

BAPTIST BULLETIN

MAY 12, 2010

MID YEAR SESSION PROGRAM OUTLINE

Tuesday Morning

11:00 **Registration Opens**

Tuesday Afternoon

12:00 **Opening Worship**

*Dr. George Cook,
Jr., Preaching*

1:30 **Current Issues**

*Dr. William J.
Barber, II,
President NC
NAACP,
Presenting*

2:30 **Workshops**

Tuesday Night

6:00 **Missions Dinner**

*President Gregory
Moss, Presenting*

7:30 **Welcome Program**

*Pee Dee Baptist
Association,
Presenting*

8:00 **Evening Worship**

*Dr. Samuel C.
Tolbert,
Preaching*

Wednesday Morning

8:00 **Registration Opens**

9:00 **Morning Worship**

*Dr. J. C. Harris,
2009 Mid Year
Session Host,
Preaching*

10:00 **Business Session**

*Finance, Election,
EST and other
Reports*

11:30 **Closing Worship**

*Rev. Prince
Raney Rivers,
Preaching*

MOSS VISITS HAITI DELEGATION GETS LOOK AT REBUILDING EFFORT

President Gregory K. Moss was part of a delegation to visit the island nation of Haiti to view the devastation and witness the work of rebuilding the country. Dr. Moss was in country for seven days in March. The purpose of the trip was "to listen and learn, to offer a ministry of encouragement, to review the first phase of the response and to plan the next ninety days strategy."

The President was part of a delegation sponsored by Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention. Lott Carey's Executive Secretary-Treasurer Dr. David E. Goatley described what the team saw as follows:

"Many building are crumbled collapsed or crippled — leaning at peculiar angles as if they are waiting for one good push to end their misery. Witnessing people living under makeshift shelters of tarpaulin wrapped around sticks or, even worse, cardboard and sheets wrapped around sheets was depressing. ... It is a lot to absorb and it leaves one feeling overwhelmed."

During the President's trip, he met with the Lott Carey network of Churches to hear of the needs of people and how those needs are being met. The President also met with the caterer who is preparing 150



President Moss inspects temporary housing being constructed in Haiti. Dr. Moss spent a week in country in mid-March to get a first hand account of the rebuilding work.

meals a day for St. Nicholas Hospital in St. Marc.

President Moss will report on his trip and impressions at the Mid Year Session in Pinehurst on Tuesday, May 18.

MID YEAR KEYNOTER PRESIDENT OF LOUISIANA BAPTISTS TO PREACH



keynote preacher for the 2010 Mid Year Session in Pinehurst.

Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr., President of the Louisiana Home and Foreign Missions Baptist State Convention, will be the

Dr. Tolbert will preach during the 8:00 p.m. worship service on Tuesday night, May 18.

As President, his work has led the convention in collaborative efforts with Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention and National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Relief, raising some 2.4 million dollars.

The Convention had thirty-five people on staff working across the state of Louisiana in hurricane relief. Immediately following Hurricane Katrina, the Convention established the B.J. Maxon Church Resource Center to assist churches in accessing local, state and Federal resources and providing services to Hurricane affected families in the Gulf Coast region.

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Missions Dinner at Mid Year

A Missions-focused dinner is planned for the Mid Year Session on Tuesday night, May 18 at 6:00 p.m. The focus of the dinner will be the Haitian Earthquake and President Moss will share his reflections and photos from his March trip to Haiti. Seating is limited to 300 and tickets for the dinner will be available at the Registration Desk. A donation of \$20.00 per ticket is requested.

FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES GOOD AUDIT



The Rev. Charles Walton, Chair of the GBSC Finance Committee, has announced that the 2008-09 audit has been reviewed by the Finance Committee and the Convention has received an "unqualified opinion report." An unqualified opinion is the best and highest report that an organization can receive from an audit. This opinion means that the Convention's financial condition,

position and operations are accurately and fairly presented in the financial statements under GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles).

According to Walton, this is the fifth year in a row that the Convention has received the highest possible opinion from the independent external auditors. "This speaks well of our internal controls and our financial integrity," says Walton.

McMillan Pate and Company, LLC of Raleigh serves as the auditing firm for the Conven-

tion.

Reverend Walton will present the audit report in the upcoming Mid Year Session. Copies of the audit report will be included in the registration bag of persons registering at the Mid Year Session. The audit is available for inspection at Baptist Headquarters

Joining Reverend Walton on the GBSC Finance Committee are Rev. Joseph L. Battle, Ms. Jewyl Dunn, Rev. Dennis Leach and Mr. Dexter V. Perry. All were appointed in 2006 by the General Board.

NC NAACP PRESIDENT TO PRESENT AT MID YEAR



The Reverend Dr. William J. Barber, II, President of the North Carolina NAACP, will present in a plenary session at the upcoming Mid Year Session. The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is a coalition partner with the HKonJ coalition of progressive organizations interested in the causes of justice and fairness in North Carolina. Dr. Barber will give attendees to the Mid year Session an update on issues facing the State of North Carolina and the faith community.

One of the many issues on which the NC NAACP is taking leadership is the re-segregation of public schools in North Carolina. "The segregation of schools by socioeconomic status inevitably undermines our goal of high-quality experienced teachers for all students," said Barber. This is among the issues Barber will address on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

Barber is also a member of the National Board of Directors of the NAACP.

GBSC MEETS (AND BEATS) SHAW CHALLENGE EARLY

Dr. Dorothy Cowser-Yancy, Interim President of Shaw University, visited the Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention last October in Greenville. At that time, Dr. Yancy challenged the GBSC to contribute a quarter of a million dollars to Shaw before the end of

Shaw's 2009-10 fiscal year on June 30, 2010. Responding to Dr. Yancy's challenge and former President C. R. Edwards's appeal, the Convention attendees raised an offering of more than \$8,000.00 to kick start the effort at the annual session.

The Baptist Headquarters is

now reporting that the Convention met and exceeded the Shaw challenge. As of April 30, the GBSC has raised \$252,462.81. With two months remaining in the Shaw fiscal year, the Convention expects to be comfortably past the \$250,000.00 goal on June 30, 2010.