people to focus attention on the scriptures.

The photo of the Youth Bible Camp on this page shows a fine looking group of young people; all of which did not come because they wanted to study the Bible, but because of the appeal of the out-of-doors and the camp life.

Yet, many of them returned home with a greater sense of direction in their understanding of Jesus Christ. There is something about a camp that inspires and attracts; perhaps it is the awe and splendor of God's

the smell of the clean, fresh air, the quiet of the rural community or maybe it is just the relief of getting away from it all for a brief while. Whatever it is much of it can be seen in the faces of those on the photo taken at the Assembly's dedication activities. Those who visit the Assembly are truly inspired to go back home to their churches and do more for the Unified Plan. Often we have listened to member of Baptist churches who have contributed to missions for years and have never attended a Baptist function nor visited a Baptist-owned installation. Almost always their cry is "What do they do with so much money?" No one can ask a question like that after a visit to the Assembly.

The most inspiring aspect of the entire operation is the realization that it is through a great number of small contributions that so great a work has been accomplished. This is always true; if everyone will just do a little; it is unbelievable what God can do through out little efforts. This is the secret of the Unified Plan. All working together to help each other grow.

This is the month for the Baptist Assembly, so let us get on the move and get those contributions for the Unified Program on their way to the Baptist Headquarters. The contribution you send in may be the difference between some you person's being saved or lost. Thus "it is our concern for others that distinguish us as "children of the Lord".



The great out of doors sanctuary always seems to fill the heart with a greater sense of God's presence. Dr. W.B. Lewis is Director of this jubilant group.

# Tupper Memorial Baptist Renovated And Renewed

Raleigh — The Tupper Memorial Baptist Church has, since 1866, been a significant part of the Raleigh Community. Recently the church has constructed an educational building and renovated the sanctuary. The building contains offices for the pastor and church secretary, Sunday School classrooms, a multipurpose room, and a kitchen. The main sanctuary has been renovated to include a new baptismal pool, choir loft and pulpit area. The pastor is the Reverend Leatha Debnam, who enthusiastically states that the church has been revitalized during the last few years. The present membership is approximately 500.

Reverend Debnam has announced that a "Shaw Divinity School Day" will be held at Tupper on Sunday, December 12, 1976, with Dr. W.R. Grigg as the 11:00 a.m. speaker. Dr. Grigg is head of the Developmental Department of the Shaw Divinity School. There will also be a Corner-Stone-Laying Service for the new Educational Building the same day at 3:00 p.m. The Reverend D.A. Peace, pastor of the Laodicea United Church of Christ, Raleigh, will be the speaker for the afternoon service. The corner stone will be laid by masons from the 12th District of the Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons.

The following historical review of the church was taken from *The History of the Wake Baptist Association - Its Auxiliaries and Churches*, prepared and edited by Dr. C.R. Trotter.

Shaw University and Tupper Memorial Baptist Church, first known as Blount Street Baptist Church, both have a most interesting history. Both of these institutions were conceived in the mind and heart of Dr. Henry Martin Tupper who was a soldier in the Union Army. Dr. Tupper was born in Manson, Massachusetts, April 11, 1831. He graduated from Manson Academy 1855; Amherst College 1859; Newton Theological Seminary 1862; Union Soldier and Chaplain 1862-1865. Tupper married Sarah Baker Leonard of Stafford, Vermont, June 25, 1864.

Dr. Tupper said in his own diary: "On the evening of the 10th of October, 1865, Mrs. Tupper and myself arrived in the city of Raleigh, N.C. with the express purpose of laboring as missionaries in behalf of the colored people". It might be pointed out here that Dr. Tupper and his new bride were some of the first to travel by the Seaboard Railway, as it was making its first run through the city of Raleigh.

"Next morning," meaning October the 11, "called upon Dr. Skinner, pastor of the White Baptist Church and informed him of my proposed work. He treated me gentlemanly but gave me no encouragement". Dr. Tupper went back to Dr. Skinner sometime later and asked for the privilege of preaching once each Sabbath to the large colored congregation then worshipping in the basement of his church, this request was refused.



