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ELECTION ISSUE

Parker and Chase Announce for Presidency

**Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr., GBSC Vice President-at-Large, and
Dr. Percy R. Chase, Community Baptist Church Pastor,
Are Candidates for the Presidency of the General Baptist State Convention**



The Rev. Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr., Pastor of the Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville, N.C., has announced his candidacy for the office of president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Parker began serving the Convention during the presidency of Dr.

E.B. Turner as Exhibit Chairman and was elected Fourth Vice President of the Convention during the presidency of Dr. Clifford A. Jones.

Dr. Parker is a native of Winston-Salem, N.C. where he grew up in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church under the pastorate of Dr. K.O.P. Goodwin and was ordained by the Rowan Baptist Association. He is a product of Shaw University where he majored in Religion; Winston-Salem State University where he majored in History and minored in Political Science; studied at Babcock Graduate School of Management, Wake Forest University and the United Christian College.

Rev. Parker states that he is committed to missions at home and the foreign field. He is committed to supporting churches with resources and/or individuals to further their Christian Educational needs through Workshops, Training Sessions and Worship Experiences. He plans to create an Annual Summit for Moderators to sit down with him and the Vice Presidents to discuss the issues and concerns of churches in their location as a means of discovering methods to correct or solve problems or concerns in a given location. He will work towards an Annual time when the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Baptist State Convention can jointly co-sponsor a Race Relations Sunday across the State. He will also make an effort to contact churches that have not represented in the Convention over the last three years. After identifying needs, he will work towards asking Pastors who have contractors, builders, plumbers, etc., who are members of Missionary Baptist churches across the

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The Rev. Percy Raymond Chase was born in Washington, DC to the late Dr. Lendall W. Chase, Sr. and Elnora Elizabeth Ellis Chase.

Rev. Chase received his education in the public schools of Danville, Virginia, Norfolk State University, Norfolk, Virginia—Business Administration (1976), Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina—Master of Divinity (1980). Rev. Chase was conferred by the Apex School of Theology the Doctor of Divinity (1998).

In 1974, Rev. Chase accepted the Lord's Call to "preach the Gospel" of Christ. Rev. Chase became the pastor of the Community Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina April 1978 and has served as pastor for thirty-two years.

Service in the Lord's vineyard includes, General Board (1982-2006), Executive Committee (Assistant & Secretary, 1992-2002), Resolutions Committee, and Headquarters Staff Worker (1990-2005) all of the General Baptist State Convention, NC, Inc. Moderator, New Hope Association (1995-1999), President, IMA of Durham and Vicinity (1994-1996), Executive Board of the Recovering Women Services, Durham, NC, Member—NAACP, has served as Instructor of the Young Peoples Leadership Course of the National Baptist Congress on Christian Education, National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.

Rev. Chase also serves as the National Director of the National Baptist Student Union Retreat, a Campus Ministry for students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (1996-Present).

The Campaign and Vision

Integrity—Upholding Baptist Doctrine
(Preamble to our Constitution)

Has our vision been "blurred" by the electronic Church and our polity and practice of the Faith we hold been derailed? We must remind ourselves that we are still Baptist. We are not

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state, to volunteer at least one-week during the year when they would work at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly site, to enhance the development of the camp for year round use.

Dr. Parker is married to the former R. LaVerna Grantham of Goldsboro and they have two adult children, Kelly Madison and Andrea Rochelle.

Chase Announces for President *(Continued from page 1)*

called to devour the sheep of Christ, but to lead and be an example of Christ in us the hope of glory.

Partnership—Support for Auxiliary Work (Article IV, Section 8)

To promote their work and the mission of the Convention, our auxiliaries need expansion in their session time and place. They are each unique in ministry and purpose for our Baptist Churches and the Convention. They should have their own time. An organized scheduling of their sessions throughout the state gives the Convention and the churches wider access to the needs of the churches and what the Convention has to provide.

