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Mount Zion To Host 2014 Mid-Year Session

GBSC to Hold Mid-Year at President's Home Church



The Mount Zion Baptist Church of Winston-Salem will host the 2014 Mid-Year Session of the General Baptist State Convention. The Church's roots date back to 1889. Our current president was licensed to preach by this congregation.

The 2014 Mid-Year Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. will convene on May 13 and 14 at the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Winston-Salem. The Church is located on the corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and File Street at 950 File Street. The Mid-Year Session is the second of three annual events of the Convention (the first being January's MLK Memorial Banquet and the final being October's annual session.)

"The Mid-Year Session is our opportunity to report on our work and progress," says Dr. Haywood T. Gray, Executive Secretary-Treasurer. "It is a rich time for fellowship and worship as our Baptist family gains strength

from our coming together in May."

This year's Mid-Year Session meets at the Church which licensed our president, Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr. to preach. "It is the Convention's delight to bring our President back to the hallowed grounds where his ministry began," says Gray. "We hope this gathering will have special meaning for President Parker."



Dr. Serenus T. Churn, Sr., is the sixth pastor of Mount Zion. His pastoral tenure at the Church dates back to 1984.

GBSC Website Exceeds One Million Hits Mark

The new website of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has passed the million hits mark. Evolution Design Concepts (the company that developed and maintains the website) reports that the website has received 1,230,529 hits since it was launched at the Annual Session on October 30, 2013. According to Greg Thompson, Marketing Manager for Evo-

lution Design Concepts, "this is an outstanding accomplish-



ment for a new website."

The website continues to grow on an almost daily basis as affiliated churches are taking advantage of a free listing of their congregations on the site. As well, advertising opportunities are available for businesses offering products and services of interest to churches.

The website address is www.gbsconline.org.

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May 2014						
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Plan to attend the
2014 MID YEAR SESSION
of the **General Baptist State Convention**
Tuesday and Wednesday, May 13 and 14
Mount Zion Baptist Church, Winston-Salem



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**“Preaching ... Teaching ...
Reaching”
Matthew 19:20.**

Hotel for 2014 Mid-Year Session

Ramada Plaza Hotel and Spa

Selected as Headquarters Hotel for Mid Year Session



3050 University Parkway
Winston-Salem
336-723-2911

Rate: \$99.99 per night

*15% Discount at Spa
Complimentary Wi-Fi & Free Parking
Microwave and Refrigerator
Complimentary Hot Breakfast Buffet*

*Three and a half miles from
Mount Zion Baptist Church
(Seven minute ride)*

*Deadline for Discounted
Reservations:
April 30, 2014*

Central Children's Home Van Project Finale Convention to Purchase Third Van for Use by Children's Home



GBSC gifted two vans to Central Children's Home, one in 2012 and the second in 2013. A third van is to be delivered this year in June.

The General Board of the General Baptist State Convention authorized the Baptist Headquarters to initiate a plan to gift three vans to the Central Children's Home over a three year period. The Convention has delivered two vans and plans to purchase the final van this year.

Central Children's Home is located in

Oxford, North Carolina and is a missions objective of the General Baptist State Convention. Organized in 1882 through a collaboration of Shiloh and Wake Missionary Baptist Associations, the Children's Home was the first statewide institution in the nation serving African-American children.

The Convention's interest in the transportation needs of the Children's Home arose when it was disclosed that the combined mileage on the old fleet of vehicles used by the Home was approaching a million miles. "The cost of maintenance and upkeep on the vehicles was a large strain on our budget," says Executive Director Angela J. Williams.

The plan to secure the funding for the vans involved each Association in the state providing \$500.00 for each of three years. "While the response has been gratifying," says Dr. Haywood T. Gray, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Convention, "it has not been quite satisfying." Gray hopes that each of the Convention's 60 associations will respond to this final opportunity to participate.



Rev. O. D. Sykes, Fourth Vice President of the GBS (at right) is pictured with Mrs. Angela J. Williams, Executive Director of the Central Children's Home. Reverend Sykes' constitutional responsibility as Fourth Vice President is to encourage financial and moral support for Central Children's Home from Churches and Associations.