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“Caring and Sharing the Master’s Mercy & Might”

(Micah 6:6-8; Matt. 25:34-40; Luke 4:16-21; Eph. 6:10-12)

Home Mission Board Family



Monday, September 7, 2015

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Greater Middle Baptist Church

4982 Knight Arnold Road

Memphis, TN 38118

Phone: 901.367.0103

Rev. William McKinley Jackson, Host Pastor



Activities:

Food Give-Away | Health Screenings

Includes blood pressure check, glucose testing, HIV/AIDS testing, and general medical care.

Clothing Give-Away | Children’s activities: Hair Cuts, Arts & Crafts, Face Painting, Motivational Preachers, Praise Teams, Praise Dancers, and Praise Rappers, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Potato chips and various juices.

Tue., September 8, 2015 at 12:30 p.m.

Home Mission Board Awards Luncheon
Memphis Sheraton Downtown Hotel, Memphis, TN

Guest Preacher

Rev. Dr.
Bartholomew Orr
Pastor, Brown Missionary
Baptist Church, Southaven, MS



Wed., September 9, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

Home Mission Board Rally Worship Service
Memphis Cook Convention Center, Memphis, TN

Guest Preacher

Rev. Dr. Frank Ray
Pastor, Salem Baptist Church
Memphis, TN



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Home Mission Board Mission Statement

To promote Home Mission Ministry in partnership with the constituency of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. throughout the United States, Virgin Islands and Overseas U. S. Military related Ministries.

Home Mission Board Goal

To spread the Gospel message of Jesus Christ and advance the Kingdom of God in ***Envisioning the Future Exceptionally in Caring and Sharing the Master's Mercy and Might.***

Home Mission Board Vision Statement

The Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. seeks to witness to the Mercy and Might of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God. We fulfill the vision through biblical messages, ministry and mission education.

In keeping with our Master's Mercy and Might, we believe that Jesus Christ's ministry was restorative, reconciling, and redemptive by nature. This three-fold ministry is therefore holistic, dealing with every facet of human life. Our priorities for holistic ministry include the following foci: spiritual, mental, physical, social, finance and the environment. Only by addressing human life holistically can we be faithful in empowering others to realize the abundant life for which Jesus Christ died and arose.

We partner with the constituency of the National Baptist Convention, its State Presidents, District Moderators, Pastors, and other clergy to provide relevant resources. These resources are designed to assist in the establishment, and/or development of Home Mission Ministry in cooperation with churches across local, global, multi-cultural and multi-ethnic territories.

Greetings from Our Chairman



Rev. Leonard O. Griffin

Grace, peace, and mercy to you from God our Father, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Ghost our Comforter, Teacher, and Guide! I thank God for the opportunity to participate in the work of the Lord through our National Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board. I firmly believe that we are the recipients of a tremendous testimony and testament of what God has done in and through The Home Mission Board! We are standing on some outstandingly strong shoulders that paved the way for us.

Throughout the recent past, we have focused our attention on the Master's Mercy and Might. We will continue that great legacy by hopefully adding another layer of bricks to the wall as we serve to answer the call to carry the compassion and care of our Christ to the vulnerable and needy around us. In *Matthew 25:31-46*, believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are tasked with being a portion of the manifestation of Christ's compassion. Through our heads, hands, and hearts, Christ reaches the lost, the unsaved, the homeless, the hurting, and the helpless!

A wise colleague, Pastor Aaron Brown of Unity Baptist Church, Eutawville, SC once said, "God calls us to loving service." By this, Pastor Brown seems to say that our love, like God's love, must be active, not static! The Home Mission Board has always intended to and labored to reveal the love of God. We will

continue this great legacy of making the Word of God become flesh by actively spreading the love of God with compassion and care!

Throughout my life and Pastoral career, I have heard the expression — “I would rather see a great sermon than hear a great sermon.” While preaching is a vital aspect of Gospel work, when worship and preaching are completed, the sick, the homeless, the imprisoned, the downtrodden, and the recipients of injustice among us still need to know that our God is real beyond the walls of our splendid sanctuaries!

That being said, I am very excited about The HMB partnering with the Greater Middle Baptist Church, 4982 Knight Arnold Road, Memphis, TN and their caring Pastor, Rev. William McKinley, as they host our Annual **Fun Fest!** During **Fun Fest**, we seek to be a tangible blessing to those in need in the city that hosts our Annual Session of the Parent Body! This year, **Fun Fest** will take place on Monday, September 7th, 10:00AM - 3:00PM. Many inspiring plans are being made to bless people of all ages in this community!! We invite delegates to stop by to encourage our volunteers and to see how God is blessing in and through your HMB!

Finally, I eagerly and enthusiastically seek your continued financial support of our HMB. Without your donations, we would not be positively positioned to participate in the purposes our God! Please consider giving a little extra if you are already a supporter. If you are deciding on supporting this missionary effort of our Convention on the home front, we pray and hope that you will see what we believe and that is that God is using the HMB in Kingdom Building by Carrying the Compassion of our Christ!!



Greetings from the Executive Secretary



Rev. Gilbert Pickett, Sr.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! To our esteemed President, Dr. Jerry Young, General Secretary, Dr. Calvin McKinney, and the entire Parent Body cabinet. To Chairman, Rev. Leonard Griffin and Rev. Michael Warren our Vice-Chair and to the hard working Home Mission Board leadership and board members, once again we greet you with Jesus Joy! While we are here in Memphis, it is a pleasure to be hosted by Field Workers, Board Members, and Pastor, Rev. Dr. Eugene Henson.

Last year (2014), once again gave the opportunity for our convention to see the commitment of the Home Mission Board. Though we can celebrate our accomplishments of 2014, namely, the Mission Day project in New Orleans and the numerous Pastors, churches and community organizations that we have assisted, we want to be seen and taken seriously as the outreach arms of missions and the ministry of helps for our great convention.

Detroit June 2015 – “Motor City Ministry”

This year, thus far, we have had a blessed and bountiful year of ministry and outreach. I want to thank Rev. Dr. Lee Bernard, HMB Detroit Field Worker for being an outstanding host in June during our Congress of Christian Education session while in Detroit, MI.

While in Detroit, the HMB sponsored our annual “offsite” Worship Service and Rally. The Rev. Dr. Robert Smith, Jr., Pastor, New Bethel Baptist Church was our guest preacher and Jamison Temple Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. Homer Jamison, Pastor for hosting that blessed worship service.

As a result of our efforts, we were able to be a financial blessing to the Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church, Detroit, MI, Rev. Dr. Aaron Ross, Pastor, who are rebuilding from fire damage and the Vision Detroit School of Arts. Their Male Ensemble is a travelling choir that has performed both nationally and internationally. We were able to contribute and assist them financially for an upcoming international trip. To God be the glory

Memphis Here We Are!

