



Baptist Bulletin

General Baptists Support Shaw University

The Convention Contributes \$75,000.00 During Class of 2013 Baccalaureate Worship Service

Shaw University held its 2013 Baccalaureate Worship Service on Friday, May 10 in the Thomas J. Boyd Chapel on the campus of Shaw University in downtown Raleigh. The featured speaker for the event was Dr. Haywood T. Gray, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Before delivering his sermon to the Class of 2013, Dr. Gray presented funds totaling \$75,000.00 to University President Dr. Dorothy Cowser-Yancy. Over his tenure as Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Gray has made a tradition of presenting a gift to the University during Commencement season from the General Baptists of North Carolina.

The Convention was established in 1867, two years after the founding of Shaw University. Some of the principals involved in starting Shaw



Executive Secretary-Treasurer Haywood T. Gray presents \$75,000.00 to Shaw University President Dr. Dorothy Cowser-Yancy during the 2013 Baccalaureate Worship Service on Friday, May 10.

were likewise involved in the creation of the Convention. One of the primary reasons for the Convention was to raise money from among the African-American Baptist Churches in the state to support Shaw University. For more than 145 years, the Convention has been a key financial supporter of the University. A significant number of college-bound high school seniors in General Baptist congregations consider Shaw for their college experience.

Since becoming Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Gray has been the steward of more than \$1.8 million dollars for Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School. The Convention is noted as dependable financial supporter of the University and it regularly recognized as among the highest financial contributors each year. According to the last published report, the Convention was recognized for being a member

of the "Board of Trustees Club" for contributing in excess of \$100,000.00 in the 2011-12 academic year. The General Baptist State Convention was one of only three organizations to make the "Board of Trustees Club." The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) and the College Fund/UNCF were the other two members of the "Board of Trustees Club" for 2011-12.



Members of the Shaw Class of 2013 gather in Boyd Chapel for the Annual Baccalaureate Worship Service.



EST delivers sermon to Shaw's Class of 2013. Shaw has twice invited Gray to preach at this event: in 2009 and in 2013.

The Convention makes regular contributions to Shaw throughout the year. In March, the Convention donated \$10,000.00 for the United Negro College Fund Scholarship Gala. Thomas J. Boyd Chapel, Shaw Divinity School and the University Concert Choir (among others) have been previous benefactors of Convention-generated funds.

The Baptist Headquarters acknowledges that the lion's share of the annual Commencement Season gift to Shaw University is derived from the Annual Shaw Day effort of Union Missionary Baptist Association. This year's Shaw Day effort in Union generated in excess of \$60,000.00. The Reverend Mark A. Rowden is Moderator of Union and Dr. Matthew Rouse, Jr. is Union Association's Executive Secretary-Treasurer.



Member of the Class of 2013 during Baccalaureate Worship. Shaw graduated 311 students on Saturday, May 11 at Commencement.

2013 Oratorical Conference Comes to Wilmington June 24—26

Pastor Terry L. Henry and Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Hosts

The 2013 James F. Wertz Oratorical Conference will be hosted at the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church (3701 Princess



Pastor Terry L. Henry and Macedonia Church are hosts.

Place Drive) in Wilmington on June 24—26. Rev. Terry L. Henry is the Pastor.

The Annual Oratorical Conference is sponsored by the GBSC

Congress of Christian Education and brings young orators from all across the state to compete for the chance to represent North Carolina in the national oratorical competition the following year. Contestants in the state competition come up through competitions conducted by their local Associations.

Youth may compete in three divisions: Preparatory (6th through 8th grades), Junior (9th through 11th grades), or Senior (rising high school seniors). Contestants must have achieved the stated grade level by July 1, 2013. Each contestant will deliver a memorized speech lasting from 3-4 minutes for the Preparatory Division to 4-5 minutes for the Junior and Senior Divisions.

In addition to the oratorical contests, youth are given opportunities to attend special age-appropriate classes, participate in worship, hear distinguished role models and enjoy fun and fellowship. The Wilmington area offers great entertainment including North Carolina beaches, Battleship North Carolina, Cape Fear Riverboat rides, Cape Fear Museum of History and Science and Fort Fisher Aquarium to name a few. The

area is a great place for a mini-vacation for the whole family.

Registration for the Conference begins on Monday, June 24 at 3:30 p.m. The cost of registration is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for youth. Registration entitles entry to all events, classes and worship services. The Conference will close around noon on Wednesday, June 26.

Mrs. Ruth Johnson is Director of the Oratorical Conference. For additional information, she may be contacted by e-mail at rccake@ec.rr.com. Dr. Frank J. Byrd is President of the Congress of Christian Education.



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HOUSING OPTIONS FOR ORATORICAL CONFERENCE

June 24-26, 2013 — Wilmington, North Carolina



WINGATE

by Wyndham

5126 Market Street

(Four minutes from Church)

910-395-7011

Group Code: CGYOC

Doubles: \$92.00 + tax
(\$92.00 + \$11.96 tax = \$103.96)

Reservations Deadline:

May 25, 2013



HAMPTON INN

University Wilmington Area

124 Old Eastwood Road

(Six minutes from Church)

910-791-9899

Group Code: General Bapt.

Doubles: \$109.00 + tax
(\$109.00 + \$14.17 tax = \$123.17)

Reservations Deadline:

May 31, 2013



COUNTRY INN

and Suites by Carlson

4706 New Centre Drive

(Six minutes from Church)

910-398-6470

Group Code: GBSCNC

Doubles: \$105.00 + tax
(\$105.00 + \$13.65 tax = \$118.65)

Reservations Deadline:

June 7, 2013