TUPPER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Skinner wrote the Home Mission Board to investigate the activities of Dr. Tupper. One would have thought this incident would have served to stop Dr. Tupper, but it only served to encourage him".

We find a deed in Book No. 24, page 435 deeded dated February 23, 1866. George T. Cook deeded to T.M. Tupper for \$500.00 the following:

"Beginning at the corner of Blount and Cabarrus Streets running south with Blount Street, (61) but then east ninety-five thence sixty one feet to Cabarrus Street thence ninety five feet to the beginning.

Dr. Tupper held his first class in the autumn of 1865. Early records state: "One-half dozen colored deacons and ministers who had their homes in Raleigh were formed into a class for the purpose of learning to read and explain the Scriptures. The room occupied by the class was provided by the Freedman's Bureau and was located in the Guion Hotel now known as the National. Mrs. Tupper also had a class of females which were taught in private residence.

Early in the spring of 1866, we commenced to erect a building to furnish accommodations for a school and also the Second Baptist Church, which was organized February 17, 1866. The first story of the building was completed in the summer of the same year at a cost of \$1300.00.

We opened school with three teachers on October 15, that same year with 250 pupils, and a night class with over 100 pupils. The school was supported in part by the Freedman's Bureau.

From these humble beginnings two institutions were born. Each to make a lasting contribution upon the state and the world. The story of Shaw University has been told by Dr. Wilmouth Carter in her comprehensive book "Shaw University". I shall say a word more about Second Baptist Church, (Blount Street Baptist Church) and later known as "Tupper Memorial Baptist Church".

There were twenty-two members in the original roll of

Tupper, eighteen women and four men. Dr. Tupper was the first pastor. One of the original members of the church was Joel Evans, who was elected one of the trustees in December, 1869. Other early leaders were "Gideon Perry, Jackson Yarborough, Chatam Alexander, Fred Yeargan, and Hilliard Williams".

The work of Dr. Tupper in teaching the recent freed slaves brought contempt by many of the white citizens of Raleigh. Some of these white citizens who objected to Dr. Tupper's work stirred up discontent among some of the members of the church to the extent that a long bitter lawsuit ensued. One of the allegations against Dr. Tupper was that he was trying to take the property from the poor blacks when in reality the \$500.00 paid on the Blount Street property was Tupper's personal money saved from his service in the Union Army. After six or seven years Tupper won the lawsuit. It was Dr. Tupper's legal fight that gave him the insight to create a law school at Shaw University.

By 1871 Shaw University was well established on its present campus on South Street and the University was taking so much of the time of its founder, that Reverend Augustus Shepherd, one of Shaw's first graduates became pastor. The records show that during these early days, that Blount Street Baptist Church boasted of the largest Sunday School in the state of North Carolina upward to one thousand students.

The Reverend Samuel Fulwilder succeeded Dr. Shepherd. He was formerly pastor of Oberlin Baptist Church and Mount Pleasant Baptist Church where he had done a commendable job. During these early days, some of the most able preachers of the state pastored this church. Such men as Dr. N.F. Roberts, Joshua Perry of Louisburg, N.C. and Dr. George W. Perry. The first missionary that went from this state to Africa was Mrs. Sherwood Cupps, who served as church clerk while an active

member of Tupper Memorial.

Brother Cupps went to the foreign field, founded a school and supported it from the proceeds of a coffee farm and thereby opened the way for other missionaries.

Some of God's best ministers have served Tupper Memorial as pastors. Among them were Dr. T.H. Hackney of Chapel Hill; Reverend F.R. Howell, one time state missionary; Dr. N.F. Roberts, Reverend W.B. Scott, under whose administration the church was remodeled into its present design. This was some time around 1912-1913. Other notable pastors who have served the church through its long history were: Reverend J.W. Ligon, Reverend W.C. Coleman, Reverend M.W. Williams, Reverend Wyche, Dr. D.J.