It is truly a blessing to be in the city of Memphis, TN as we are here to ***be a blessing***. God has once again aligned the HMB with a local church namely, Greater Middle Baptist Church in the East Memphis community of Parkway Village. I want to thank Pastor William McKinley Jackson, Sis. Tamara Jones, and the great people of Greater Middle for their hard work and willingness to host our annual **“Family Fun Fest”**. The Greater Middle Baptist Church has a rich history of civil rights activities under the leadership of its former Pastor, the late Rev. Dr. Benjamin Hooks of NAACP fame. They were also pastored by the late Rev. Dr. E. Williamson, former, Chairman, HMB. Nobody but God could have orchestrated the relationship between Greater Middle and the HMB – the right church and Pastor (with the mind to do community outreach) and the right community. Thank you Pastor Jackson for opening up your doors to us. May your ministry continue to grow and flourish as you have displayed a love for God and for the people of God.

Our stay in Memphis is destined to be a Holy Ghost filled experience. We have two of the most anointed and influential Pastors of the Memphis community that are preaching for the HMB. On

Tuesday at our annual luncheon, Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Orr, Pastor, Brown Missionary B.C., Southaven, MS and on Wednesday morning during our Rally Worship Service, the Rev. Dr. Frank E. Ray, Sr., Pastor, New Salem B.C., Memphis will be the preacher. It simply doesn’t get any better than that. Please secure your luncheon tickets and don’t be late on Wednesday morning. This will be a week to remember.

“Up in the Bronx where the people are fresh....”



Those are the words of the famous and iconic rapper of the 1980’s named Kurtis Blow. The Bronx, NY is now even fresher as it is also the home of the newly elected Vice-President of the Baptist World Alliance and Pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. Naomi Tyler-Lloyd. Congratulations Dr. Tyler-Lloyd on your elevation. I also want to again publicly thank Dr. Tyler-Lloyd and Trinity for their recent contribution to the HMB in the sum of \$10,000.00. That donation places Trinity as one of our top contributors of 2015 and truly the top contributor out of the state of New York.

Our gratitude also goes to our list of contributors for 2014. We especially recognize the kindness of Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, Colorado Springs, CO, Rev. Dr. Cleveland A. Thompson, Pastor and First Institutional Baptist Church, Phoenix, AZ, Rev. Dr. Warren A. Stewart, Sr., Pastor as our two (2) top contributors of 2014. Thank you Pastors for continuing to believe in the work of the HMB. I pray that other pastors and churches will follow their lead and see the HMB as an opportunity to be a blessing to

others.

The HMB Needs Your Financial Support

Have you ever financially given to the Home Mission Board? If yes, we thank God for you and pray that we will have you continue support. If not, then why? The Home Mission Board is not a part of the budget of the Parent Body. The ministry work that we do come solely from contributions and donations. Does your church take up a “missionary/benevolence” offering every Sunday? Does any portion of that goes towards Home or even Foreign Mission work? If the answer is no, then why not? We want you to prayerfully consider supporting our work with your financial contributions. Sowing into the work and ministry of the HMB is sowing into “good ground.” Please consider making the Home Mission Board a part your annual budget. Whether it’s a \$100.00 or \$10,000.00 a year, every dollar helps our efforts. We can only go, and do, and share, and give based upon what we receive. Won’t you help us to continue to be the outreach arms of our great convention? Please help and become one of your supporters and contributors.

Thank You for your Prayers and Support

In closing, I again want to thank God for the opportunity to “serve this present age, my calling to fulfill”. I want to take this time to not only thank the HMB and the great people of the Mount Horeb Baptist Church of Corona, NY where I pastor, but also the Eastern Baptist Association of NY, Inc. The 90 churches of Eastern on July 17, 2015 gave me a vote of confidence as I was elected as the 17th Moderator of our great Association. I, with the help of God our Father will continue to serve with the heart and compassion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I realize that it takes an entire team to complete the assignment that is placed upon us. It’s a team/family concept that will help us to be successful at doing kingdom business. Though in the midst of doing ministry, we may experience our own share of personal challenges, the HMB and I are determined to remain focused on the task at hand. The task of

displaying the “*Mercy and Might of the Master*” by “*Envisioning the Future Exceptionally.*”

The Day the Flag Came Down

By Rev. Leonard O. Griffin

When the terrible and tragic news reached my ears at approximately 10:30 PM on Wednesday, June 17th that my colleague, neighbor, that SC State Senator and friend Rev. Clementa Pinckney and eight other parishioners of Mother Emanuel AME Church were senselessly killed while in Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, I was shocked, stunned, and reeling from that fateful call! I could not think straight, my heart was aching, and my mind was incapable of connecting any good to such a tragedy! Yet, that is exactly what God led me to preach during our worship service on the following Father’s Day, Sunday, June 21st!

Because of the tragedy, the Father’s Day message that was planned for that day will have to be preached on another Father’s Day. The Lord made it abundantly clear that Romans 8:28 is still efficacious for the faithful! As God has done in the past, out of the heaps of our hurts, God did so again in this instance! God brought good out of evil deeds!!

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” (NKJV) This verse was manifested in Columbia, SC when the Confederate Flag was removed from its place of prominence on the Statehouse grounds of the capital of SC and furled on Friday, July 10! In an ironic symbolism that stood out boldly, an African American Honor Guard with the State Law Enforcement Division led the Honor Guard that furled the Confederate Flag! In the lyrics of William Cowper, “God [certainly] moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform”!

While our hearts are still deeply aching at the deaths of “The Divine Charleston Nine”, what a relief it has been to witness this historic chain of events in the wake of this tragedy! As I watched the ceremony, my mind went back to that late night call of notification.

My mind was flooded with thoughts about the untold number of our ancestors who sought this day and this event through marches, civil disobedience, political maneuvers, and prayer vigils! We celebrate this small victory, and hope for so much more progress to be made!!



The day the Confederate Flag came down from the Statehouse Grounds was truly *“A Great Day in South Carolina,”* as our Governor often says! A great day it was indeed, for democracy, for race relations, and for unity!



Hurricane Katrina: Embracing the *New* and Remembering the *Old*!



