



# Baptist Bulletin

## President of South Carolina Baptist State Convention to Keynote at Annual Session

Rev. Dr. Benjamin D. Snoddy is the Senior Pastor of the Mount Moriah Baptist Church of Spartanburg where he has served for the past 35 years of his 45 years in ministry. The church's motto is **"Raising People to God's Standard."** The spirit of this motto was championed in 2008 and 2009 in the country of Roatan, Honduras where Rev. Snoddy and members of his congregation including his lovely wife, Sheila, went on a mission trip to further the work of Christ. The group consisted of a Medical Team, Evangelistic Team and a

Children's Ministry Team. During this one week trip, Rev. Snoddy proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through the total ministry of this evangelistic work, souls were lead to Christ. The church's motto is also championed in the teaching and training ministries of the church. Pastor Snoddy focuses on the spiritual growth and development of leaders and of each member with a view toward a life of worship to God, service to mankind and a witnessing Christian lifestyle.

Rev. Snoddy was elected

on May 8, 2008 by the Baptist E & M Convention of South Carolina to serve as its fifteenth President.



## President Parker Urges Storm Readiness



President Howard W. Parker, Jr. is urging every member of our Baptist family to be mindful that we are entering hurricane season and urges readiness. "Now is the time for every family to review their family emergency plan or to make a plan if they don't have one," urges President Parker. The National Hurricane

Center has a document that describes the terms heard in connection with a hurricane and steps to take to get a Family Emergency Plan in order. ([www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov))

FEMA also has resources for preparing for emergencies including printable documents for recording important family information. There are also resources to help children prepare for emergencies. ([www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov))

An Emergency Kit is a key component of emergency preparedness. Here is a list of some of the items your Emergency Kit should contain:

- A 3-day supply of food and water

- A change of clothing and shoes
- A blanket or sleeping bag
- First aid kit
- Credit card and/or cash
- Medicines (prescription and non-prescription)
- Battery powered radio
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries

Also include special items for infants, elderly or disabled household members.





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Reaching"*



# 2012 Annual Session

General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

**October 29-31, 2012**



## **SHERATON IMPERIAL HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER**

**4700 Emperor Drive, Durham, NC**

**Reservations Number: 919-941-5050**

**GBSC Rate: \$92.00 per night plus tax**

**RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: OCTOBER 5**

## **Key Election Dates in North Carolina** **Voter Education Information For All Baptist Congregations**

Please be sure that members of our Churches are aware of the following important dates related to the 2012 General Election in North Carolina. **The General Election Day is November 6. Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.**

### **Friday, October 12**

- Voter registration forms must be postmarked or delivered in person by 5:00 p.m. for the November 6 General Election. After this deadline, you can still register to vote or change your name and address at One-Stop Absentee voting locations.
- Last day to change party affiliation before the November 6 General Election.

### **Thursday, October 18**

- One-Stop absentee voting begins for the November 6 General Election. For locations, check with your county elections office or the State Board of Elections website. Individuals who missed the registration deadline, if qualified, may register in person and then vote at a One-Stop voting site. *In order to register during a One-Stop period, the applicant must show acceptable proof of name and residence in the county.*

### **Tuesday, October 30**

- Last day to request mail-in absentee ballots in writing. *There is an exception due to sickness or disability.*

### **Saturday, November 3**

- One-Stop Absentee voting ends at 1:00 p.m., but may be extended to as late as 5:00 p.m. in some counties.

### **Monday, November 5**

- Absentee ballots must be received in the County Board of Elections office by 5:00 p.m. *Mailed ballots postmarked on or before Election Day and received no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 9 will also be considered timely.*
- Deadline for requesting an absentee ballot for sickness or disability is 5:00 p.m..

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