Ceverly, Reverend T.H. Dwelle under whose leadership the present name: Tupper Memorial Baptist Church was born. Other pastors were Reverend Dawson, Reverend W.C. Pope, E.M. Sanders and C.C. Jones.

Some of the deacons who served the church faithfully for a long period of time were: Brothers Jack Yarborough, Jacob Stancil, Joseph Perry, Charles Caldwell, Burton Perry, Max Yeargan, A.J. Holcomb, Charles Major, Charles Curtis, Ernest Green, Edgar Evans, Willie Murray. The latest deacon added to the Board, Melvin Davis.

Tupper Memorial has been blessed with a number of ministers who did not serve as pastors but were good members of the church and worked hard for its success.

Some of the ministers in this category were: Dr. T.D. Christmas, Dr. S.N. Vass, Reverend J.E. Holbert, Reverend Higgins, Reverend J.E. McGier.

The Reverend M.R. Boone was called to Tupper Memorial Baptist Church in early summer of 1956. It was under his leadership the church was renovated and brick veneered. Reverend Boone's tenure was very short, but successful. The Reverend D.N. Howard followed Reverend Boone. His tenure was also of short duration. Reverend R.W. Styles followed Reverend Howard.

At present, the pastor of Tupper Memorial Baptist Church is the Reverend Leatha Debnam, Sr., who is doing a magnificent job.

The material for this History was furnished by Mrs. Harriet S. Jones. A portion re-edited by C.R. Trotter.

## Speakers Give Different Views Of Black Youth And The Church

By Religious News Service

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (RNS) — What do young black think of the church? Two speakers at the biennial meeting here of the National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), gave different assessments.

Black youth are "condemning God and damning the church without knowing much about either one," Prof. C. Eric Lincoln of Fisk University told the meeting of black Disciples.

"They dismiss religion, feeling it favors whites," he added, viewing Christianity as an instrument used to control blacks to that "whatever is beneficial for whites is no good for blacks."

On the other hand, Dr. William K. Fox, assistant to Disciples president and general minister, said "a growing number of our young people are in preparation for full-time church vocations."

"Black youth with eager eyes and sparkling minds will continue to seriously consider the church vocations as ways in which they can make their lives count for the most," he

predicted.

Dr. Fox said white Christians are less unwilling than they once were to accept blacks as their pastors, citing examples in Disciples congregations in Portland, Ore.; Sagnia, Mich.; Oakland, Calif.; Philadelphia, and Indianapolis.

Within the whole denomination, he said, the National Convocation must be a "redemptive remnant" which is "able to cope with the white establishment while at the same time maintaining contact and emotional ties and involvement in the black liberation struggle."

He added that if black Christians do "not wrestle incessantly with, and minister daily to the needs of black people no other church group will."

Also addressing the convocation, was Dr. Kenneth Teegarden, Disciples general minister and president. "The obvious vitality of the clergy and lay persons who are black disciples says the states of the Christian church is good," he observed.

An estimated 50,000 of the 1.3-million Disciples are black.

# We Need Thanksgiving

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ourselves and sets us in the context of what it means to be human in the first place.

The therapy of Thanksgiving extends beyond the range of the physical; it reaches to the depths of our soul. Something there is within the very soul of man that needs to express gratitude. The unredeemed life who has not come alive to God's grace has not fully recognized this need within himself. But it is here, and God can, through Jesus Christ, release that attitude of gratitude. Take for example the occasion of a father's birthday in a family. He comes home at night. By his work, he has given his wife a house; by hers, she has given him a home. She cooks his favorite meal for him, and he carves it for her and their children. She says, "Don't give me all the white meat." But he wants to; he has to do something for her. The children bring out their presents; they are only crayon drawings and hardly compare with the food and shelter and clothing and schooling that he has provided. But they are so delighted with his cries of astonishment and pleasure that the presents become priceless. It is truly more blessed to give than to receive. As Professor W.O. Carver once said, "More blessed to give than to receive, means it is more blessed to be a giver than a getter." You see the word blessed in Bible carries with it the idea of thanksgiving. There is more thanksgiving in giving than in receiving.

