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Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns to Preach at Annual Session Guns Featured During Tuesday Evening Worship Service

Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns will be the special guest preacher for Tuesday night of the 145th Annual Session on October 30, 2012.

Rev. Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns is a native of Newport, Rhode Island. He is the son of a retired

Baptist pastor and co-pastor. Dr. Guns is a product of the Norfolk Public School System. He earned his B. S. degree in Business Administration from Norfolk State University in 1972. He served six years as a U.S. Army Infantry Officer.

In 1981, he earned his Masters of Divinity degree from the School of Theology, Virginia Union University graduating Summa Cum Laude. He earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from the School of Religion, Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1985.

Dr. Guns is the Senior Pastor of the Second Calvary Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia, where he has served since June 1983. Second Calvary is a leader in serving the community and in the area of global missions. Dr. Guns served as the President of the Virginia Baptist State Con-

vention (VBSC) from 1997 to 2001 and as the Moderator for the Tidewater Peninsula Baptist Association (TPBA). Dr. Guns serves as a member of the faculty of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. He has traveled extensively to Israel, Turkey, Greece, and Africa. He has led several short term mission trips to Nigeria and Kenya.

He has written numerous articles for the Christian Education Informer of the Department of Christian Education of the Sunday School Publishing Board, in addition to various Sunday School Quarterlies. Dr. Guns serves as Vice Chairman of the Council of Christian Education of the Department of Christian Education of the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention (NBC). He works with the Home Mission Board of the NBC.



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EARLY VOTING UNDERWAY IN NORTH CAROLINA OCT. 18 to NOV. 3



Early voting, also known as **One-Stop Absentee Voting**, allows any registered voter to cast their ballot in person prior to the Election Day. Same day registration is allowed, during early voting, if you are a North Carolina resident who is qualified to register to vote. +

Not sure about your registration? You can look up your registration info to confirm that you are registered at the NC Statewide Voter Search: www.ncsbe.gov/VoterLookup.aspx

Rep. Elijah Cummings to Visit Annual Session



The Honorable Elijah Eugene Cummings will be the special guest of President Howard W. Parker, Jr. on Wednesday morning at the upcoming Annual Session. Representative Cummings is the U.S. Representative for Maryland's 7th congressional district, serving since 1996. The district includes just over half of Baltimore City, as well as most of Howard County. He previously served in the Maryland House of Delegates. He is a former Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

A Baptist, the Representative is an active member of the New Psalmist Baptist Church of Baltimore where Dr. Walter S. Thomas is Pastor. Rep. Cummings' visit is a part of the Convention's general voter education and voter engagement emphasis.

GBSC does not endorse candidates for political office; however, the Convention does encourage civic involvement, issues education and voter engagement in a non-partisan manner for its constituent congregations.

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Teaching ...
Reaching ... “**

STATE MISSIONS EMPHASIS



The President has announced that the financial emphasis for the upcoming Annual Session is State Missions. The Baptist Headquarters has suggested three levels of giving for State Missions at the Annual Session:

Donations of \$300 to \$499: SILVER SUPPORTER

Donations of \$500 to \$999: GOLD SUPPORTER

Donations of \$1,000 and above: PLATINUM SUPPORTER

Messengers from Churches to reach the above levels at the Annual Session will be recognized during the Session. Special identifying badges will be provided to Silver, Gold and Platinum Supporters. Special designation badges are based on the level of special contribution brought to this Annual Session and does not reflect other or ongoing giving.

“Ties That Bind” Third Quarterly Webinar Held Training for Health Ministry Links in the Local Churches

The General Board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. has approved a new initiative called the “Ties That Bind.” This initiative creates a partnership between the Division of Aging and Adult Services (in the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services) and Seniors’ Health Insurance Information Program (in the North Carolina Department of Insurance) and the Convention. The purpose of this initiative is to conduct targeted education and outreach to provide timely and accurate information about programs and services available to seniors and persons with disabilities.

The third quarterly webinar was recently conducted in March and focused on “Healthy Living” and “Medicare Open Enrollment.” Ms. Nicolle Miller, MS, MPH, RD, LDN (a Healthy Aging Specialist in the NC Divi-



sion of Aging & Adult Services) conducted the Healthy Living segment. The Medicare Open Enrollment segment was conducted by Mr. Kenneth Wilkins, Esq. (with

the Seniors Health Insurance Information Program). Churches who have signed on to participate in the training had representatives to attend the online training. Resource materials were provided to the participants which are to be shared with target populations in the local churches and community.

Churches interested in this partnership between the GBSC, NC Department of Aging and Adult Services and the NC Department of Insurance should send an e-mail expressing interest to Rev. Sabrena Lea (sabrena.lea@dhhs.nc.gov).

The General Baptist State Convention hopes to have a minimum of fifty (50) churches to participate in this effort. Participation in the “Ties that Bind” initiative is without cost to the local Church or training participants.