

GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. was founded in 1867 in a meeting at the First African Baptist Church of Goldsboro, North Carolina under the name of the General Association of the Colored Baptists of North Carolina.

CONVENTION LEADERSHIP

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*Has your Church enrolled in
Campaign 750?*

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BAPTIST BRIEF



DR. HAYWOOD T. GRAY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER

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SINCERE GRATITUDE



I am so pleased to be able to present this brief summary report from the Baptist Headquarters. I appreciate your interest in the work of our Convention and for your faithful support and stewardship.

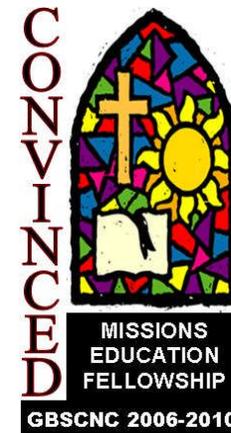
As Executive Secretary-Treasurer, I am responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Convention, for implementing the policies of the Board, and for accounting to our constituents across the state. This is indeed a large task, but I am grateful for every opportunity to serve and especially grateful for this opportunity to report to you.

Haywood T. Gray

Executive Secretary-Treasurer



ANNUAL SESSION



The 143rd Annual Session
of the General Baptist State Convention
of North Carolina, Inc.
will convene

October 25-28, 2010

at

Saint Paul

Missionary Baptist Church

1401 Allen Street

Charlotte, North Carolina

Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr., Host Pastor

Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. on
Monday, October 25, 2010 at
Saint Paul Baptist Church.

***Each Church is asked to bring a special contribution for
State Missions. \$500.00 is suggested.***

SPECIAL APPEAL



Campaign 750 is an effort to create a dependable and consistent revenue stream for Headquarters operations, Convention programming and growth and development in the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The concept seeks to solve a pressing need for dollars for state missions in a context that will not overburden Churches with increasing appeals from the Baptist Headquarters.

Enrollment is the key element in making the effort successful.

- 750 Churches are needed to give \$100.00 a month designated for State Missions
- Campaign 750 contributions would be in addition to any contributions for the objectives or the Unified Plan

\$100.00 a month should be considered the “starting point” for giving to missions. Churches who can give more, should give more. “To whom much is given, much is required.”



OUR OBJECTIVES

The following are the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The giving support to the objectives is why the Convention exists.



SHAW UNIVERSITY founded in 1865, is the first historically black college of the South. Shaw is a private, co-educational, liberal arts university affiliated with the Baptist Church. The University awards degrees at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.



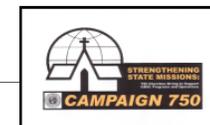
SHAW UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL traces its beginning back to 1865 and provides theological education dedicated to the preparation of clergy and laity for clinical, pastoral and teaching professions with a focus on the African-American church.



CENTRAL CHILDREN'S HOME, founded in 1883, exists to provide family centered services by way of an appropriate period of residential group care for children and youth (ages 9-21) who cannot remain at home due to dependency, neglect or abuse.



LOTT CAREY BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION CONVENTION, founded in 1897 by African-American Baptists interested in foreign missions (especially Africa), helps churches extend their Christian witness around the world through programs in health, education and ministry in 20 countries.





J. J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY (located in Laurel Hill, NC) was established in 1967 resulting from a gift of land from the late Dr. and Mrs. Joy J. Johnson to create a recreational and retreat facility for the Baptist family in North Carolina.



STATE MISSIONS comprises the administration, operations and programs of the Convention designed to facilitate support for the objectives, teaching and training for Churches, professional development for clergy and resourcing for member Churches. State missions is the engine of the

Since January 2005 through June 2010,
a total of

\$2,595,999.43

has been sent to the objectives through the
Baptist Headquarters.

This translates into:

\$896,010.42 for Shaw University,

\$260,785.95 for Shaw Divinity School,

\$416,396.99 for Central Children's Home,

and

\$1,022,806.07 for Lott Carey Baptist Foreign
Missions Convention.



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ership will be elected in October at our Annual Session in Charlotte. The deadline for pre-registration will be September 27, 2010. Pre-registration forms are currently available at Baptist Headquarters. Pre-registration forms will be mailed in mid August to our Churches. In order to vote in October, a voter MUST be sent as a messenger from their Church. Individuals who register (but who are not messengers from a Church) will not be entitled to vote.

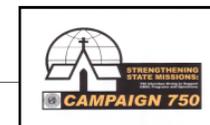
Shaw University Challenge

Last year at the Annual Session in Greenville, Shaw University Interim President Dorothy Cowser Yancy issued a challenge to the Baptist family to raise a quarter of a million dollars for Shaw in the 2009-10 fiscal year. (Shaw's fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30.) Thanks to the generous support of our Baptist family, the Convention met and exceeded the challenge by raising a total of \$329,760.55. (Please note that this amount includes funds sent to Shaw through the Baptist Headquarters AND funds sent directly to Shaw by our Baptist family.)

Student Interns

For the past eighteen months, the Baptist Headquarters has had to cut back on employing students to work at GBSC as interns. However, due to the special fundraising efforts of President Gregory Moss, we have been able to employ five students to work this summer: one part-time and four full-time. The students perform a wide variety of tasks at Headquarters including data entry, mail processing, answering telephone calls and e-mails, processing receipts for mailing, operating printing press and office equipment, scanning documents for archiving, providing customer services at sessions and events, and other assistance to the EST.