Preparedness—Adequate Headquarters Staff (Articles V, Section 6)

The Convention's mission and work requires adequate and effective staff. State Missions must be defined with the understanding that Headquarters Costs and Program Costs need equal attention.

Stewardship—Managing Mission and Work (Articles III and IV)

It has been said "the convention has nothing to offer the churches"—Our constitution says something else. With 22 Auxiliaries, Boards, Departments, Committees and Commissions, the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. has and can still answer the "call" by these words 'Here am I, send Me.

Goals for the Tenure

- A book each year on Baptist Work to be studied and put to use in speaking to the needs of our Baptist Churches. Organized through the Associations and the Congress on Christian Education Auxiliary.
- The development of a Rural Pastor's Department in the Convention for our Baptist Churches. Its work will embrace those needs specific of the Rural Pastor.
- The establishment of an organized Pulpit Assistance Program for our Baptist Churches and Ministers. This effort will make available the "opportunity" for Ministers to serve our Baptist Churches and to help reduce vacancies in pulpits within our State.
- That GBSC, NC, Inc. with the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention appoint 100 students from HBCUs in North Carolina to promote Baptist work among students in local Baptist Churches.
- The organization of a crime prevention task force with associational and state support through Law enforcement and the Laymen's League.
- Each Vice-President organize their department according to the constitution that adequate effort can be made to secure financial support for that department.
- To develop methods in Evangelism for the local church.

**On-site
registration
begins at 11:00
a.m. on
Monday,
October 25,
2010.**



DR. NILOUS M. AVERY, II ANNOUNCES FOR VICE PRESIDENT-AT-LARGE

To all my brothers and sisters in the General Baptist "tie" that binds our hearts in Christian love: "Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love" (Ephesians 6:24, NIV). As a servant of Christ Jesus by the will of God, I humbly and prayerfully announce that I am a candidate for the office of Vice-President-at-Large of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. I come before you as one who is the least among you and do not even deserve to be all that I am. "But by the grace of God, I am what I am ..." (1 Corinthians 15:10a).

Words are inadequate to express the profound love I cherish for the relationship, fellowship, friendship, and kinship I share with each of you in Jesus the Christ. You have allowed the mantle of ministry and leadership to be placed upon me through the years with deep and sincere trust. I have sought to be faithful in all this. By the power presence, and provision of God's abundant grace, I pledge to continue to uphold the charge to keep I have under the bloodstained banner of the crucified and resurrected Jesus the Christ.

I am honored and blessed of God to serve as the seventh Pastor of the historic Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Salisbury, Inc. This blessed vineyard has produced a fruitful ministry that has spanned eighteen (18) years. Our stewardship there serves as home base for active participation on numerous local, regional, national, and international religious and civic boards and foundations.

As a lifelong member of the General Baptist State Convention, I have been blessed by God to serve in numerous areas of ministry of our great convention including the Program Committee, Evangelism Committee, Executive Committee, General Board, 4th Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, and currently 1st Vice-President.

As your Vice-President-at-Large, I will "preside over the deliberations on the Convention in the absence of the President, or at the request of the President," and will "assist the President in the carrying out of the work of the Convention and shall preside over-the General Board" (Article V, Section 6, Item #2, Constitution of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc.).

May the Spirit of the Lord fall fresh on us as we strive to be all God created us to be. Pray for all our officers, auxiliaries, and candidates in the upcoming elections.

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DR. LEONZO D. LYNCH ANNOUNCES FOR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch is the 5th generation of the ministers in his family. He accepted the call into the ministry in 1981 and delivered his initial sermon on Palm Sunday of that year. Since 1984, he has been in active service unto God as a Pastor. This ministry has taken him to four congregations in North Carolina: the Winn Chapel Baptist Church of Mt. Olive, NC; the Rock Spring Baptist Church of Creedmoor, NC; the Mt. Level Baptist Church of Durham, NC; - one congregation in South Carolina; the Long Branch

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**Registration
ends on
Wednesday,
October 27 at
11:00 a.m.
Persons in line
at 11:00 a.m.
will be allowed
to register to
vote.**

Candidates
receiving a
simple majority
of the votes
cast will win. In
a two person
race, 50% of
the votes cast
PLUS one vote
is needed to
win.
In a three
person race,
33.3% of the
votes cast
PLUS one vote
is needed to
win.