By Rev. Charles E. Mock

The heavenly Father’s mercy and Jesus’ might to Chairman Griffin, Executive Secretary Pickett, other officers and board members of the Home Mission Board. I rejoice in the stellar leadership of the present officers and faithful board members as you/we continue to listen with an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church’s leadership. I share the excitement and enthusiasm of Chairman Griffin and Executive Secretary Pickett as you reinforce the former and seek new ways to respond to the ever-growing needs of the constituency of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

As a former Chairman and Executive Secretary, I highly appreciate the continuity of leadership and missional ministries for our new Home Mission Board and our new convention President, Dr. Jerry Young. Continuity of leadership and ministry allows a board to embrace the future without being disrespectful to the past. I like the way Jesus made this point as recorded in the Gospel according to Matthew. In Matthew 3:52 Jesus said “the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.” I like the fact that Jesus speaks first of the “new.” The “new” takes precedence over the “old.”

After a year of transition there will be new things to which we all must adjust: new ministry thrusts, new structures, new ways, new policies, new board members, new opportunities for service, etc. There is always something fresh about that which is “new.” Who doesn’t like the smell of a new car, a new house, a new church, a new city, a new marriage, a new thing? The “new” rests on the foundation of the “old.”

The older we get the more we desire for others to understand that “old” isn’t necessarily bad! Whether the “old” is good or bad depends on what the “old” is! We learn from Deuteronomy 32 that when the new won’t do, for example falls short of fulfilling expectations and promises, God calls us back to the “old.” “Remember the days of old,” states Moses to Israel in Deuteronomy 32:6-9. “Do you thus repay the Lord, O foolish and senseless people? Is not He your Father, who created you, who made you and established you? Remember the days of old, consider the years long past; ask your father and he will inform you; your elders, and they will tell you.” (New Revised Standard Version)

Moses strives to remind His Chosen people--who at the time of this writing were already stationed in the Promised Land feeding themselves with God’s promised “milk and honey”--of a few important things. Moses reminds them that when God was the only Rock of their salvation, they never had it so good! My O my! How quickly prosperity can change us and blessings we take for granted. We learn from Israel’s experience in the Promised Land how easy it is to forget the “old!” I’m talking about the “old” that has stood the test of time as opposed to the un-vetted “new” gods and idols of one’s cultural surroundings. There are some “old” things God is calling us back to in this still new century.

The tenth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina reminds of some “old” things on which the new must be built. Ten years later, according to a recent report by the Urban League, “half of New Orleans’ working-age black men are unemployed. Median income for

black New Orleanians is about \$25,000 a year, not much better than it was before the storm, and far behind the \$60,000 average income of white residents. And the gap has gotten bigger, not smaller, in the past decade.

Upward mobility also remains elusive in the black community. While the share of white families who earn more than \$105,000 per year has grown from 20 percent to 30 percent, the figure for African-American families remains at 7 percent, exactly where it was before the storm. Meanwhile, the lowest income bracket — those making less than \$20,900 per year — includes 44 percent of the city’s black families.

The results, released by the Urban league to kick off its three-day “RISE: Katrina 10” conference, were billed as “an antidote to the comforting narrative of a city coming back stronger from the storm — a closer, more clear-eyed look at the ways in which the last decade has been a tale of two unequal recoveries rather than a renaissance.”

The report, titled “The State of Black New Orleans,” looks at “who is thriving in this city and who got left behind,” said Erika McConduit-Diggs, president and CEO of the Urban League’s New Orleans chapter. “We know that those most vulnerable in communities often go unheard and that the curators of these conversations are not the people most deeply impacted by the storm,” she told the audience Wednesday at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans.

The report draws on the work of more than 100 community leaders across seven aspects of the recovery: the economy, the environment, education, civic engagement, housing, criminal justice and health care.

Hurricane Katrina, 10 years later, reminds us of some old responses on the part of the Church. The Church, once organized for action, became the church at her best during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, not to mention the additional ones that followed in its footsteps. Organized for an evangelical

and missional response, church leadership and church came together to do what Jesus says will be most important on the Day of His judgment on earth: rescuing the perishing, feeding the poor, clothing the naked, visiting people and taking in the homeless.

It is for the above reasons that I join our “new” Chairman and Executive Secretary, Rev. Pickett, as they seek your continued support for The Home Mission Board’s annual Mission & Evangelism’s Fun Festival Monday, September 7, hosted by The Greater Middle Baptist Church 10:00AM-2:00PM. Through our history of Fun Festivals we continue this great missional thrusts.

I join our Home Mission Team in applauding Memphis pastors for seeing this joint vision of Mission and Evangelism. We will minister to folk that may have been spared victimization by Hurricane Katrina, but for more than ten years have not been spared the social, economic and political hurricanes that have left them devastated and in despair!

Through your generous contributions we continue a great tradition. Through cooperative missions and leadership continuity, we have learned to embrace the “new” while remembering our “God of old” who has taken us through the wilderness of despair into His Promise Land of milk and honey!



Special Service Recognition

As you review the ministry, academic achievements and locations of service throughout the Baptist Denomination and beyond of our honorees, we invite you to celebrate with them and the Home Mission

Board as we give honor to whom honor is due.

Special Recognition for 24 years of service with the Home Mission Board



Dr. Lee M. Bernard

Dr. Lee M. Bernard is a native of Charleston, Mississippi, who was reared in a Christian home. It was a blessing when he confessed his belief in Christ at the Little Hubbard Baptist Church in Charleston, MS at the age of nine. He became the secretary of Sunday school at the age of ten and at the age of twelve he was a Junior Deacon.

He was educated at the Tallahatchie County Agricultural High School, where he sang in the glee club and played on the football team. After moving to Detroit, Dr. Bernard furthered his education at Wayne State University and the S. J. Williams School of Religion.

Dr. Bernard holds a Bachelor of Religious Education, Master of Religious Education, Bachelor of Theology, Doctor of Divinity, Doctor of Ecclesiastical Law and a Doctor of Humane Letters which were all received from the Union Bible Seminary of Birmingham, Alabama.

He joined the United Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Pastor Charles Anderson where he sang in the choir. Pastor Bernard was called into the ministry from the choir on the second Sunday in June 1973. He preached his first

sermon at the United Missionary Baptist Church under the late Pastor Charles Anderson. Dr. Bernard soon became the Assistant Pastor of the United Missionary Baptist Church.

He knew that he had work to do for the kingdom of God. It was placed upon his heart to organize Greater True Vine Baptist Church 40 years ago where he is still pastoring.