## II. Thanksgiving Remind Us Who We Are

It is easy to lose one's identification and forget that we are creatures rather than creators. We are all receivers more than givers. Thanksgiving helps us keep things in proper perspective. I think something of this truth is conveyed in the book entitled: *The Birdman of Alcatraz*, written by Thomas Gaddis. The book is a biography of the convicted criminal and two-time murderer, Robert Stroud, a man who spent most of his seventy years behind bars and in solitary confinement. For the first 20 years of his imprisonment, Robert Stroud became increasingly withdrawn, bitter, and hard to handle. In prison parlance, he was a maximum-security risk. But a sparrow, fallen from its nest in a storm, changed him.

Stroud found the sparrow in the prison courtyard during his exercise period. His first impulse was to snuff out its life just as he had snuffed out human life. But he didn't! Instead, he carried it to his cell and nursed it back to health. His interest was roused and he read everything he could on the subject of birds. Other prisoners began sending their ill canaries to him. When encountering diseases that had no known cure, he would experiment and often find a cure. Before long, Robert Stroud, the incorrigible convict, became a quite, serious, respected authority on birds. His rehabilitation began shortly after he found the bird, when his

curiosity was aroused. He asked the guard with whom previously he had refused to speak for the orange crate on which the guard sat so that he might make a cage for the sparrow. But the guard answered, "Why should I give you this crate, Stroud? For 20 years I've tried to get through to you and be nice to you, but you have never given me the time of day." After a few minutes of silence, however, the guard had a change of heart and slipped the orange crate into the cell. When Stroud noticed it, he mumbled for the first time in twenty years the words: "Thank you." Robert Stroud's rehabilitation began when he could again say: "Thank you." Only then he began to understand himself. He realized that he was not the isolated, self-sufficient, independent character that he had for so long pretended to be. In the same way, it is only when you and I can say, "Thank you," and mean it that we begin to understand ourselves for what we are - creatures rather than creators; receivers rather than givers. Paul Tillich has said it in these words:

"A man who is able to give thanks seriously accepts that he is a creature and acknowledges his finitude."

ONLY THE THANKFUL MAN KNOWS HIMSELF FOR WHAT HE IS — one who is dependent upon another for his very being. Man's tragedy is that he forgets God. And the man who forgets God forgets who he is; This is why the writer Deuteronomy says:

Take heed lest you forget the Lord your God... lest, when you have eaten and are full, and have built goodly houses and live in them, and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God you say in your heart, "My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth."

WE NEED THANKSGIVING TO REMIND US WHO WE ARE AND TO WHOM WE BELONG. From his concentration camp, Dietrich Bonhoeffer asked: "Who Am I?"

"Who am I? This or the other?"

Am I one person today and tomorrow another?

Am I both at once? A hypocrite before others, and before myself a contemptible woebegone weaking?

Or is something within me still like a beaten army fleeing in disorder from victory already achieved?

Who am I? They mock me, these lonely questions of mine.

Whoever I am, thou knowest, O god, I am thine!

Thanksgiving reminds us of who we are and whose we are.

## III. Thanksgiving Tests the Sincerity of Our Gratitude

If you and I live long enough we are going to experience a Thanksgiving along the way that comes during a time of crisis in our lives and we are going to be put to the test as to how genuine and real our gratitude really is. Are we grateful only when we are drinking from an over-

flowing cup and enjoying the bounty of life? THANKSGIVING FOR WHAT, WE OFTEN ASK? Just how sincere are we when we gibly say "thank you"? Are we able to look through the travail of tears and depths of despair and utter the healing words: "Thank you, Lord"?