Avery Announces for VP at Large (Continued from page 3)

I issue a call and prayerful challenge to my Christian brothers and sisters who have declared or may declare their candidacies in the Convention: **“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith, be (people) of courage; be strong. Do everything in love”** (1 Corinthians 16:13-14, NW). “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen” (Philippians 4:23, NW).

Lynch Announces for First Vice President (Continued from page 3)

Baptist Church of Greenville SC; and his current position (since 1997) at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Charlotte, NC. He is the youngest son of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Lorenzo A. Lynch, Sr., of Durham, NC

Dr. Lynch received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (May 1984), his Master of Divinity degree from Duke University Divinity School (May 1987), and his Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary (May 1997).

He has been very active in denominational work on the local, state, and national levels. A former member of the Durham Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, where he served as Chairman of the Program Committee, and Secretary. A former member of the East Cedar Grove Association, having served as Chairman of the Executive Board and Secretary of the Ordination Council. A former member of the Baptist E. & M. Convention of South Carolina, where he served as Instructor in the State Congress.

He is the former Third Vice-Moderator & Dean of the Institute of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association, a member of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, where he is currently Second Vice President, the former Third Vice - President, a member of the Executive Board, the General Board, the Evangelism Committee, and Past President of the Ministers' Council. He is a member of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., and a former Instructor in the NBC, USA, Inc., Congress of Christian Education for 16 years.

Dr. Lynch is the founder and former Chairman of the Greenville SC Ministers' Institute. He is the founder and former Chairman of the Queen City Ministers' Institute, of Charlotte, N.C., an institute for pastors and ministers seeking to develop their ministries.

Dr. Lynch has dedicated his life to the proclamation of the gospel. He has preached

DR. RICKY L. BANKS ANNOUNCES FOR SECOND VICE PRESIDENT



Dr. Ricky L. Banks announces his candidacy for the office of 2nd Vice President of The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. I am now serving my final year as 3rd Vice President to this great Convention. I have previously served the offices of 4th Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Secretary to the Executive Committee. Since March 1982, I have served as pastor of The St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Locally, I've served as Moderator of The Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association, Elizabeth City, NC and President of the Ministerial Alliance. Currently, I serve as Vice Chairman of The Elizabeth City State University Foundation and member of the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Commission. I am married to the former Shelva Watson and father of two adult daughters.

With the grace of God and your help I look forward to moving our Convention from "Strength To Strength"

DR. J. VINCENT TERRY, SR. ANNOUNCES FOR THIRD VICE PRESIDENT



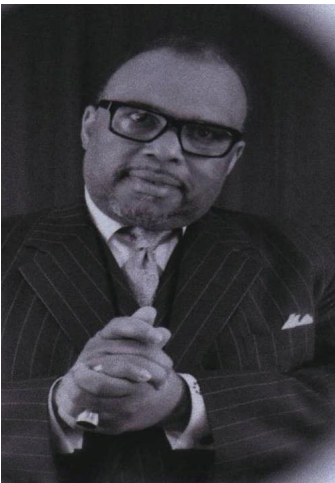
Please let this letter serve as my official notice of my candidacy for 3rd Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

Serving the last four (4) years with you, President Moss, and the Vice Presidents of GBSCNC, has been a wonderful experience.

Until He Comes, I Am,
Rev. Dr. J. Vincent Terry, Sr.,
Pastor, Mt. Peace Baptist Church
Raleigh, NC

THREE ANNOUNCE FOR FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Paul A. Lowe, Jr., Rev. O. D. Sykes and Rev. Anthonette Wright
Vie for Fourth Vice Presidency



"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Is. 6:8

Dr. Paul A. Lowe, Jr., seeks to be the next fourth vice president

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Greetings in the Rich Name of Jesus:

My name is Rev. O. D. Sykes. I am the youngest of four born to Deacon Paul C. Sykes and Deaconess Bessie M. Sykes of Garysburg, N.C. I am happily

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I am expressing my interest in the office of 4th Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

"Ready"
"Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the

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Voting will begin at approximately 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27 and will continue until all persons waiting to vote are given an opportunity.

