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Convention Gives \$100,000 Toward Thomas J. Boyd Chapel Upgrade

Shaw University — the oldest historically black college/university in the South — is celebrating her 150th Anniversary in 2015. As a means of celebrating with the University and creating an enduring sign of support, the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. has contributed \$100,000.00 to be used for improvements at the Thomas J. Boyd Chapel.

In announcing the pledge, Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II (President of the Convention and a Shaw alumnus) said, "Located in the heart of the University campus, Boyd Chapel stands as an enduring testament to the faith of the University's founders as well as the University's belief that education and religion are partners in building lives that are successful, productive and reflect the values of Shaw." The pledge was announced in May at the Annual Meeting of the Shaw University Board of Trustees.

The Chapel was dedicated in 1948. Following World War II, the U. S. Army had "temporary" wooden chapels which were provided for civilian use. Shaw applied and was granted a building. What is now Boyd Chapel originally was a "temporary" chapel at Fort Sutton in Monroe, NC.

In 1993, Shaw alumnus The Reverend Dr. Thomas J. Boyd provided a major gift to the University to completely renovate the campus Chapel. The work that resulted from Dr. Boyd's largesse was dedicated in a special ceremony on November 21, 1993. There had not been a significant up fit to Boyd Chapel since Dr. Boyd's gift in 1993.



The Thomas J. Boyd Chapel will undergo its first major upgrade since 1993 when the Chapel's namesake, Dr. Thomas J. Boyd (then pastor of Salem Baptist Church in Brooklyn, make a significant gift to the University for Chapel renovations.

University Chaplain April R. Rhinehardt indicated some aesthetic and operational needs in the Chapel. Conversations with Chaplain Rhinehardt and the Convention ultimately led to making the gift to the University.

Inasmuch as The Reverend Dr. Henry Martin Tupper (Shaw's Founder and first President) was also involved in the founding of the General Baptist State Convention in 1867, President Avery felt that investing in Boyd Chapel is an appropriate manner to celebrate the University's 150th birthday and to commemorate the enduring legacy that binds the University to the Convention.

The Convention's gift will provide funds to provide an aesthetic appeal and operational functionality to Boyd Chapel. The public restrooms at the front entrance will receive an up fit. New flooring and new entrance doors will

enhance the vestibule. The sanctuary will receive new carpeting, new lighting and a new sound system. Some new musical instruments will be purchased. Changes at the front of the sanctuary will give the Chapel a more modern look. Painting and treatments to some original wood surfaces will also enhance the look.

The Chapel has worship services led by the University Chaplain each Sunday while the University is in session. The Sunday Worship Service begins at 9:00 a.m. and is open to the public. In addition to Sunday worship, the Thomas J. Boyd Chapel is a regular gathering place for special events at the University, both religious and educational in nature. The General Baptist State Convention provides financial support through the year to strengthen the Chapel and its programs for and services to students.

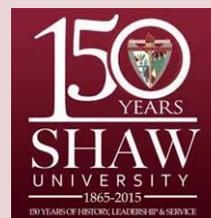


Shaw's President to Speak to GBSC

Dr. Tashni-Ann Dubroy, the 17th President of Shaw University, will be the guest speaker at a special luncheon highlighting Shaw at the 148th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention. This special Shaw luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 11, at 12:00 noon at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center.

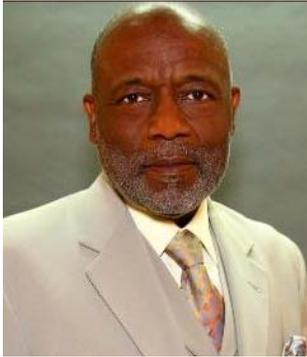
Dr. Dubroy assumed the presidency of the University this summer. Dr. Dubroy (a Shaw graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry) holds an MBA from Rutgers and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from North Carolina State.

Tickets are now available for the luncheon at the Baptist Headquarters for a \$20 donation.



148th Annual Session of the GBSCNC, Inc.
November 9-11, 2015 — Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Durham, NC

**ORANGE GROVE
 HOSTS OF
 SESSION**



Dr. Herbert L. Dickerson and the Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Durham will host the 148th Annual Session in Durham, North Carolina.

**PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE
 APPROACHING**

Churches wishing to pre-register for the 148th Annual Session should do so on or before Friday, October 30. To pre-register, churches must submit a registration form and the appropriate fees based on the size of the congregation. Churches that have not received registration forms should contact the Baptist Headquarters at (919) 82107466 during normal business hours.

<u>CHURCH MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO REPRESENT</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MESSENGERS</u>
1 -- 50 Members	\$50.00	2 Messengers
51 – 100 Members	\$75.00	3 Messengers
101 – 250 Members	\$150.00	4 Messengers
251 – 500 Members	\$175.00	5 Messengers
501 – 750 Members	\$200.00	6 Messengers
751 – 1000 Members	\$225.00	7 Messengers
1001 – 1499 Members	\$250.00	8 Messengers
1500 and up Members	\$350.00	9 Messengers

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**Annual Session Will Close With
 Dessert Reception Honoring
 President Nilous M. Avery, II**

Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II, will deliver his first annual address to the 148th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. on Wednesday evening, November 11, 2015. The final event in the 148th Annual Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the annual Awards Program and the President's Address will follow at 7:00 p.m.

Following President Avery's address, all registered messengers are invited to a dessert reception to greet the President. Various desserts will be served along with live music. Any persons who are registered (i.e., have a badge) are welcome to attend. Ad-



mittance will be by badge only.

"President Avery has had a stellar first year," says Dr. Haywood T. Gray, Executive Secretary-Treasurer. "Just as he promised, he has made himself available across the state to Churches and Associations as well as represented the Convention at events across the nation. This reception is our time to thank the President for his leadership and many sacrifices in service of the Convention."

Dr. Avery was elected to serve as the 32nd President of the General Baptist State Convention last year in October 2014. His four year term as President concludes in 2018.

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