All of us are acquainted with the Biblical Character of Job. Perhaps some of us are acquainted with the modern version of Job, a play entitled "J.B." written by Archibald MacLish. MacLish takes the theme of Job and sets it in a contemporary setting of American Life. Two unemployed actors, one old, the other young, Mrs. Zuss and Nickles, have been reduced to balloons and popcorn in an ancient circus which is traveling through the towns and cities playing the Old Testament story of the sufferings of Job. The two old actors are dissatisfied with the interpretation of the story of Job. Late one evening when the show is over and the tent empty, Zuss and Nickles decided they would play the story as they thought it should be played. Mr. Zuss casts himself as God; Nickles is cast as Satan. As the drama unfolds, J.B. is cast in the role of a contemporary American. The first scene of the play shows J.B.'s family around a dinner table and they are prepared to devour a large turkey. It is Thanksgiving in J.B.'s house and they are enjoying the happiness of the occasion. Looking on from the sidelines are Mr. Zuss and Nickles. Zuss, who plays the part of God, says: "That's our pigeon. That's Job. He has the wealth, the wife, the children, position in the world... a perfect and upright man, enjoying his Thanksgiving." But

Nickles sees something superficial about J.B.'s Thanksgiving and retorts by saying: "A rich man's piety stinks. It's insufferable. You know what talks when that man talks? All that gravy on his plate - his cash - his pretty wife - his children. Lift them away from him and he will sing another tune."

And this does happen. For, when one major tragedy after another takes J.B.'s children from him and Sarah turns against him, J.B., like Job, plunges to the very depth of despair and like Job sings anything but a song of thanksgiving. In the words of Job:

"My dances turn to dirges; my lyrics to laments." Yet it is precisely here that J.B. finds the basis for genuine Thanksgiving, a far cry from "we love our life because it's good." TROUBLE AND HARSHIP BEAT US DOWN IN LIFE JUST WHEN WE THINK THAT WE ARE THE STRONGEST AND WRECKS OUR DREAMS JUST WHEN WE ARE THE HAPPIEST. We are left helplessly tossed to and fro in the storm of life. But it is at this very point that we can discover that safety that will keep us safe, the peace that supports us in the raging tempest, and that calm that never lets us go. One saint put this experience in classic terms: "I have fallen to the depth of human emotion, but I have found the bottom to be sound." Mr. Zuss, the old actor, pretty well sums it up for us in "J.B."

"It is from the ash heap God is seen always! Always from the ashes. Every saint and martyr knew that."

Yes, Thanksgiving is needed for it tests our genuineness and how deep is our concern and our gratitude. Thanksgiving of 1976 is set within a time of trouble: inflation, unemployment unrest at home and abroad. Yet this is a

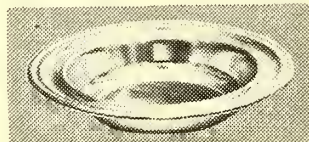
good time to take a reading from history and learn that this is not the first time that history has seen trouble. In fact, much of the greatness that history records comes not out of peace and serenity and tranquility, but out of strife, discord, and pain.

The old hymn of the church, "Now Thank We All Our God," is one of the great hymns of Thanksgiving. It is written by Martin Rinckart, a German pastor in the seventeenth century. Did he write the hymn in the midst of good health, a bountiful harvest, and prosperity? No, it was written by Rinckart after the town where he served was almost destroyed by a plague followed by a famine. In 1647, a plague and a famine swept across that town and, in one year, eight thousand persons perished. It almost destroyed a heroic people, but some did survive. The pastor of the church had buried so many of his people that he might have been expected to have been morbid and thankless. No, he composed a hymn of thanksgiving that was sung at the dedication of the Cologne Cathedral and is sung in the German churches on New Year's Eve. It even has a prominent place in the Japanese hymnal. The text of the great hymn is familiar to us:

Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things have done,  
In whom his world rejoices.  
Who, from our mothers' arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

Yes, we need Thanksgiving. It is therapy for us - we need to give thanks. It reminds us of the One to whom we belong. We need to know who we are and whose we are. It puts our gratitude to the test. Be ye thankful!

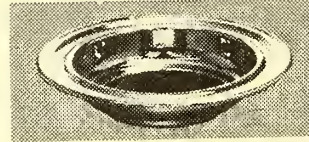
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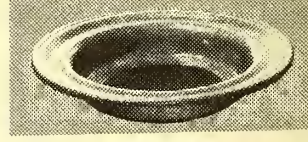
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# Blacks Urged To Harness Hard-Won Rights

By Bob Stanley  
and  
Larry Crisman

DALLAS (BP) — The leader of 6.3 million black Baptist has called on his people to combine labor, sacrifice, and wise investments to harness the economic rights they have won in recent years.