Since he began pastoring God's sheep, Dr. Bernard has been active in the following areas:

1. Served as Moderator of the Institutional District Association of the B. M. & E. State Convention from 1979-1983
2. Served in the capacity as Vice-President of the Board of Directors, Finance Secretary and Vice-President for the Baptist Minister's Seminar of Detroit
3. Served on the Advisory Board of Unification Church
4. Served on the host panel of "Gospel Hour" on WGPR-TV62 from 1980-1982
5. Served as 2nd Vice-Moderator and Moderator of the Christian Fellowship District
6. Served as Vice-President B. M. & E. State Convention 12 years
7. Served as President of the Christian Fellowship Congress of Christian Education 6 years
8. Currently serving as Moderator of the Institutional District Association, Field Worker of the National Home Mission Board for 24 years, a representative for B. M. & E. Convention and the Wolverine State Convention, President of Moderator Auxiliary of the Baptist, Missionary and Educational Convention of the State of Michigan 8 years

Dr. Bernard is a God Sent man who through his work was able to pull together the rally at Jamison Temple Baptist Church for the Home Mission during the month of June 2015 for the National Baptist Congress Christian of education held in Detroit. This

brings to mind, an excerpt from one of his favorite poems.

It Couldn't Be Done
By Edgar Albert Guest

***Somebody said that it couldn't be done
But he with a chuckle replied
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
On his face. If he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it!***

Pastor Bernard's ministry has grown over the years because of God's grace and his dedication. He answers calls whenever he's needed. May the Lord continue to bless this man of God with many more years of leading God's people home and bringing lost souls to Christ.

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**Special Recognition for 21 years of service with the Home Mission Board**



***Dr. Michael E. Jackson***

Dr. Michael E. Jackson has served as Pastor of Aimwell Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama since 1976. Currently, Dr. Jackson is an Associate Professor at Selma University and Bishop State Junior College in Mobile, Alabama. He is very active in the community, receiving many awards for community service and for his leadership, especially during the Katrina Disaster.

Dr. Jackson received his Doctorate of Ministry from Virginia Union University School of Theology in



Richmond, Virginia; his Master of Divinity from new Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in new Orleans, Louisiana and his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Mobile in Mobile, Alabama.

Some of Dr. Jackson's Public Related Activities are:

- Leadership Mobile Class of 1997- 1998
- National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. – A Member at-Large of the Home Mission Board since 1994
- Member of the Trustee Board of the Mobile Baptist Sunlight District Association
- Certified Parenting Instructor (Effective Black Parent) – Center for the improvement of Child Caring
- Member of Alpha Phi Alpha – Beta Omicron Lambda
- Member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity – Boule

In late August 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast. Properties were damaged, many lives lost and a great number of people were thrown into confusion.

In partnership with the Bay Area Food Bank, the Aimwell Missionary Baptist Church rented U-Haul trucks and delivered food, cleaning supplies to Greater New Hope Baptist Church in Bayou La Batre, Shiloh Baptist Church in Moss Point Mississippi, Cedar Street Baptist Church in the Black Jack Community in Saraland, Alabama and Main Street Baptist Church in Biloxi, MS.

We coordinated and helped paid for the shipping of a transfer truck load of clothing, furniture and food from an American Baptist Church in Indiana. We assisted the Rev. Gabe Davis (Mt. Zion Baptist Church) in coordinating food, clothing, gas generators from 6<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia. We delivered the goods to the East Jerusalem Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

This work would not have been possible without the assistant of the Rev. James Robinson (Antioch Baptist Church) in Prichard Alabama, Rev. Alonzo Hires (Christian United Baptist Church) and Rev. Gabe Davis in Mobile, Alabama. We assisted in coordinating fact

finding tour for Rev. Charles E. Mock, the Executive Director of the National Home Mission Board to Bayou La Batre, Alabama and Biloxi, Mississippi.

Because of the effort of the National Home Mission Board, thousands of people of all walks of life were assisted in not only sustaining themselves but also regaining some sense of normalcy.

Dr. Jackson is married to the former Barbara Thomas Jackson. They are the proud parents of three sons, Michael E., Jr., James A., and Timothy A., and one daughter, Barbara Alicia.

Congratulations Dr. Jackson on your years of service, your encouragement and your support to the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.'s Home Mission Board.

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Special Recognition for 20 years of service with the Home Mission Board



William R. Boone, D. Min

Dr. William R. Boone is the elder of six children born to Willie Lee and Ernestine Boone in Stuttgart, AR. His primary and high school education was provided by the Stuttgart and Conway, Arkansas School Systems. He received additional education at Arkansas Tech University, Morehouse School of Religion, Azusa Pacific College and Drew University receiving a BA, M.Div, MA and D.Min Degrees respectively.

Special Recognition for 18 years of service with the Home Mission Board

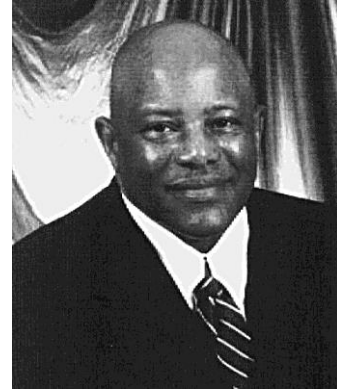
He served our nation as a Chaplain in the U.S. Army for twenty years. He received numerous honors and retired as a Lt. Colonel. He also served in CONUS, Germany and The Republic of Korea. He was led by the Lord to plant a Church in St. Robert, MO while stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Dr. Boone returned to Greater Community Missionary Baptist Church following his retirement and served there to nineteen years before returning to the state of Arkansas.

He is a missionary at heart. He operated as a missionary in Japan, Korea, Germany, England and Africa. He has engaged in mission work in several states in CONUS. He was appointed as Home Mission Representative by Dr. Sam Jones of the Missionary Baptist State Convention of Missouri in October of 1995. He has served home mission in the capacity of Missouri Representative, Treasurer, Regional Coordinator and Executive Committee member.

Dr. Boone was appointed as a Representative to the Home Mission Board by the Missionary Baptist State Convention of Missouri in 1995. He also served as Treasurer and as the Midwest Regional Coordinator. In 2011, Dr. Boone was the recipient of the Home Mission and NAACP "The Faith Family & Community Empowerment Conference Legacy Award. He also contributed articles in the Home Mission Board's Quarterly Newsletter "***Mercy and Might.***" Further, he worked closely with the Ecclesiastical Endorser, Dr. Charles F. Thomas, Sr., when needed.

Dr. Boone is married to the former Helen Parker. They are the blessed parents of William T., Freddie, William II and Kimberly. They presently live in Sherwood, Arkansas.



Dr. Robert L. Webb

Throughout my ministry, I have traveled throughout the Southwest Region of the country preaching, teaching, and visiting State Convention workshops relating to Mission Work. In 1985, I introduced the COP Program to the Tuscaloosa, AL area where I was pastoring. Many people worked to receive a Certificate of Progress.