Lowe Announces for Fourth Vice President *(Continued from page 5)*

of the General Baptist State Convention. The pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, his qualifications include the following: 20 plus years of Pastoral experience; past moderator of the Rowan Baptist Association; board member, General Baptist State Convention; lecturer, National Baptist Congress of Christian Education USA, Inc.; former writer for the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. (Nurture for Baptists: A Youth Bible Study Series).

Lowe is a graduate of Drew University, Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Virginia Union University and Bishop College. His ministering abroad include visits to the Bahamas, Europe, Korea, United Kingdom, West Africa and South Africa. In terms of civic involvement, he has served the Public Facilities Commission of the City of Winston-Salem, N.C.; been a delegate to the Democratic National Convention 2008, representing the state of North Carolina, and is a board member of the Piedmont Triad Opera (Special Committee on Youth Education & Cultural Awareness).

Sykes Announces for Fourth Vice President *(Continued from page 5)*

married to the former Kristy D. Davis and we are the parents of one daughter, Briana. I am a graduate of Saint Paul's College of Lawrenceville, V.A. I have also continued my educational studies at Shaw University Divinity School of Raleigh, N.C.

I made Jesus Christ my choice, was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Garysburg, NC by the late Rev. George A. Smith at the age of ten. I faithfully served as Usher President, Choir Member, Pastor Aide President, Sunday School Secretary, and Church Treasurer. My initial sermon was preached at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate of the Rev. J. L. Battle. I was ordained by the Neuse River Missionary Baptist Association.

The Lord has blessed me to serve as Pastor of two congregations, the Swift Creek Missionary Baptist Church of Whitakers, NC and the Springfield Missionary Baptist Church of Littleton, NC.

Beginning in 2003, I served as a Camp Counselor at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly. In 2006 I became a member of the General Board for the General Baptist State Convention.

Presently, I serve in the Neuse River Missionary Baptist Association as 3rd Vice Moderator, Executive Board member and former assistant recording secretary. I am also a member of the Reedy Creek Missionary Baptist Association, Tar River Union, Roanoke River Union and Nash County Missionary Union.

I understand the constitutional responsibilities of this office and will work hard through GBSC, Associations, and the two Churches I serve as Pastor: to continue supporting the Central Children's Home and our Collective Ministry and Mission Objectives. It will surely, indeed be my privilege to serve as the 4d1 Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Let us continue to worship our God in Spirit and in Truth.

Wright Announces for Fourth Vice President *(Continued from page 5)*

labourers are few: pray ye therefore he LORD of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." Luke 10:2

- GBSC Recording Secretary
- Associate Minister, Mt. Peace Baptist Church
- Director of Church Relations, GBSC Adoption & Foster Care Ministry
- Professor of Biblical Studies, GBSC Congress of Christian Education
- GBSC Evangelism Ministry & Ministers Council
- Program Manager, Shaw University Divinity School
- 2000 & 2008 Conference Preacher, Shaw University Divinity School Ministers Conference
- Biblical Studies Professor, Apex School of Theology, Henderson Site

For the Cause of Christ,
Rev. Anthonette Wright

**Election results
will be
announced by
the Election
Committee prior
to the evening
worship service
on Wednesday,
October 27.**

REV. DAVID C. CAMPS, SR. ANNOUNCES FOR RECORDING SECRETARY



Rev. David C. Camps, Sr., is a native of Queens, New York. He is the son of the late David Caldwell, Jr. and Ann Camps. The Reverend Camps accepted the Lord as his personal Savior on the second Sunday in July 1975 at the First Baptist Church of East Elmhurst, New York under the leadership of the late Rev. Theodore R. Lee, Jr. The first Sunday in August of the same year at 10:30 a.m., Reverend Camps was baptized.