Joseph H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., challenged some 20,000 members assembled here for the 96th annual convention to remain committed to the struggle for first-class citizenship.

But he urged them to understand the values and virtues of the free enterprise system.

"We should begin with small savings clubs and co-ops and learn well the rules as well as the

creative laws of free enterprise, along with the ethical principles involved therein," Jackson said.

A longtime advocate of moving from protest to production, Jackson said blacks should not be satisfied with winning the rights to acquire the opportunities to spend and consume, but should voluntarily shoulder the responsibilities of adding to the store of values.

In his own convention, Jackson has tried to set this type of example. The convention has made land purchases in the United States and West Africa as an investment, and also has established Church Emergency Aid Funds (CEAF), which this year presented a \$50,000 check to the convention.

CEAF, described as a million-dollar "miracle fund," is the brainchild of Jackson. Many years ago, as a young rural district preacher in Mississippi, he conceived of the idea as a plan for systematic savings and investment.

Jackson recalls that a businessman in Jackson, Miss., once commented to him about how unbusinesslike most preachers are. Jackson later sought advice from bankers in Philadelphia and in Chicago, where he is pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church.

The fund was incorporated in 1962 and granted tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service 1966. It reached the million-dollar level in 1975.

"Not many people want money they can't spend," Jackson said. "But the committee that has worked with me over the years joins me in the realization that speculation and quick money will never be part of our plan. We simply decided to follow rules of thrift that would assure and insure growth of investments."

Little by little, the fund began to grow. No money was withdrawn. Finally, it reached the "magic \$1 million mark." Jackson, who has headed the convention since 1953, said the money is invested in bank certificates in institutions across the country. The \$50,000

presented to the convention in Dallas represents earnings from the fund.

"Through independence, self-sacrifice, self-control and creative use of money we can maintain economic self-sufficiency and moral dignity," Jackson said. "This is the great potential of our free enterprise system."

Jackson's presidential speech covered a wide range of topics, emphasizing the importance of U.S. military strength and

## "Women's Weekend" At Lewis Chapel

Fayetteville — The traditional Women's Day turned out to be a "Women's Weekend" at Lewis Chapel Baptist Church, the second weekend in September. The Women's Day activities started on Saturday afternoon with a festive luncheon for the women of the church. The Saturday luncheon, a first for the women at Lewis Chapel, was a true fellowship experience. In addition to enjoying the finest variety of southern style cooking, those attending the luncheon experienced an exciting fellowship that included laughter, song, prayers, and a sense of belonging and sharing.

On Sunday morning promptly at 9:45 a.m. the Sunday School classes resembled a beautiful uniformed institution as women dressed immaculately in white with red corsages marched to fill each classroom with a feminine instructor.

Mrs. Annie Braboy, Chairman of Women's Day Committee, was presiding official of the morning worship service. It was both an honor and a blessing to have Mrs. Lucy Gray, Tarboro, N.C., as speaker for the morning service.

The afternoon program consisted of a dramatic musical skit entitled "The Years That Count". The skit was very compatible to the theme for the day, "Christian Women of Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow", in that employed the talents of the young, middle aged and older women of the church. Music was furnished by a special women's choir created for the occasion.

A lot of effort was put forth by many people to make this program a success, but a special recognition to Annie Braboy, Lorine McLeon, Betty Marrs, Barbara Wilson and Marie Cotton; and special thanks and appreciation to Reverend John D. Fuller, pastor, Lewis Chapel for exceptional support and leadership in the Women's Day Activity.

Whatever of outward service or obedience we render to God or man, if love is withheld, the law is not fulfilled. —F.B. Mayer

"danger" of allowing the federal government to dictate terms on which money for education, social benefits, and relief may be secured.

America has not produced politicians skilled in handling money, Jackson charged, and they should not control the wealth of America through the tax dollar.