During the 1990's, I, along with church members, carried Home Mission material and Bibles to Churches and State Conventions throughout the Southwest Region. This gave us the opportunity to share the Word and make an appeal for financial assistance for Home Mission. I have also performed special duties in the U.S. Virgin Islands and the British West Indies, working with Dr. Bentley Thomas from St. Thomas, USVI, President of Virgin Island Missions.

Also, after the Islands were hit by a destructive hurricane, I organized a group of pastors to go to the Islands to minister to the people. We carried school supplies, food, clothes, hygiene items and money. We traveled to St. Thomas, Anguilla, Antigua, Dominica, and St. Kitts. I have also organized groups on two other occasions, with my wife, other pastors and their spouses, our children, church members, nurses, dentists, singers and musicians. During these times we conducted Health Fairs and Street Ministries. On each occasion we stayed for one week.

Hurricane Katrina, which hit the Gulf Coast in 2005, drove hundreds of individuals to the area where I was pastoring, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Yantley, AL. The Home Mission Board, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. came to help with the work. Seventy families came from Louisiana to the area of the church. We house numerous families that lost their homes and other possessions. We provided shelter for some in homes of members and our church facility. We also helped these families financially with money donated from our church, area churches, and from the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Rev. Charles Mock and I traveled to New Orleans, LA to meet with Inter-Denomination of Churches, to receive \$64,000 that they donated to help churches that were damaged by the storm. They helped my church-family to provide breakfast and dinner for these families, 7 days a week for two months, and food from food pantry for the next year. The Red Cross also brought beds, medicine, and personal hygiene items.

Many of the individuals in these families needed counseling, so I provided a building to be used for that purpose. I provided First Aide training for community members, doctors, nurses, counselors, preachers, teachers, and mission workers.

Rev. Calvin Barlow, HMB member, Nashville, TN, came to help with the work and Rev. & Sis. Henson, Memphis, TN, came to help. Rev. Mock came to the area to help and we traveled to the Gulf Coast to visit the site of two churches that were destroyed in the storm. Rev. Mock passed out 100's of dollars to individuals in need.

Mission is all about meeting needs. I saw a great need for teaching the Bible to preachers and other leaders. By working with American Baptist College in Nashville, TN, I was able to bring an extension of ABC to teach the Bible, and how to be a leader at the church doing mission-work, to Alabama. I have been

Director of American Baptist College, Coatopa Extension for the last ten (10) years.

HOME MISSION WORK

My region has been one of the top financial supporters for Home Mission most of the 20 years that I have been with the Home Mission Board. For the last 10 years I have worked to provide a Food Bank for the community. I asked Sis. Florence Wright, HMB secretary, to come to the MS State Convention to speak for the Women's Hour, and at the church where I pastored. This encouraged the women, as well as the men.

I became Dean of the Sunday School Publishing Board, Nashville, TN, so that I would do a good job doing mission work. Because of a great need for missionary work, and having a burden to do that work, the Lord led me to be the Founder of a new church in Yantley, AL. The name of the church is Christian Fellowship Baptist Church on November 25, 2007. Rev. Shawn Buchanan, from Arizona, preached the dedication Sermon.

The Carpenters for Christ, organized by three churches from Athens in north Alabama, brought people from several states to help us build the church. The Home Mission Board sent funds to help with the church construction. It was built on a mission-oriented principle, to reach the unchurched and unsaved in the community, and minister to anyone who was in need. The doors of the church are open to all sectors of the population.

The tornadoes in Alabama and Mississippi during April, 2011, that destroyed most of the community where I pastor, also damaged a great portion of the city of Tuscaloosa, AL, where many people were killed. Christian Fellowship Church was spared when the storm hit.

Christian Fellowship became the headquarters for First Responders and Long-Term Relief efforts for storm victims. First Responders included AL State Troopers, Choctaw County Sheriff's Department, Red

Cross, FEMA, and Homeland Security. The Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., the Southern Baptist the Southern Baptist Association, and the United Methodist Association, gave support in every way. One hundred and twenty-five churches brought food, clothing, and money to help storm victims. Workers lived at the church while they cleaned up debris and repaired and rebuilt homes. Three meals a day were prepared and served for two months.

After that, for the next few years, the Christian Fellowship Baptist Church Food Pantry has served up to 100 families in need each month in the community. Also, as a way to help families in the community, a Marriage and Relationship Workshop was held at Christian Fellowship on August 8, 2001. This was sponsored by Auburn University and A&M University.

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**Special Recognition for 17 years of service with the Home Mission Board**



***Rev. Eugene Henson***

Rev. Dr. Eugene Henson, is Pastor Cornerstone MBC, Memphis, TN. The Church where I serve has been standing for 35 years and I am the organizing pastor.

I began my missionary work for Home Mission Board by recommendation of Dr. E.W. Williamson who was Vice Chairman of Board. Recommendation took place at the Mid-Winter Board meeting in Los Angeles,

CA at the Biltmore Hotel in 1998. Recommendation was presented to Rev. Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Sr., and presented to President, Dr. Henry J. Lyons and both accepted me as a Board member.

I have faithfully executed my office as Field Worker in Memphis, TN area and have not missed a meeting since my nomination.

I have strived to be one of the top solicitor's for years, my dream was fulfilled in Detroit, MI, during Congress of Christian Education in June, 2015.

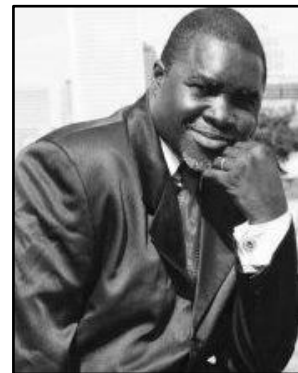
I have been married to my beautiful wife, Mrs. Barbara J. Henson for forty seven years (47). To this Union six (6) children were born, three girls and three boys. I also have thirteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

I have done my best in serving on Home Mission Board and have enjoyed all seventeen years (17).

*To God Be the Glory for all he has done.*

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Special Recognition for 15 years of service with the Home Mission Board



Bishop Calvin C. Barlow, Jr.

Bishop Calvin C. Barlow, Jr., is a native of Ripley, Tennessee. He is the pastor of Second Missionary Baptist Church, which is located in the heart of the historic Waverly-Belmont community in Nashville,

Tennessee. He is a graduate of Tennessee State University and Pensacola Christian College. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Music Education and a Master of Art in Biblical Studies. He is a former adjunct professor of New Testament Greek of the former Nashville Bible College, and a former Moderator of the Stones River District Association, National Baptist Convention Churches, Inc.

