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Thanks to Shiloh Greensboro

First Church to Submit Church History for New GBSC Church Histories Archives

The Shiloh Baptist Church of Greensboro (The Reverend Steve Allen, Pastor) has been the first congregation to respond to the appeal from the Baptist Headquarters to submit its church history to become a part of the planned GBSC Church Histories Archives.

2017 will mark the 150th Anniversary year of the General Baptist State Convention. A part of the commemoration is to create a digital archive of church histories of our affiliated congregations. The Baptist Headquarters will accept church histories through December 31, 2016. The digital archives will be unveiled in 2017 as a part of the 150th Anniversary festivities.

Please note a "re-run" of the announcement article on page 2 of this edition of the "Baptist Bulletin."

President to Address Mid-Year

Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II to Keynote at 2016 Mid-Year Session

The 2016 Mid-Year Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. will convene on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 3 and 4. The host Church is Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church (700 West Sugar Creek Road, Charlotte). The Session will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday and adjourn at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

President Nilous M. Avery, II (now in the middle of his second year as GBSC President) will keynote the session with an address and sermon on Tuesday night, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. The President's Address/Sermon is open to the general public and registered attendees.

Other sermons will be given by Rev. Kelvin Barnes (Pastor of Gray's Creek Baptist Church in Hope Mills), Dr. Claude E. Forehand, II (Pastor of First Baptist Church in Kannapolis), Rev. LaTonya McIver (Pastor of New Mount Zion Baptist Church in Roxboro) and Dr. Nathan E. Scovens (Pastor of Galilee Baptist Church in Winston-Salem).

Mrs. Marilyn M. Franklin (recently appointed as the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary) will facilitate a missions emphasis workshop. This will be Mrs. Franklin's first appearance on the parent body program.

Other general interest workshops will be presented in the

information packed Mid-Year Session. "Engaging Faith-Based Institutions in Community Engagement" is the title of a workshop led by Dr. Michelle Eley and Dr. Joshua Idassi (who are affiliated with the Cooperative Extension Program at North Carolina A&T State University) with Mr. Sam Harrison (who is affiliated with the Combined Hands Corporation and Harrison Associates).

A "Rural Development Workshop" led by Mr. Gerald Taylor (of Advance Carolina in Charlotte) will expose participants to opportunities and assistance available to rural communities through the federal government.

Ms. Liz V. Millar (from the North Carolina Council of Churches) will present the Council's "Medicaid Expansion Project. Ms. Shannon Axtel-Martin (also with NC Council of Churches) will be on-site with information about the Council's Partners in Health and Wholeness program.

Representing the Smith Bio Group Foundation are Rev. Antonio and Mrs. Pam Smith. Their presentation will sound the alarm about the effect of diabetes in the African-American community and urge awareness and important lifestyle changes.

The GBSC Ministers Council (under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mark A. Rowden) will hold breakout session for Women in



Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II serves as the 32nd President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Ministry, for Young Pastors and for Associates in Ministry.

The President will also hold a special meeting with all Moderators from across the state to update the Moderators about the work and mission of the General Baptist State Convention.

"The Mid-Year Session is our short session each year," says Dr. Haywood T., Gray, Executive Secretary-Treasurer. "Although it is a short session, it is jammed packed with presentations of various educational and informational presentation." Because the Mid-Year Session is a short session, participants are encouraged to collect contact information from the various presenters and invite them to local Associations and congregations.

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General Baptist State Convention of NC, INC. Mid-year Session

Tuesday, May 3

LATE NIGHT Worship

9:30 PM



Dr. Nilous Avery II
President, GBSC, Inc.



Dr. Claude Ellis Forehead II
Pastor, First Baptist Church of Kannapolis



Rev. Quientrell Burrell Jr., M.Div.
Late Night Chairman

Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church 700 W Sugar Creek Rd, Charlotte, NC 28213



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Church Histories Wanted

Headquarters Needs Digital Copies of Church Histories NOW

The General Baptist State Convention will celebrate its 150th Anniversary in 2017. The Convention was established in 1867 during a meeting in the First African Baptist Church in Goldsboro, North Carolina. Several commemorative events and celebrations will be held throughout next year.

The Baptist Headquarters has announced its plans to create a **CHURCH HISTORIES ARCHIVES**. The aim of this project is to have every Missionary Baptist Church in North Carolina to file a copy of its Church history with the Baptist Headquarters. "This will be a mammoth undertaking considering we have over 1,600 congregations," says Dr. Haywood T. Gray, Executive Secretary-Treasurer. "But we have to start somewhere." The ultimate goal of the project is to one day have an online archive of the histories of Missionary Baptist Churches across the state and make that archive available to researchers, students and interested persons around the world.

To participate in the Archives, Churches should note the following:

- Histories submitted electronically in either WORD documents or PDF files are preferred.
- Paper copies should be mailed **unfolded** in large envelopes to the Baptist Headquarters.
- Include a name and a contact number if the Headquarters has questions regarding your history.
- Please proofread carefully. The Baptist Headquarters will make **NO CHANGES** to histories submitted.

Church Histories (on paper) may be mailed to 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601. Digital copies of Church Histories may be e-mailed to GBSCgray@bellsouth.net.