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## Annual Session Highlights

**Nov. 9-11, 2015**  
**Sheraton Imperial**  
**Durham**

### Monday, Nov. 9

General Board (9:30 am)  
Registration (11:00 am)  
Worship (1:00 pm)  
Workshops (2:00 pm)  
Banquet (6:00 pm)  
Late Night (9:00 pm)

### Tuesday, Nov. 10

Registration (8:00 am)  
Worship (9:00 am)  
Workshop (10:00 am)  
Objectives (11:00 am)  
Luncheon (11:30 am)  
Worship (1:00 pm)  
Workshops (2:00 pm)  
Welcome (7:00 pm)  
Worship (7:30 pm)  
Late Night (9:00 pm)

### Wednesday, Nov. 11

Registration (8:00 am)  
Worship (9:00 am)  
Business (10:00 am)  
Annual Awards (6:00 pm)  
President's Address (6:30 pm)  
President's Closing  
Reception (8:30 pm)

**Details coming soon!**

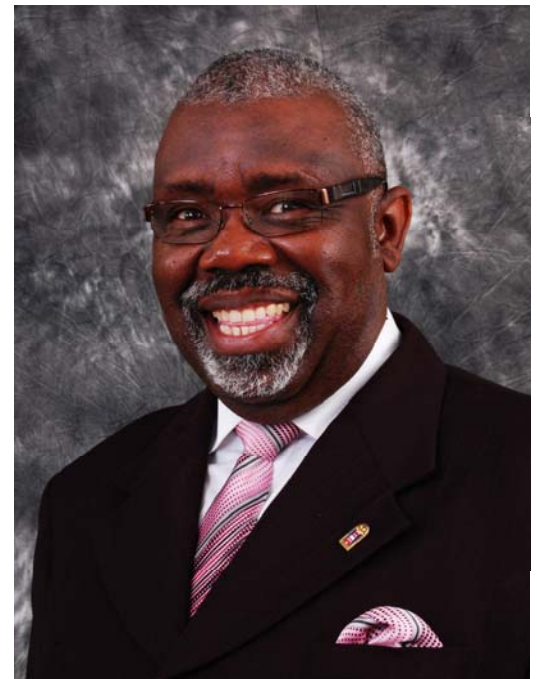
## Leadership Banquet Set At 2015 Annual Session

The 2015 Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. will open with a Banquet on Monday night, November 9. The 2015 Leadership Banquet will be an opportunity for fellowship with the elected leaders of the parent body. "Unfortunately, the busy-ness of our meetings often does not afford our leaders an adequate opportunity to fellowship with our pastors and members who attend the Convention," says President Nilous M. Avery, II. "The Leadership Banquet is a specific time for the leadership to connect with and have fellowship with our Session attendees."

Dr. Ricky L. Banks, First Vice President of the Convention, has been selected as the preacher for the Leadership Banquet. Dr. Banks (who is Pastor of the Saint Stephen Missionary Baptist Church in Elizabeth City) is well-known for his preaching ministry across the state. Often sought as the principal preacher for Churches and Associations, Dr. Banks will certainly delight and enthruse those who gather for the Leadership Banquet.

To facilitate the fellowship, the Banquet will be preceded with a floating reception with hors d'oeuvres from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Banquet will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets for this event are currently on sale at Baptist Headquarters for a donation of \$35.00 per person. You may purchase by credit card by calling the Headquarters.



Dr. Ricky L. Banks will preach during the opening Leadership Banquet and Reception on Monday, November 9 at the 148th Annual Session. The Session will convene in Durham, North Carolina.

### Leadership Banquet Menu

Field Greens Salad — Pasta Salad  
Marinated Cucumbers and Tomatoes  
Beef Tips Burgundy  
Baked Barbeque Chicken  
Corn — Roasted Vegetables — Wild Rice  
Oven Browned Potatoes  
Dinner Rolls with Butter  
Chocolate Cake — Pecan Pie  
Peach Cobbler  
Tea — Starbucks Coffee

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**“Preaching ...  
Teaching ...  
Reaching”**

## South Carolina Flood Relief Continues



Pictured above, volunteers load 300 cases of water that were delivered to the Columbia, South Carolina area.

Current needs include bottled water, cleaning supplies (especially bleach) and gift cards for the Gadsden location. .

Dr. Pierre J. Crawford, Pastor of the Center Baptist Church in Gastonia, has helped our Convention reach out to persons affected by the recent flooding in South Carolina. Dr. Crawford and Pastor Rodney Freeman (Pastor of Mount Zion Restoration Church in Gastonia) led a team of volunteers to the Columbia area to drop off donations for flood victims. The first donation drop-off included bottled water, clothing and food to be distributed to person in need. Pastor Donnie Chambers and Red Hill Baptist Church in Gadsden, South Carolina is operating a distribution center where persons can receive assistance.

The Baptist Headquarters overnighted fifty VISA gift cards to be distributed to persons in need. The gift cards are a practical way to provide a means for persons overcoming their loss to purchase personal items and goods. A total of \$2,500 in gift cards were sent on Dr. Crawford's first visit by the Convention. GBSC has pledged additional help in the coming weeks.

The Convention is seeking contacts and partners to work with in other parts of South Carolina. The Baptist Headquarters welcomes donations earmarked for the South Carolina flood victims.

The Baptist Headquarters is planning an opportunity for persons attending the upcoming Annual Session in Durham to be able to help. Details to come!

Dr. Crawford anticipates other trips in the coming weeks. Persons interested in assisting should contact Center Baptist Church (704-824-4121) or e-mail pierrerosalind@aol.com.



Water is a very precious commodity to persons living in flood affected areas of South Carolina. Volunteers are unloading water from NC friends.