For some fifteen years, pastor Barlow has served the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention's USA, Inc., Home Mission Board. He has served as State Representative for the state of Tennessee, Field Worker, Regional Coordinator and is currently an at-large board member. Some of the specific missions include:

- secured funds for North Carolina's flood victims;
- mobilization of persons during Katrina Hurricane;
- leading Second Missionary Baptist church to be a designated distribution center for the 2010 flood victims of Nashville, Tennessee;
- leading a convoy of Middle Tennessee churches to assist sister churches during the Memphis' flood;
- and working with Dr. Randy Vaughn, former Disaster Chairman of National Baptist as a Red Cross liaison.

In addition, Rev. Barlow is also a board member of the Cervical Cancer Coalition of Tennessee and a member of the Advisory Board of CAB.

Bishop Barlow is married to Rutha L. Nixon, and they have three sons, Minister Calvin C. Barlow, III, Jeremiah M. Barlow, and John K. Barlow and six grandchildren.

Regional Report Illinois



Sister Wilma Jean Byrd, Assistant Treasurer

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear thereof and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me; and let us exalt His name together. Psalms 34:1-3

Thanking and praising God from whom all blessings flow, for another year of serving Him on this Missionary Journey one more time.

It is always a pleasure to share with my partner, the Home Mission Board family for the awesome work that International Christian Fellowship for Mission (ICFM) is doing in the Chicagoland area. I am grateful for the support that Home Mission Board renders in service. I am excited to have the opportunity to serve.

ICFM is starting an initiative for STOP the VIOLENCE in East and West Garfield area. September 12, 2015 will be our kick off. We are bringing all communities in surrounding area to Horan Park with a picnic, basketball, baseball, football, soccer, table games, board games and much more. There will be speakers from various organizations, leaders, churches/pastors and as much we can get to keep our young people off the street. It is about saving lives.



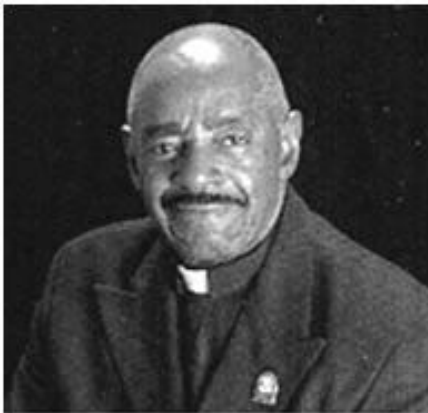
We have been keeping kids off the street by bringing in game trucks allowing them to play

as long as we have the trucks. Also, some of the kids work for the owner of game trucks.

This is our ministry and message, in order for us to keep kids and youths occupied and out of the street, we would need your prayers and support. ICFM mentoring, tutoring, feeding children and those who are hungry, is still going very well. We thank God for blessing us to continually be that beacon light in the communities we serve.

We have been blessed to help 100 kids with supplies and back packs for going back to school. ICFM's goal in life is to help uplift the impoverished neighborhoods in the City of Chicago.

Ecclesiastical Endorser

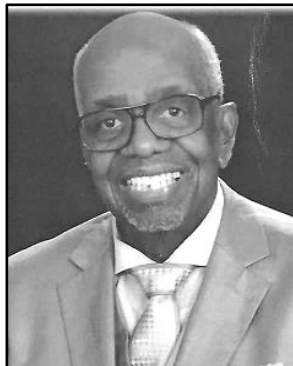


By Dr. Charles F. Thomas, Sr.

President Jerry Young cabinet members and staff of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Chairman Griffin, Executive Director Pickett, fellow Home Mission Board members, Staff and especially

Chaplains of this our beloved Convention, I greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ. The Office of the Ecclesiastical Endorser joins our organizational leader as we “Envision the Future Exceptionally.”

We again send forth congratulatory prayers to Reverend Doctor Jerry Young as he assumes the helm of leadership, and express thanks to him and Dr. Julius Scruggs for these times of service.



We mourn the loss of one of our beloved retired Chaplains, The Reverend Doctor John Vincent Harris (Major, USAF). His name is mentioned because it is our privilege to have known him and also to endorse his son, Chaplain Major Paul V. Harris, USA. Our love and prayers to his family.

It was our pleasure to have attended the Gulfport MS. Retirement Programs for Chaplain Lt. Joseph Daniel Johnson, having served 20 years in the U.S. Navy (USMC and USAF). Chaplain Johnson’s wife is a cancer survivor after years of struggle and treatments.



Thanks be to our Lord for the Faith Journey and victory celebration.

On August 12th and 13th we were the guest of the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Prisons for Training and on-site briefing with 29 other Endorsers and 90 Prison Supervisory Chaplains at the Management and Specialty Training Center in Aurora, Colorado. I also attended the Pre-Retirement Dinner for the Rev. Dr. Michael R. Smith, Sr., Chief Chaplain, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Chief Smith was initially endorsed by the National Baptist Convention,

USA, Inc. My thanks to Mr. Terry J. Saulsberry, Chaplain Program Manager, for the outstanding program planning and information provided.

Regional Report - Southwest

The following persons have been endorsed in 2014-15:

U.S.A.F.

BARBARA NASH C/C, FELECIA Mc CRAY C/C, AND KENNETH THOMAS NG

U.S. ARMY

CHARLES HARRISON C/C, JOHN TAYLOR, KAVAFI BEVERLY, AND DOQUOI GREEN.

U.S. NAVY

SHELDON SHANNON, C/C, KEVON EASLEY C/C, AND JOHN TAYLOR.

VA

CURTIS DAVIS,, RICHARD MOORE, WINSTON PAULK, CHRIS BROWN, DON FULLER, JOHNNIE SMALL, MICHAEL CHABERS, CHAD WHITE, DONALD STOVER, AND KIMBERLY WALKER.

APC (ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL CHAPLAINS)

VERNA SIMPKINS, RHONDA DANIELS, REGINAL ALLEN, PETER WARD, PATRICIA DICKERSON, BORIS KIZZIE, GLORIA STEPHENS, ARBUTIES COTTON, JAMES BUNCH, ARLETTE JACKSON, AND MOSES LARTEY.

Many of our Chaplains were very disappointed in June, when without notice, The Chaplains Professional Develop Institute was cancelled. This action, as initiated by the new Director of the Ministers and Pastors Division was for the purpose of Division Evaluation for the 2016 Congress of Christian Education. To date this office has not been contacted relating to the 2016 status of the Chaplains Seminar. We do, however, prayerfully anticipate continuing services to the Chaplains and their families.

With integrity and faith,
Charles F. Thomas, Endorser
1-844-649-9700 (Toll Free)
Floyd E. Lacey, Assistant Endorser.