"My belief is that is much better to allow the respective states to carry the responsibility of earning, collecting, and spending some of the revenue within their communities," he

said. "We have learned the hard way that there is not enough wisdom in Washington to lift this nation to the highest democratic standard, nor to give every citizen the blessings and fruits of freedom."

In dealing with prayer in the schools, Jackson said he believes that students and teachers should be taught to pray as a voluntary process. "So frequently the 1960s and the early 1970s many of our churches lost their way," he said. "They learned how to protest and forgot how to pray."

## District Conference Held In Yadkin

By Pearl C. Miller

Traphill — The One Day District Conference 2, Group number 2 of the Woman's Convention, was held recently at the Sandy Creek Baptist Church, Traphill. It was both inspirational and spiritually uplifting. The host pastor was the Reverend Walter Tidline. Four counties, Alleghany, Alexander, Yadkin and Wilkes were represented along with three union presidents, Mrs. Annie McMillan, Mrs. Myrtle Hampton and Mrs. Louise Rice. Mrs. Larce Anderson, and auxiliary president and Mrs. Julia Carson, a special worker also attended.

The Woman's Convention theme: "Reach Out and Touch", (Matthew 25:35-46), was used as the theme for the one day meeting. Mrs. Paulien Whittington is the president of the Conference. The vice president,

Mrs. Sarah Cain, presided over the afternoon session.

The highlight of the morning session was a sermon delivered by the host pastor, Reverend Tidline. The afternoon session was highlighted by the President's Address. She spoke on the subject: "Shining Stars", the scripture text on which the message was based on Philippians 2:15. "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the word".

Mrs. Whittington stressed the fact that all missionaries should be shining stars in the midst of this crooked and perverse nation. She challenged: "Hold you light high, therefore, carrying the Convention theme by touching some body with God's love". The conference is in the Yadkin Association.

## Shaw Honor Students To Visit Ohio State

Raleigh, N.C. — Five Seniors have been selected to represent Shaw University at the sixth annual school visitation days at the graduate school of Ohio State University on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, October 31 - November 2, 1976.

Fifty predominantly black colleges and universities were invited to select and send five to their honor students for the annual program designed to encourage black students to enroll in Ohio State's graduate school.

The criteria used for selection of students was based on academic average, and interviews carried out by the "GVSD" selection committee.

Making the trip will be Leonard G. Rice of Wilmington, N.C., a Behavioral Science major; Robin J. Lowe, Madison, N.C., Speech Pathology and Audiology major; Iris McLaurin of Littleton, M.C., majoring in English; Candyce E. Newosme, Ahoskie, N.C., a Biology major; and Beryl Faircloth, a Theatre major from Portsmouth, Virginia.

## Shaw Players Open Season With 'In White America'

Raleigh, N.C. — The Shaw Players and Company, under the direction of Mrs. Patricia C. Caple, will open their theatrical season with the tumultuous "In White America", by Martin B. Duberman. The show will be performed in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium on Friday, October 29, 1976 at 8:15 p.m.

"In White America" is an enactment from the actual historical records by a history professor at Princeton .. a continuously absorbing story of the Black American in this land from the slave-trade times to Little Rock to the president.

Scenes are so arranged to depict the thinking of past Black leaders, such as Booker T. Washington and W.E. B. DuBois to the contemporary ideas of

Malcolm X, Julian Bond, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. An enactment of tremendous emotional power that the Shaw Players have skillfully intertwined with song and dance, as well as historical flashbacks, making for an exciting and dynamic production.

Tickets are on sale at Shaw University and Sam Goody's in Crabtree Valley Mall. Tickets will be on sale in the box office of Raleigh Memorial Auditorium from 9:00 a.m.-8:15 p.m. on Friday, October 29. For further information, call (919) 755-4972 or write:

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Help Save Our Schools - Shaw University and the Divinity School, Raleigh, North Carolina. Your participation and cooperation in this exclusive 1977 "Who's Who Publication" by The General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc. Will Save Our Schools - Shaw University and the Divinity School from Financial Disaster as well as document the history and heritage of outstanding predominant Black North Carolina Baptists and Shaw Graduates.

