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President Avery to Honor Three at King Banquet Edwards, Mosley, Williams to Receive Presidential Awards



Dr. C. R. Edwards is Pastor Emeritus of First Baptist Church in Fayetteville.



Dr. C. R. Mosley, Sr. is Pastor of Nazareth First Baptist Church in Asheville.



Angela J. Williams is Executive Director of Central Children's Home in Oxford.



Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II is President of the General Baptist State Convention.

President Nilous M. Avery, II, has announced the 2015 Convention honorees for the 41st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Banquet. This event is scheduled for Friday, January 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center (4700 Emperor Boulevard, Durham). Each year, the Convention honors individuals who have made exceptional contributions to Baptist life in North Carolina. The Annual Presidential Award is the highest honor currently bestowed by the Convention.

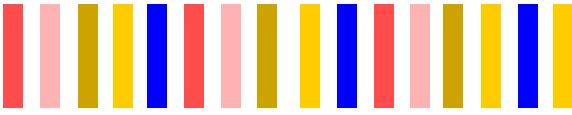
For 2015, President Avery has selected Dr. C. R. Edwards to receive **THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD OF MERIT**. In announcing the award, Dr. Avery said, “[t]he word merit implies being worthy of honor and, in the case of Dr. Edwards, this is an honor which he has earned because of his many years of service to important causes around the world. Without question, Dr. Edwards is our senior statesman in North Carolina Baptist life and he continues to be a pacesetter for ministry and service.”

The President has also selected Dr. C. R. Mosley, Sr. to receive **THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD OF DISTINCTION**. “Distinction implies being unique, special and not the ordinary which perfectly describe Dr. Mosley,” says the President. “Dr. Mosley’s ministry of preaching has touched thousands across the years in a way that only Dr. Mosley could. He has been a friend to many and an example for many more.”

Finally, President Avery will honor Mrs. Angela J. Williams with **THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**. Mrs. Williams is Executive Director of the Central Children’s Home. “Under her exceptional leadership and in through trying times, the Central Children’s Home has grown into an exceptional agency of hope and help for young people,” says Dr. Avery. “There is a sense of excellence in everything that Mrs. Williams does which is reflected throughout the Children’s Home.”



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Banquet Menu

Served Buffet Style

- Garden Salad Bar
- Tomatoes in Vinaigrette
- Bone-In Baked Chicken
- Sliced Roast Beef/Gravy
- Southern Green Beans
- Broccoli Casserole
- Mashed Potatoes
- Steamed White Rice
- Dinner Rolls with Butter
- Strawberry Shortcake
- Peach Cobbler
- Starbucks Coffee
- Iced Tea

Sharpe Is 2015 MLK Banquet 23 Year Old Preaching Phenom to Give King Message

The Reverend Reginald W. Sharpe, Jr. is one of the nation's young preachers of promise. At 23, he is a young minister with a bright future in ministry and Christian service. A native of Lithonia, Ga., **Pastor Reginald Wayne Sharpe, Jr.**, was born February 18, 1991, into the family of Reginald, Sr., and Fay Phillips-Sharpe. He has one younger brother, Brandon Sharpe.

Pastor Sharpe, affectionately called, "Pastor Reggie," is a 2013 graduate of Morehouse College. He graduated Cum Laude with departmental honors in the disciplines of religion and philosophy. While attending Morehouse, Sharpe served as the president of both the Martin Luther King, Jr., International Chapel Assistants Program and the Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Society. He won the 2012 Otis Moss, Jr., Oratorical Contest, was voted Religious Leader of the Year for two consecutive years, and was named the 2012-2013 Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholar. Pastor Sharpe is also one of the proud charter members of the Academy of Young Preachers.



Among his many distinctions, he is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Currently, he is attending Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, Tennessee, pursuing a Masters of Theological Studies degree.

Although Pastor Sharpe is mostly known for his preaching ministry, those closest to him know that he loves spending time with his family, laughing with his friends, and finding delicious seafood or soul food to enjoy. Sharpe is a faithful member of The House of Hope Atlanta (*The Greater Travelers Rest Baptist Church*) in Decatur, Ga., where Dr. E. Dewey Smith, Jr., is the Pastor/Teacher. Most importantly, he is an humble child of God who seeks to reach people with love and to minister to them with head and heart. Pastor Sharpe's favorite poem is called, "I'd Rather See a Sermon," by Edgar Guest. One line reads, "And the lecture you deliver may be very wise and true, but I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do. For I may misunderstand you and the high advice you give, but there is no misunderstanding, how you act and how you live." In the winter of 2015 Pastor Sharpe will be marrying Brianna Sullivan, his gifted and beautiful fiancée.

Ticket distribution will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 9.

Banquet seating begins at 5:30 p.m.

A limited number of tickets will be available at the door; however, "at the door" ticket sales will be made available on a first come, first served basis until all seats are sold.

GBSC cannot guarantee "at the door" ticket availability on Friday night. Advance ticket purchase is recommended.

