

ABOUT OUR NEW LEADER:

— Has served as Pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Salisbury for 22 years.

— Elected to the GBSC Presidency in his 25th year in ministry.

— Licensed to ministry in 1989 by his father, the late Dr. Nilous M. Avery, Sr. at the Hill Street Baptist Church in Asheville, NC.

— Holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Hood Theological Seminary as his terminal degree.

— First elected to the office of Fourth Vice President and elected successively until reaching the Presidency.

32nd President Installed

Dr. Nilous McKinley Avery, II Assumes the GBSC Presidency at Conclusion of 147th Annual Session



Dr. Avery makes acceptance speech during Installation Service at Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville, NC.

A near capacity crowd in excess of 500 persons gathered in the sanctuary of Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church to witness the Installation of the 32nd President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. on Thursday, October 30, 2014. Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II was elected to the Presidency by the messengers to the 147th Annual Session on the previous day. True to tradition, the outgoing President, Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr., presided over the Installation Worship as his final act of his presidential administration.

Dr. C. R. Edwards was the speaker for the Installation Worship Service. Dr. Edwards

served as the 19th President of the Convention from 1970 to 1974. Dr. Edwards' sermonic act of installation was moving and inspirational. After noting the history and importance of the Convention, Dr. Edwards recalled his long friendship with Dr. Nilous M. Avery, Sr., the new President's father. About the late Dr. Avery, Sr., Edwards said he was "a pastor's pastor, a scholar and a leader." Then pointing to the President-elect, Edwards said, "I see the same things in you."

Dr. John D. Fuller, Sr., a former President of the Convention was called upon to give the formal Installation Prayer. Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr. presented the

Presidential Medallion to his successor. The Medallion was a tradition begun in 2010 by then-outgoing President Gregory K. Moss, Sr.

President Avery exemplified strength and dignity in accepting the Presidency of the Convention. Thanked his own congregation and the many supporters who had helped him to this historic moment. He congratulated and challenged his incoming cabinet. Holding a Bible that belonged to his late father, President Avery quoted some notes that his father had written in the margins many years prior. Those sentiments of service, humility and faithfulness will guide the Avery administration.



The President's Cabinet (2014 – 2018)

At right, a pensive new President reacts to the standing ovation offered by the worshippers and witnesses to the Installation of the 32nd President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.



In true General Baptist spirit, President Avery embraces Rev. Jimmy Gilchrist who also contended for the GBSC Presidency.



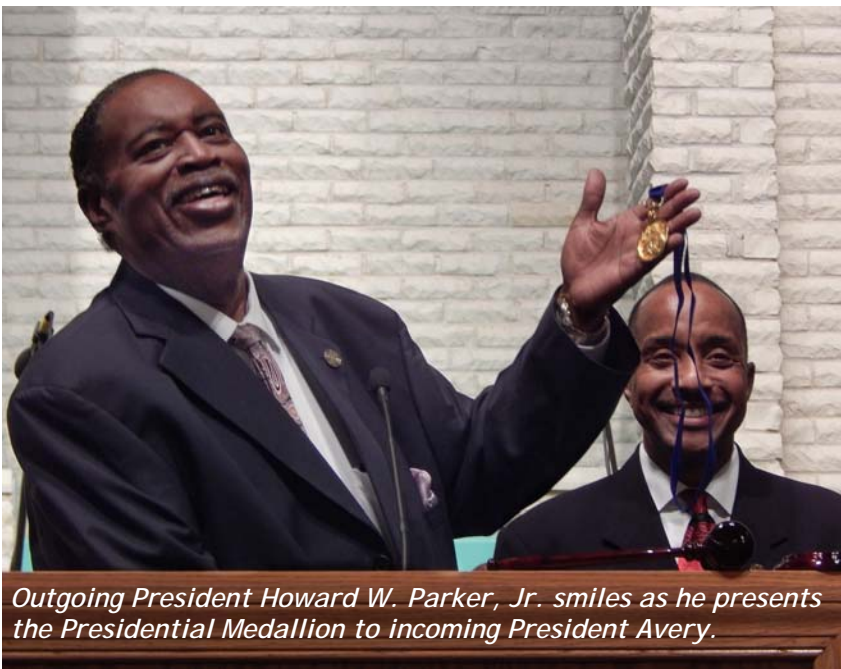
Dr. John D. Fuller, former President, prays the prayer of Installation during inspirational service.



Dr. C. R. Edwards, former President, gives a sermonic charge to new President.



Near capacity crowd gathers for Installation Worship Service at Sycamore Hill Baptist Church in Greenville.



Outgoing President Howard W. Parker, Jr. smiles as he presents the Presidential Medallion to incoming President Avery.



Installation Service Participants included Dr. Kenneth R. Hammond (Invocation), Rev. Robert G. Hedgepeth (Scripture Reader) and special prayer was offered by Dr. C. R. Mosley, Sr.

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