Dr. Robert L. Webb

I am pleased that we have our new Chairman, Rev. Leonard O. Griffin. He brings to the Home Mission Chair, leadership that we know will help the effort of the mission movement, "all about meeting needs." There are needs at hand that we need to address, "all lives matter."

Again, I commend Rev. Charles Mock on his efforts to work to bring about justice through the Criminal Justice System. As Christian men and women, we have been informed that we have got to continue to fight for freedom and justice. Our nation needs to revisit the ideals of justice for all. As leaders we must lead the way. I support the NAACP march from Selma to Washington, D.C. that we is I will continue to appeal for financial support for the Home Mission Board. This year I am going to visit state conventions in my area.



At-Large Member Report

Bishop Calvin C. Barlow, Jr., At-large Board Member

Even though I am no longer a Field Worker or Regional Coordinator, I still find myself in the mission field and creating opportunities for mission. We recently gave Bibles and hymnals to Pastor Joey Johnson. Pastor Johnson is the pastor of Mooresville Pike Baptist church. In addition to personal and church donations, I still encourage pastors of Middle Tennessee to support Home Mission.

As of May 2015, our church established a food pantry in partnership with a food broker. We are serving approximately seventy-five families with a goal of two hundred and fifty families. The pantry serves low income, seniors, unemployed, and disabled family. In addition to the food pantry, the goal is to open a Nonprofit store within the next two months for low and medium income families, seniors, and disabled families.

Food Pantry Ministry photos.



New Orleans: Lessons of Faith, Climate Change, and Poverty After the Storm



By Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith

Afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted, I will rebuild you with stones of turquoise...

— *Isaiah 54:11 (NIV)*

(Jesus) got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

— *Mark 4:39-41 (NIV)*

These Scriptures were shared at an interfaith prayer service at the Cathedral-Basilica of Saint Louis in New Orleans, La., earlier this week in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina that I was present for.

These verses invite us to ask important questions. Is New Orleans beyond the affliction of Hurricane Katrina? Are the people of New Orleans comforted by signs of progress? What about the rebuilding of the city? What about the faith of the people? Leaders from many sectors in New Orleans and nationally agree that New Orleanians have been a resilient people, both before and after the storm.

At a national forum in New Orleans this week, I heard speakers pointed to the development of a regional economy that is more diverse and infused by an entrepreneurial spirit, confirmed by a recent report

by The Data Center concerning New Orleans' progress since the storm. There are other positive trends too, including better-quality public schools, the decline of incarceration rates by nearly half, and a surge in youth investments, according to those who spoke at the forum.

Still, racial disparities, poverty, and environmental trends continue to challenge the gains. The Data Center reports that poverty rates in New Orleans have risen to pre-Katrina levels at "a now crushingly high 27 percent." The disparity in incomes between black and white households was 54 percent, compared to 40 percent nationally in 2013, with only 57 percent of black men employed in New Orleans.

But the most concerning issue that New Orleans faces is environmental in nature, specifically, coastal erosion and sea level rise. Since Katrina, four more hurricanes have hit New Orleans, causing extensive flooding and wind damage. "Since 1932, the New Orleans region has lost nearly 30 percent of the land that forms its protective buffer from hurricane storm surge, and saltwater is increasingly infiltrating groundwater within the levee walls," according to a report by The Data Center.

While Hurricane Katrina occurred in a specific region, the lessons learned are for all of us today. Climate change is national and global. Our infrastructure, much of which was built 50 years ago, needs more systematic attention. Movements like Black Lives Matter point to the perpetual challenges of race, hunger, and poverty.

Nevertheless, New Orleanians have proven they are resilient. The 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina is a rallying call to all of us to name the afflictions in our communities, comfort and encourage all of God's people, identify and implement strategies of empowerment for all, and to be proactive about rebuilding our infrastructure to help protect our environment.

Doing this will require a spirit of resilience that leads us to step out in faith, engage our imagination, and thereby create new possibilities in the midst of challenges. New Orleanians are leading and teaching us anew about how to do this. May all of us find ways to do likewise.

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*Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith is a Home Mission Board Member and Bread for the World's national senior associate for African-American and African church engagement.*



*Photo: The Lower Ninth Ward sustained catastrophic flooding following Hurricane Katrina. Ten years later, the neighborhood has not fully recovered. In the background are houses being built in the area by actor Brad Pitt's nonprofit foundation.*

*Wikimedia Commons.*





## Summer Intern Report



*Minister Nautochia Webb*

*I greet you with the peace and joy of Jesus, the ambition of Paul, and the heart of David. I attend the Mount Horeb Baptist Church, in Corona, Queens, where Reverend Gilbert Pickett, Sr., is my pastor.*

Three (3) years ago, as part of my supervised ministry program at New York Theological Seminary (NYTS), I was blessed to spend the summer at the Bahamas Children's Emergency Hostel (BCEH).



This mission allowed me to volunteer my time at an institution operating on minimum funds to service the children on the island. BCEH was established to house children in emergency situations when living in their homes was not conducive to their well-being or not an option at all. These children are taken out of their homes involuntarily after being in abusive or dangerous situations. They are forever affected by the challenges of caring for them while resolving family issues. I spent mornings, noon and nights watching over children from ages 1-12, and with the staff, I was able to feed, play with, counsel and encourage these wonderful children to contribute to a positive summer experience. A relationship was established with the staff as well as the children that has forever changed

my outlook on the meaning of love, blessings and favor from God.

After successfully completing this assignment for school, I was inspired to return to BCEH on my own to contribute in areas that could enhance the children's summer while school was out. I've worked with the children in my own community as I directed our own vacation bible school at Mount Horeb for many years. I wanted to share the program developed at home with the children at BCEH in order to enhance their summer with a learning environment that was Christian-based. The director was just as excited over the idea as I was, as these children are beginning to show a love for God that cannot be measured in words.

In 2013, God blessed me with a team of talented saints from Mount Horeb who were gifted in many areas. This program was a wonderful experience for those at the hostel and for us- thus the reason for returning in the summer of 2014 with another team of NYTS classmates. I am committed to sharing my passion to teach with children who show promise in their own gifting and contributions to the kingdom of God. We hope to continue building on that promise by encouraging the children with positive experiences in their early stages of life to outweigh the negative situations that have inflicted their lives thus far.

I established a schedule for a two-week period and prepared arrangements for this mission which includes not only airfare and housing, but shipping books, arts and craft supplies, school supplies and other materials as needed. As all of our volunteers have been working mothers, students, or unemployed, it is my prayer that much of this mission will be sponsored by those willing to support this vision as we become that beacon of light, sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in other parts of this world. I believe that just as God is limitless in His love for us, we should not limit what God has gifted us with by working solely in our backyards. I am excited for all God has planned for the summer of 2015. I thank you in advance for your prayers and support in this endeavor.