Less than 10% of the proceeds from the project will be used for the publication and expenses. The publication will contain 1000 pages: 250 full pages designated exclusively for outstanding professional national contributors to society and 750 pages divided into halves and fourths for State and community contributors to society. A full page will be \$1000.00 with special designed plaque presented to all national contributors; ½ page \$500.00; and ¼ page \$250.00; one half to accompany application and balance on or before March 31, 1977.

### ALL TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Select your size and cost immediately and return with completed biographical data form, two white and black pass-port size photos with check in enclosed envelope. All inclusions in publication will be based on first received information and required deposit.

Dear Brother Pastor,

After leaving the All Baptist Assembly the first of August in Winston-Salem jubilant and rejoicing over the tremendous success of 4,000 Souls Saved and \$800,000.00 raised plus the Spirit of Christian Unity and Harmony and while thanking and praising God for His Wonder-Working Power, I was reliably informed that Shaw University and the Divinity School were in dire financial Need. In the midst of Meditation and Mourning - a Program and Plan was Divinely revealed to Save Our Schools - Shaw and the Divinity School.

The Plan was simply to Publish a "1977 Who's Who Among N.C. Baptists and Shawites." The Publication to consist of 1,000 pages, listing Biographical data and picture of Pastors and Laymen who have made significant contributions to their Community and State. The data and picture would be placed on ¼ page for a cost of \$250.00.

The Biographical data and picture for pastor and church or moderator and association would be placed on ½ page for a cost of \$500.00.

The biographical date and picture of Nationally Outstanding contributors to Society would be placed on a full page for a cost of \$1,000.00. These personalities would be recognized solely on their contributions to society and by invitation only from Who's Who Editorial Staff. Also these contributors would be presented Special Designed Plaques by the Editorial Staff.

The Publication of this Significant Document on the Contributions of Blacks Primarily would bring in a gross receipt of One Million Dollars. However, the expenses would be far less than \$200,000.00. This would give us a net income exceeding \$800,000.00. Also gives the

Convention financial creditability, dignity and pride as well as history of our heritage.


Therefore, on November 4, 1976 at the St. James Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N.C., Rev. C.T. Bullock, pastor, bring a check for \$125.00 for ¼ page or \$250.00 for ½ page as down payment and deposit for your Biography to appear in "Who's Who Among N.C. Baptists or Shawites." If you are selected as a Nationally Outstanding Contributor to Society your down payment or deposit will be \$500.00.

Please make check to the General Baptist State Convention. On Check, please designate for Who's Who Publication. (Credit will be given for contribution.) The Time and Numbers are limited. The first to get their names and deposit in will be included in the Biography.

Your President will be speaking at Shaw University's Founders' Day, November 12 at 10:30 a.m. Come and bring your check if you cannot do so on November 4th at Rocky Mount. Let us make another Record Breaking Session.

Try and Trust God for all you Needs.

Sincerely,

  
Joy J. Johnson  
President

## Attention!

All pastors who have served 50 years or more are urged to send your names and addresses to the office of the Executive Secretary (Baptist Headquarters) you are to be honored at the Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration at the Royal Villa in Raleigh on January 14, 1977.

## Correction!!!

Richmond, Va. — The October issue of the "Baptist Informer" carried an article on the Woman's Page entitled, "Honor Recieved At Lott Carey" by Thelma C. Horton. The article should have read as follow:  
"Because of the unlimited support given to the Lott Carey

Baptist Foreign Mission Convention by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention of North Carolina, Inc., Executive Secretary Horne was chosen to represent the Lott Carey Convention during the meeting of the Woman's Department of the World Baptist

Alliance in Freeport, Bahamas in October 1977.

The World Baptist Alliance meets ever five years. The Woman's Department of the

World Baptist Alliance will underwrite Executive Secretary Horne's expenses, with sup-

plements by the Lott Carey Women's Auxiliary if necessary".