Three of our summer interns graduated from Shaw University in May. One is currently a student at North Carolina Central University. One is a rising high school senior.



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Headquarters Staff

2010 has been a very difficult year for our senior, full-time staff at Baptist Headquarters. Earlier this spring, our finance director was out on medical leave for six weeks. Not long after her return, our bookkeeping clerk was out on medical leave for six weeks. I am happy to report that both are back to work full-time and our Headquarters has its full-time staff contingency available to serve our Baptist family. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

Headquarters Building

The Convention operates out of a building in downtown Raleigh that was built in the 1950's. Approaching sixty years of operation, the Headquarters building is showing stress and age. However, the past few years have not provided sufficient income to keep pace with needed repairs and improvements. Beginning in 2010, several important improvements have come to pass including the installation of hot water, technology upfit of the Conference Room, office numbering system and installation of new carpet in the Conference Room.

J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly

A fire in the cafeteria at J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill destroyed the cafeteria and closed the camp. The early progress is being made in our efforts to re-open the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly. The Convention's goal is to have the camp operational by summer 2011. The following steps have been taken:

- An architect has been hired
- A survey of the property is being completed
- A soil test has been scheduled.

Parent Body Elections

2010 is an election year for the parent body and new lead-



OUR STEWARDSHIP

The fiscal year of the Convention begins on September 1 and ends on August 31. The following is a financial statement for the financial activity of the Convention from

September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

Income

Received for Objectives	\$231,049.70
Other Designated Income	485,603.56
State Missions Income	382,680.75
Sessions and Events Income	175,100.22
Auxiliaries Income	59,070.97
Pass Through Income	<u>26,707.79</u>

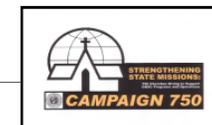
Total Income **\$1,360,212.99**

Expenses

Disbursed to Objectives	\$231,373.52
Disbursed for Designated Gifts	485,603.56
Operations Expenses	422,431.99
Sessions and Events Expenses	64,711.43
Auxiliaries Expenses	38,429.79
Pass Through Expense	30,158.95
Pre-paid Expense	<u>1,500.00</u>

Total Expense **\$1,209,497.81**

Net Income (As of June 30) **\$86,003.75**



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Audit

The General Board authorizes an annual audit of the books of the Convention for each fiscal year. The 2008-09 audit was conducted by McMillan Pate and Company of Raleigh, North Carolina. The audit report was presented at the Mid Year Session on May 19 and the Convention received another "clean audit." For the past five consecutive years, the Convention received the highest possible audit rating.

Auxiliary Elections

The Convention's auxiliaries held their quadrennial elections in July bringing new leadership to the Congress of Christian Education, the Laymen's League and the Ushers. Dr. Frank J. Byrd (of Durham) assumes the Presidency of the Congress. Mr. Richmond M. Turner (of Greensboro) assumes the Presidency of the Laymen. Mr. Charles Dunn (of Raleigh) assumes the Presidency of the Ushers. Each of the new Presidents will meet with the EST to vision for the next four years. I welcome any constructive suggestions for the ministry of the auxiliaries that I may share with the new leaders.

Baptist Bulletin

The *Baptist Bulletin* is the electronic newsletter of the General Baptist State Convention. This newsletter is delivered free to interested persons by way of e-mail. The *Bulletin* is not published on a regular schedule, but is released when there is special news of interest for the Baptist family. All Baptists are encouraged to share their e-mail address with the Baptist Headquarters to receive this free e-Newsletter.

Baptist Informer

The *Baptist Informer* is the monthly newspaper published by the General Baptist State Convention. The *Informer* is undergoing staffing and production challenges. The paper currently has a contract editor, a contract advertising manager, and subscrip-



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tions are handled by Headquarters staff. The paper is printed in Benson, NC and mailed from Benson. However, the paper continues to operate at a financial loss and we have been unable to put together an editorial team that can insure the timely publication of the paper.

We are looking at ways to at least make the paper break even. The paper has lost money over the past few fiscal years:

2006: loss of \$10,065.14
2007: loss of \$3,656.62
2008: loss of \$15,501.28
2009: loss of \$3,618.35
YTD 2010: loss of \$8,232.65

Contributions Software

The Baptist Headquarters has invested in new contributions software which will make it easier to track the contributions received from our constituents. This new software is fully functioning. For the first time at the May Mid Year Session, the EST presented an Interim Contributions Statement showing all contributions from Churches as of April 30. This was provided as a reminder to Churches to submit funds for missions before the August 31 end of the fiscal year.

Haiti Relief

The Baptist Headquarters has been involved in fundraising to assist the persons affected by the earthquake in Haiti in January. As of June 30, the Baptist Headquarters had received and disbursed a total of \$475,758.56 for Haiti relief. Our partner in this effort is Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missions Convention. President Gregory K. Moss, Sr. has made one trip to Haiti to view the relief efforts and see the destruction. The President made a "photo report" to the Convention at the May Mid Year Session, showing photographs he had taken while in country and sharing his impressions of the relief effort.