Rev. Camps was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Fayetteville, N.C. under the direction and guidance of his spiritual father, Pastor Dr. John D. Fuller, Sr.

He currently resides in Fayetteville, and is married to his college sweetheart, Theresa Nevell Camps. He is the proud father of three children: David Christopher Jr. (Morehouse College Graduate), Christina DeAnne (NC A&T University Graduate, currently enrolled at Morgan State University in a masters program), and Daniel Christian (Junior at Jack Britt High School).

Pastor Camps received his elementary education through High school in the New York City public school system, graduating from John Bowne High School. Following high school graduation, he continued his formal education at Bowie State University, Bowie, M.D., and received his bachelor of science degree. Pastor Camps also holds a master of science degree from George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia and is currently pursuing his doctorate of theology at Andersonville Theological Seminary.

Rev. Camps retired from the military in August 2006 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel after over 22 years, 11 months of service; he currently works at Fayetteville State University as Director of Sponsored Research & Programs. External Grants and Contracts of the University increased from \$7 million to \$14 million since his arrival.

God called Rev. Camps to pastor his first church, Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Clarkton, N.C. He was also called to the pastorate of the Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church and assumed his duties as the 15th Pastor. For a period of one year, Rev. Camps was the pastor for both churches and conducted two respective services each Sunday.

As the pastor of Baldwin Branch, the spirit of God moved immediately under his leadership. Early morning worship service (8:30) 2nd and 4th Sunday, Christian Education ministry, Mass Choir, Laymen League Ministry (Royal Ambassadors Youth), Women's ministry, 125% Church Budget Increase, 60% church membership increase, "Keeping it Real" night (youth), Health and Wellness ministry, Young Adult conference, Sports Ministry (basketball, softball), Willing Workers, Church library, Church bookstore ministry, and Media and Radio ministries just to name a few. Baldwin Branch held its groundbreaking ceremony in October 2005 for a new sanctuary, and September 2006 we marched into our new 500 seat sanctuary and office suites.

REV. D. K. FERGUSON ANNOUNCES FOR HISTORIAN

Peace and grace unto you from God, Our Father, God, The Son, and God, the Holy Ghost. This (letter) is to inform the election committee and the nomination committee of my desire to run for the office of Historian.

In the Name of Christ,
Rev. Darrell K. Ferguson

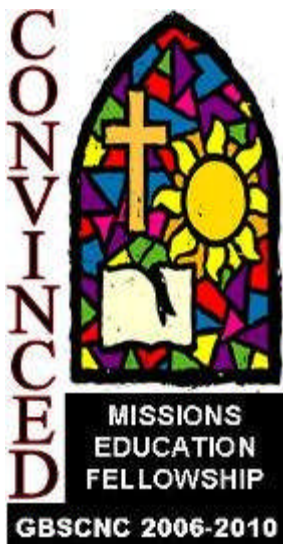
**Newly elected
officers will be
installed in a
special worship
service on
Thursday,
October 28 at
10:00 a.m.**

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**WE'RE ON
FACEBOOK**



VOTE



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Election Notes

- One person, one vote!
- Pre-registration for the election has ended. On-site registration will open at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 25 at Saint Paul Baptist Church in Charlotte.
- Voting messenger changes can only be made by the pastor, the Church clerk or by a person who signed the registration form. Changes in messengers for pre-registered Churches will be done on-site beginning Monday, October 25 by the Registration Committee.
- There will be no campaigning allowed in the voting area.
- Only persons who have been registered by a Church will be allowed to vote.
- Only persons who have been certified by the Registration Committee and issued an official badge will be allowed to vote and permitted in the voting area.
- Lost messenger badges will not be replaced. If a badge is lost, that person will not be allowed to vote.



SPECIAL NOTE:

All announcements and photographs appearing in this issue of the *Baptist Bulletin* were submitted by each candidate for office and there has been no editing of the submitted articles and photographs by the Baptist Headquarters.