

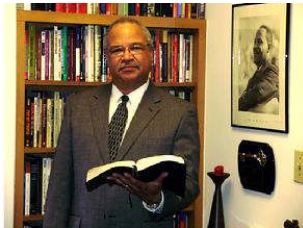
Baptist Bulletin

General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

March 18, 2010

Congress One Day Session Comes to Raleigh's First Baptist Church

Inclement weather prevented the 2010 meeting of the GBSC Congress of Christian Education on February 13. This event has been re-scheduled for Saturday, March 27. Dr. Dumas A. Harshaw, Jr. and the First Baptist Church have agreed to host this annual gathering of Christian educators from across



Dr. Dumas A. Harshaw, Jr. — the 22nd Pastor of the 198 year old First Baptist Church of Raleigh, North Carolina.

North Carolina.

Dr. Harshaw and First Baptist are not strangers to hosting GBSC events. They served as hosts for the Congress One Day Session in February 2008. The modern facilities of First Baptist Church make it very conducive to hosting this event and the various classes and training opportunities that will be provided.

The Session will open at 8:00 a.m. with registration. The Session will begin at 9:00 a.m. The class offerings for the Session are to be determined by the staff of the Congress of Christian Education.

The Congress offers training in Christian education with concentrations in Ministerial Development, Leadership Development, The Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, Evangelism and Missions, Teacher Training and Development, Youth Ministry, Biblical and General Studies, Music Ministry and the Arts, and The Youth Division.



First Baptist Church, Raleigh, will host 2010 Congress of Christian Education One Day Session on March 27.

GBSC Approaches \$300,000 Raised for Haiti Relief Efforts

Friday, March 12 marked the two month mark since the devastating earthquake. Immediately following the disaster, the Baptist Headquarters sent an appeal for funds from General Baptist congregations across the

state to assist in disaster recovery efforts. In less than eight weeks from the January 12 earthquake, the Baptist Headquarters had received a total of \$292,341.15 for Haiti Earthquake Relief.

The General Baptist State Convention is partnered with Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missions Convention to invest funds collected in the re-building and renewal of persons touched in Haiti.

General Board Sets Pinehurst as Site for Mid-Year Session

The General Board of the GBSC has set Pinehurst as the site for the 2010 Mid Year Session. The dates of the Session have been changed to May 18 & 19, 2010. Information about lodging for the Session will be released next week through the *Baptist Bulletin*. Pee Dee Missionary Baptist Educational Association will serve as hosts for the Session. The Reverend Jesse L. Timmons is Moderator of Pee Dee Association.

Churches Sought for Participation in SMARTEDGE

The General Baptist State Convention has been awarded a grant from the SMARTEDGE GMAC Financial Literacy Initiative to provide education in financial literacy to member Churches throughout the State.

Effective immediately. Pastors may submit one person per Church to receive a GMAC Workshop Certification towards conducting workshops. Qualified Facilitators receive \$100 per workshop as a means of creating jobs within your Church.

The areas of training include:

Credit & Budget - This workshop covers the main points of applying for and maintaining good credit, including the essentials of proper

budgeting and how this impacts your creditworthiness.

Banking & Insurance - This workshop covers the many options consumers have in these two areas.

Mortgage - This workshop includes the in's and out's of the home buying process and financing a new home.

Automobile Financing - This workshop covers the different payment options available when buying or leasing a new vehicle, with a discussion of how the choices you make determine what you pay.

The Benefits of this GMAC Grant Award include:

1. Creation of Jobs within the Church.
2. Provides financial support

for the GBSC of North Carolina,

3. Provides FREE workbooks all Churches and Participants.
4. Provides Life Skills to congregants in a troubled economy.
5. No Sales Solicitation towards any products.

Interested pastors may contact **Douglas Edwards** at (877) 777-6734 or e-mail to

dedwards@nehemiahfinancialgroup.com.

The deadline is April 19, 2010 to apply and submit names of persons for certification.

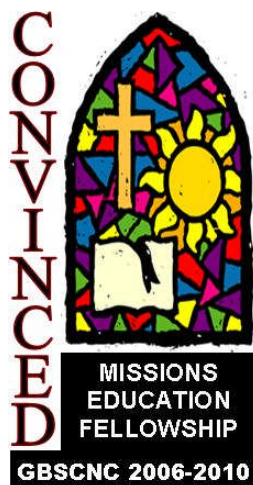
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James A. Forbes, Jr. to Headline 37th Annual Shaw University Divinity School Ministers Conference

Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr. will preach nightly in the 37th Annual Alexander/Pegues Minister's Conference sponsored by Shaw University Divinity School. The Conference runs from March 22 to March 25 with Dr. Forbes preaching nightly.



Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Jr. is the Senior Minister *Emeritus* of the Riverside Church on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, New York City. He was the first African American minister to lead this multicultural congregation, and served it for eighteen years before retiring in 2007.

Other presenters at Shaw Conference in-

clude Dr. W. B. McClendon, Dr. Deborah Haggins O'Bryant, Dr. Stephen J. Thurston, Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, Dr. Urias Beverly, Dr. Patrice Fields, Dr. Reginald High, Dr. Sir Walter Mack, Jr. and Mr. Douglas Edwards.

Registration for the Conference is \$200.00 for the week. Participants may register on a daily rate of \$50.00 for each day attended. Seminary students receive a 50% discounted registration. Continuing education units are available.

The theme of this year's Conference is **"Transparency and Integrity in Ministry."** Dr. James T. Roberson, Jr. is Dean of Shaw University Divinity School. Dr. Rudolph Tripp is Director of Continuing Christian Education at Shaw University Divinity School.