

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.

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*Has your Church enrolled in
Campaign 750?*

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BAPTIST BRIEF



DR. HAYWOOD T. GRAY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER

**OCTOBER
2009**

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.

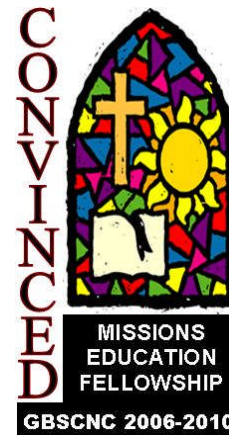
As Executive Secretary-Treasurer, I am responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Convention, for implementing the policies of the Board, and for accounting to our constituents across the state. This is indeed a large task, but I am grateful for every opportunity to serve and especially grateful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

Haywood T. Gray

Executive Secretary-Treasurer



ANNUAL SESSION



The 142nd Annual Session
of the General Baptist State Convention
of North Carolina, Inc.
will convene

October 26-28, 2009

at

Sycamore Hill

Missionary Baptist Church

1001 Hooker Road

Greenville, North Carolina

Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr., Host Pastor

Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. on
Monday, October 26, 2009 at
Sycamore Hill 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 August 2009,
a total of

\$1,889,268.96

has been sent to the objectives through the
Baptist Headquarters.

This translates into:

\$777,713.18 for Shaw University,

\$232,163.71 for Shaw Divinity School,

\$382,887.56 for Central Children's Home,

and

\$496,504.50 for Lott Carey Baptist Foreign
Missions Convention.



EST REPORT

From the Desk of
HAYWOOD T. GRAY

Executive Secretary-Treasurer
General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

For the twelve month period from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009 of the 2008-09 Fiscal Year, I am humbled to report the following summary of my stewardship of the Office of Executive Secretary Treasurer:

- Miles Traveled: **16,607**
- Bulk Mail Drops: **3**
- Court Proceedings: **1**
- Funerals Attended: **5**
- Commencement Exercises: **2**
- Greetings Extended: **19**
- Conferences Attended: **2**
- Ordination Services: **1**
- Luncheons Hosted: **4**
- Meetings: **61**
- Press Conferences: **2**
- Street Naming Ceremony: **1**
- Sermons Preached: **56**
- Site Visits Made: **25**
- Teleconferences: **10**
- Workshops Conducted: **10**
- Meetings/Sessions Planned: **13**
- Vendor Trips: **44**



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that the GBSC will need an additional \$200,000.00 to \$250,000.00 (added to the insurance proceeds) to rebuild the cafeteria and re-open the Baptist Assembly.

Student Interns

For the past three years, the Baptist Headquarters has employed college students as student interns. These students have primarily come from Shaw University, but they have also been students at other colleges. Unfortunately, due to budget cuts, the future of this program is in jeopardy. For the Fall 2009 semester, we have only one student intern employed.

Woman's Auxiliary Executive Secretary-Treasurer

We delight in welcoming Dr. Linda W. Bryan as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. Dr. Bryan succeeds Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie who has retired after approximately thirty years in office. We look forward to working with Dr. Bryan and offer our support and prayers even as we solicit the support and prayers of our entire Baptist family. Dr. Bryan began work on March 15, 2009.



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, 2008 through August 31, 2009

Income

Received for Objectives	\$283,688.53
Other Designated Income	20,280.29
State Missions Income	472,463.93
Sessions and Events Income	92,910.36
Auxiliaries Income	93,523.11
Pass Through Income	<u>73,095.17</u>

Total Income **\$1,035,961.39**

Expenses

Disbursed to Objectives	\$294,913.53
Disbursed for Designated Gifts	22,780.29
Operations Expenses	504,481.73
Sessions and Events Expenses	63,969.01
Auxiliaries Expenses	54,453.48
Pass Through Expense	71,122.27
Prior Year Expense	<u>21,724.10</u>

Total Expense **\$1,033,444.41**

Net Income *(As of August 31)* **\$2,516.98**

NOTE: The financial statement **DOES NOT** include the proceeds from an insurance claim for a fire loss at J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly. These funds are **restricted** for use in rebuilding at JJJBA and cannot be spent until the Cafeteria is re-built.



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Audit

The General Board authorizes an annual audit of the books of the Convention for each fiscal year. The 2008-0 audit will be conducted by McMillan Pate and Company of Raleigh, North Carolina beginning on October 15. The audit is scheduled to be completed by December 15. For the past four consecutive years, the Convention received the highest possible audit rating.

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 changes to make the paper more profitable. Mr. Jarvis Holliday (who is President of the Charlotte Area Association of Black Journalists) is under contract to serve as Interim Managing Editor. Subscriptions are being handled by Reverend Selma Hunter who is the GBSC's Financial Consultant. Reverend Anthonette Wright is serving as Advertising Editor.

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



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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 as of the beginning of the new fiscal year on September 1, 2009. No longer will staff have to compile contribution reports manually and this new software make our reporting more accurate. The new software is internet-based which means that we will have the ability to give current contributions reports while the Convention meets in sessions. Staff can access the reports anywhere there is access to the Internet. The Baptist Headquarters intends to provide contributions reports to Moderators at regular intervals throughout the year and can provide updated reports of individual Churches' contributions on request.

Digital Archive

The General Baptist State Convention has amassed a gigantic amount of papers. The student intern staff has the assignment of creating digitized scans of paper documents. More than 100,000 pages have been scanned and added to the digital archives of the Convention. There could be as many as 750,000 documents in paper form that could be stored as digital documents.

Headquarters Staff

Presently, the General Baptist State Convention is operating with a limited staff. There are three full-time employees and one part-time student intern assigned to Baptist Headquarters.

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 EST has begun interview architects to provide the preliminary drawings to rebuild the cafeteria. Preliminary estimates show

