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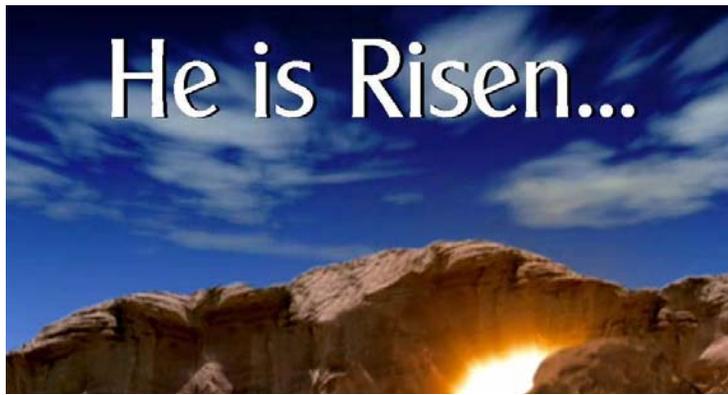
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A Message from President Avery in Celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection

“Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, but look - I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave” (Revelation 1:17-18).

These words from our Lord Jesus the Christ to Saint John the Divine while in exile on the isle of Patmos resonate through time and eternity. The commemoration of Jesus' crucifixion and celebration of His resurrection reminds us of God's unconditional love and unending promise for new life. It is a witness and proclamation to the immense power of God.

Jesus' resurrection is a testimony to the resurrection of those (1) who trust in God, (2) whose faith is in God, and (3) whose destiny is promised by God through Jesus the Christ! It re-



He is Risen...

minds us that the same God who created life and can resurrect life after death IS the power and HAS the power to resurrect, renew, revive, refresh, and restore dead things, dead people, dead lives, dead churches, dead communities, and dead hopes.

In resurrecting Jesus from the grave, God reminds us that God and only God can reverse the hideousness of death, and only God can remove the sting of death and defeat the victory of the grave (1 Corinthians 15:54-55). In resurrecting Jesus from the grave, God reminds us that we

serve a risen Savior!

Without the Resurrection, our preaching is senseless, our faith is useless, our lives are hopeless, our world is helpless, and our ministry is fruitless. But Jesus the Christ has indeed risen from the dead and “has become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.” (1 Cor. 15:20)

The resurrection is the triumphant and glorious victory for every believer. Jesus the Christ was born, He lived, He died, was buried, and rose the third day. And because He lives, we too can live

and shall live in the blessed hope promised and provided by our risen Savior.

Let us celebrate our victory in the resurrected Lord with renewed energy, enthusiasm, excitement, and enlightenment because “He has risen ... He lives!”

Have a Happy and Joyous Resurrection/Easter!



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2016 Laymen's League One Day Session



Penn Avenue Baptist Church (Oxford, NC)
Pastor Willie S. Darby, Host Pastor
Mr. William L. Pointer, Jr., Laymen President

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016 — 6:00 p.m.
Fifth Annual Marshall-Morgan Awards Banquet
Oxford Public Works Assembly Hall, 127 Penn Avenue, Oxford

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016 — 8:00 a.m.
One Day Session
Penn Avenue Baptist Church, 125 Penn Avenue, Oxford

Formal Introduction of WBHFMC EST Planned

Welcome Planned During Upcoming Statewide Leaders Workshop

The Annual Statewide Leaders Workshop will have a special feature this year as Mrs. Marilyn M. Franklin will be formally introduced as



Rev. Linda D. Inman is President of the WBH&FMC, an auxiliary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

the Executive Secretary-Treasurer for the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. The Statewide Leaders Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Saint Paul Baptist Church (1401 Allen Street, Charlotte, NC).

President Linda D. Inman has said, "I am delighted to welcome to our team our new Executive Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Marilyn M. Frank-

lin joining us in our mission efforts to continue to exalt Christ as we extend His Gospel globally to men, women, and youth through education, equipping, giving, serving, and witnessing with the transforming love of Christ."

President Inman encourages "individuals and churches to bring gifts, greeting cards, business cards, and flowers, to give her a good old southern welcome."

The day will include workshops as well as the formal introduction of Mrs. Franklin. Beginning at 9:00 a.m., the program ends at noon



Mrs. Marilyn M. Franklin began her new role on February 29, 2016.