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HAGGINS TO KEYNOTE 147TH GBSC ANNUAL SESSION



The Reverend Debra L. Haggins is Chaplain of Hampton University, Pastor of the Memorial Church at Hampton University and Executive Director of the famed Hampton University Ministers Conference.

The Keynote Preacher for the 147th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. (which convenes in Greenville, North Carolina on October

27th through 30th, 2014) is **THE EVEREND DEBRA L. HAGGINS**. Reverend Haggins is the Chaplain of Hampton University. As the first woman to hold this position in the 144-year history of the university, she serves in a dual capacity as campus pastor and executive director of the nationally-acclaimed Hampton University Ministers' Conference Choir Directors' and Organists' Guild. Debra Haggins served as the Interim Pastor of the Historic Queen Street Baptist Church of Norfolk, Virginia. She received the Bachelor of Science in Education from Paine College in Augusta, Georgia; the Master of Science in Secondary School Administration and a Certificate of Advanced

Graduate Studies in Higher Education Administration, both from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. Debra has earned the Master of Divinity in Theology from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia, and is currently seeking to complete the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Educational Leadership and Management. She is the mother of three sons: Brian, Steven and Bradley Haggins.

Reverend Haggins' sermon will be given on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenville Convention Center. The worship service is open to the public and the community is invited.

Ballard to Honor President Parker



Dr. J. Donald Ballard is Pastor Emeritus of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, NC. He currently serves as Interim Pastor of Redeeming Love Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Convention will honor President Howard W. Parker, Jr. with a Banquet on Monday evening, October 27, 2014 during the 147th Annual Session. The Banquet will be held in the Hilton Hotel Ballroom (207 Greenville Boulevard SW, Greenville). Dr. J. Donald Ballard will be the keynote preacher at the Banquet.

Tickets are available through the Baptist Headquarters. Tickets are \$35.00 each. However, tickets pur-

chased before October 25 will be discounted 30%. Tickets must be paid in full by October 25 to receive the discounted rates.

Tickets may be purchased by credit card (MasterCard and VISA) by calling the Baptist Headquarters at 919-821-7466. Checks or money orders may also be sent to the Baptist Headquarters. **NO TICKETS WILL BE MAILED**, but will be available for pickup at a "will call" table at the Banquet.



Important Dates for Voting in NC

1. **ONE STOP (EARLY) VOTING BEGINS ON OCTOBER 23, 2014.**
2. **LAST DAY TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL IS OCTOBER 28, 2014.**
3. **LAST DAY FOR ONE STOP (EARLY) VOTING IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2014 AT 1:00 P.M.**
4. **ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014 IN NORTH CAROLINA.**



GBSC ELECTION

ON-SITE REGISTRATION FOR VOTING ENDS
Wednesday, October 29
11:00 a.m.

GBSC ELECTION DAY
Wednesday, October 29
1:00—4:00 p.m.

“PREACHING ... TEACHING ... REACHING” (Matthew 28:19-20.)

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McFARLAND TO VISIT GBSC AS LATE NIGHT PREACHER 2014



Clinton McFarland has been preaching and teaching the Word of God for over 20 years. Born in 1967, in Shubuta, Mississippi, he proudly began serving the church community as a musician in his father's church at the tender age of eight. At the age of twenty-two he accepted the mandate from God to proclaim His Word. Because his passion for the word of God was so evident, five months after preaching his first sermon, John the Baptist Church of Pachuta, Mississippi called him as pastor. After serving John the Baptist Church for seven years, Reverend McFarland was called to Southside Baptist Church in Columbus, Mississippi where he served for eleven years.

Currently, he proudly serves as the Senior Pastor of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. During his brief tenure as pastor, Mount Pleasant has experienced tremendous growth.

Late Night Services will be held on Monday and Tuesday nights (October 27 and 28) beginning at 9:15 p.m. The late night services will be held in the main Assembly in the Greenville Convention Center.

Dr. Robert E. L. McGowens is Chairman of the Late Night Committee and is in charge of the late night services during the 147th Annual Session in Greenville, North Carolina.

Vendor Space Available

A limited number of vendor spaces are available at the 2014 Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention meeting in Greenville, NC. Individuals and companies interested in securing vendor space should contact Reverend Randolph Moten, GBSC Director of Exhibits. Messages for Rev. Moten may be left at Baptist Headquarters or he may be contacted directly by e-mail to:

rmdmoten2@aol.com

The Convention is accepting vendor applications in the following categories:

- **General Vendors:** Individuals or companies offering items, products or services to the general public.
- **Authors:** Individuals connected to GBSC who have written books offered for sale to the general public.

(This category does not apply to general book sellers; only to authors.)

- **General Exhibitors:** Individuals or companies distributing literature to the general public, but not offering products, items or services for sale.
- **GBSC Campaigns:** Individuals running for elected office in the GBSC during the 2014 Annual Session elections.

Vending space will consist of one 8 table and two chairs. The Greenville Convention Center offers free WiFi in the vendors area. A \$25.00 surcharge for electricity will be passed on to the vendors. Vendors needing more than the 8 foot table space may purchase multiple vending spaces. A limited number of spaces are available and will be made available on a first-reserved, first-paid basis.



ANNUAL SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 1:00 p.m. Worship (Moderator Dr. J. B. Woodhouse, Preaching)
- 2:00 p.m. Workshops
- 6:30 p.m. President's Banquet (Dr. J. Donald Ballard, Preaching)
- 9:15 p.m. Late Night (Dr. Clinton McFarland, Preaching)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 9:00 a.m. Missions Emphasis
- 1:00 p.m. Official Opening (Rev. Bankole Akinbinu, Preaching)
- 2:00 p.m. Workshops
- 3:15 p.m. GBSC Candidates Forum
- 7:00 p.m. Welcome Program
- 7:30 p.m. Evening Worship (Rev. Debra L. Haggins, Preaching)
- 9:15 p.m. Late Night (Dr. Clinton McFarland, Preaching)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 9:00 a.m. Worship (Rev. Thomas R. Farrow, Jr., Preaching)
- 10:00 a.m. Special Emphasis and Business Session
- 1:00 p.m. GBSC Election
- 7:00 p.m. President's Address (Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr., Preaching)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 11:00 a.m. Installation of Officers (Sycamore Hill Baptist Church)