

# BAPTIST BULLETIN

## AVERY TO ADDRESS SESSION



Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II, will address the 2015 Mid Year Session of the General Baptist State Convention when it convenes in Elizabeth City in May. Dr. Avery will close the Session on Wednesday, May 6. Dr. Avery's address will take place close to the noon hour.

This will be the first official address of President Avery to the Convention since his election as the 32nd President in October. "The President has been busy crisscrossing the state since his election," says EST Haywood T. Gray. "However, our Baptist family always delights in hearing from our leader when the family gathers. Dr. Avery will certainly inspire us all."

## RIDDICK TO KEYNOTE AT MID-YEAR SESSION

The Reverend Dr. Dwight Riddick will give the Keynote Sermon during the upcoming 2015 Mid Year Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Dr. Riddick's sermon is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Riddick graduated from Norfolk State University in 1982 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology of Virginia University conferred upon him the Master of Divinity degree in 1991. His terminal degree is a Doctor of Ministry degree which he earned in

2005 from Regent University.

Dr. Riddick currently serves as President of the Hampton University Ministers Conference. He is a former President of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia. He is often sought as an evangelist and is popular as a lecturer on church leadership and stewardship.

For twenty-eight years, he has led Gethsemane Baptist Church of Newport News, Virginia. Known as "The Transformation Place," Gethsemane has experienced great growth under his leadership. The



Dr. Dwight C. Riddick is Senior Pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church in Newport News, Virginia and President of the Hampton University Ministers Conference.

Church has completed Phase 1 of its vision for a new church campus designed to facilitate its ministries and outreach programs. He has led the Church to establish Bright Beginnings Learning and Childcare Center as well as a Christian Academy.

## MID-YEAR SESSION COMES TO ELIZABETH CITY



Dr. Ricky L. Banks (pictured at left) and the Saint Stephen Baptist Church in Elizabeth City will serve as hosts for the 2015 Mid-Year Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The Mid-Year Session will meet in Elizabeth City on May 5 and 6. The Session will open at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5 and will

adjourn at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6.

"Dr. Banks and Saint Stephen are wonderful hosts and their involvement means a wonderful Session," says Executive Secretary-Treasurer Haywood T. Gray. "They have been hard at work preparing for our coming and working to make us feel at home in Elizabeth City."

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## MID YEAR TO MEET ON ECSU CAMPUS



The K. E. White Graduate Center will be the site for all events during the 2015 Mid-Year Session. The White Center is located at 1704 Weeksville Road in Elizabeth City on the campus of Elizabeth City State University. The center is an eight minute (or less) drive from the two hotels hosting attendees to the Mid Year Session. The Mid Year Session will open at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5 and will close by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6. Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5. **All events connected to the Mid-Year Session will be held on campus.**

The .ECSU website says this about the K. E. White Graduate Center: "The Kermit E. White Center of Elizabeth City State University mission is to be the premier local conferencing center by providing a modern, technologically advanced meeting facility with quality customer service, attention to detail and professionalism."

## TWO HOTEL CHOICES FOR MID- YEAR IN ELIZABETH CITY

### HEADQUARTERS HOTEL



**FAIRFIELD INN AND SUITES ELIZABETH CITY**  
1640 City Center Boulevard, Elizabeth City, NC  
3 miles (8 minutes) from Convention; IHOP adjacent

*For reservations at  
Fairfield Inn, call  
(252) 333-1003*

**Rate is \$111.75 per night**  
(Room rate of \$99.00 + \$12.75 tax)  
Ask for General Baptist rate.

Hot breakfast included in rate  
Free parking, Wi-Fi

### ADDITIONAL HOTEL



**HAMPTON INN ELIZABETH CITY**  
402 Halstead Boulevard, Elizabeth City, NC  
2.2 miles (5 minutes) from Convention;  
Golden Corral Restaurant adjacent

*For reservations at  
Hampton Inn, call  
(252) 333-1800*

**Rate is \$111.75 per night**  
(Room rate of \$99.00 + \$12.75 tax)  
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Hot breakfast included in rate  
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