# National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. - Home Mission Board

All information verified against Bank statements  
(Subject to audit by the NBC USA, Inc., Office of Finance)

**June 1 through August 31, 2015**

| NBC Home Mission General Operating Account |                     |                       |                       |                   | Beg. Balance  | 6/1/2015     |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Month                                      | Income              | W/D & Debits          | Checks                | Service Fees      | Subtotals     | \$ 14,372.35 |
| June                                       | \$ 28,236.81        | \$ (5,351.65)         | \$ (19,912.36)        | \$ (6.96)         | \$ 2,965.84   | \$ 17,338.19 |
| July                                       | \$ 1,975.00         | \$ (3,648.31)         | \$ (6,518.05)         | \$ -              | \$ (8,191.36) | \$ 9,146.83  |
| August                                     | \$ 7,951.19         | \$ (3,236.67)         | \$ (5,225.07)         | \$ (15.00)        | \$ (525.55)   | \$ 7,619.03  |
|                                            |                     |                       |                       |                   |               |              |
| <b>Totals</b>                              | <b>\$ 38,163.00</b> | <b>\$ (12,236.63)</b> | <b>\$ (31,655.48)</b> | <b>\$ (21.96)</b> |               |              |

**End Balance      \$ 7,619.03**

| NBC Ecclesiastical Endorser (Military Chaplains) Account |                    |                      |                      |                   | Beg. Balance | 6/1/2015     |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Month                                                    | Receipts           | W/D & Debits         | Checks               | Service Fees      | Subtotals    | \$ 14,484.15 |
| June                                                     | \$ 5,142.40        | \$ (98.00)           | \$ (4,633.00)        | \$ (20.94)        | \$ 390.46    | \$ 14,874.61 |
| July                                                     | \$ 2,100.00        | \$ (1,110.91)        | \$ (1,000.00)        | \$ (30.00)        | \$ (40.91)   | \$ 14,833.70 |
| August                                                   | \$ 250.00          | \$ (264.00)          | \$ -                 | \$ (18.00)        | \$ (32.00)   | \$ 14,801.70 |
|                                                          |                    |                      |                      |                   |              |              |
| <b>Totals</b>                                            | <b>\$ 7,492.40</b> | <b>\$ (1,472.91)</b> | <b>\$ (5,633.00)</b> | <b>\$ (68.94)</b> |              |              |

**End Balance      \$ 14,801.70**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Shawn L. Buckhanan, BBA, M.Th.  
Home Mission Board Treasurer

## State Quarterly Contributions June 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015

| ALABAMA                              |                             |                   |    |    |          |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----|----|----------|
| Aimwell Baptist Church               | Dr. Michael E. Jackson      | Mobile            | AL | \$ | 600.00   |
| Revelation Missionary Baptist Church | Rev. David Fraizer          | Mobile            | AL | \$ | 500.00   |
| Christian Fellowship Baptist Church  | Dr. Robert L. Webb          | Livingston        | AL | \$ | 300.00   |
| ARIZONA                              |                             |                   |    |    |          |
| Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Sr.           |                             | Phoenix           | AZ | \$ | 300.00   |
| First Institutional Baptist Church   | Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Sr.  | Phoenix           | AZ | \$ | 2,499.99 |
| ARKANSAS                             |                             |                   |    |    |          |
| Dr. William R. Boone                 | Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church | North Little Rock | AR | \$ | 500.00   |

|                                     |                     |        |    |          |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------|----|----------|
| The Greater St. Paul Baptist Church | Dr. George E. Smith | Camden | AR | \$ 50.00 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------|----|----------|

**COLORADO**

|                                    |                            |                  |    |             |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----|-------------|
| Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church | Rev. Cleveland A. Thompson | Colorado Springs | CO | \$ 5,419.81 |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----|-------------|

**DC (District of Columbia)**

|                            |                    |            |    |           |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------|----|-----------|
| Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith | Bread of the World | Washington | DC | \$ 600.00 |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------|----|-----------|

**FLORIDA**

|                              |                       |          |    |           |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|----|-----------|
| Bethel Baptist Church        |                       | Leesburg | FL | \$ 500.00 |
| Pleasant View Baptist Church | Dr. Michael D. Warren | Apopka   | FL | \$ 500.00 |

**ILLINOIS**

|                                                |                                     |             |    |             |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|----|-------------|
| Bro. Alfonso Ware                              |                                     | Chicago     | IL | \$ 60.00    |
| Dr. Charles F. Thomas, Sr.                     |                                     | Chicago     | IL | \$ 300.00   |
| Messiah Temple Missionary Baptist Church       |                                     | Chicago     | IL | \$ 100.00   |
| Salem Baptist District Association             | Rev. C. E. Barnes III,<br>Moderator | Chicago     | IL | \$ 1,200.00 |
| Sis. Audisha Jordan                            |                                     | Chicago     | IL | \$ 100.00   |
| Sis. Geanetta Dockins                          |                                     | Blue Island | IL | \$ 10.00    |
| Sis. Tanya W. Cook                             | Great Hope Missionary<br>Bapt. Ch.  | Robbins     | IL | \$ 50.00    |
| Sis. Wilma Jean Byrd                           |                                     | Villa Park  | IL | \$ 100.00   |
| United Baptist State Convention<br>of IL, Inc. | Rev. Keith McGee                    | Chicago     | IL | \$ 725.00   |

**MARYLAND**

|                        |  |              |    |           |
|------------------------|--|--------------|----|-----------|
| Rev. Roosevelt M. Bell |  | Temple Hills | MD | \$ 100.00 |
|------------------------|--|--------------|----|-----------|

**MICHIGAN**

|                                            |                         |            |    |           |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|----|-----------|
| Baptist Missionary & Education St.<br>Con. | President Wallace Mills | Detroit    | MI | \$ 500.00 |
| Bro. Ken Dill                              |                         | Southfield | MI | \$ 40.00  |
| Greater True Vine Baptist Church           | Dr. Lee Bernard         | Detroit    | MI | \$ 200.00 |
| New Ebenezer Baptist Church                |                         | Detroit    | MI | \$ 100.00 |
| Old Land Mark Baptist Church               | Pastor L. Petty         | Detroit    | MI | \$ 10.00  |
| Right Way Missionary Baptist<br>Church     |                         | Detroit    | MI | \$ 100.00 |
| Sis. Hazel O. Whitney                      |                         | Detroit    | MI | \$ 200.00 |

**MINNESOTA**

|                           |                      |          |    |             |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------|----|-------------|
| Mt. Olivet Baptist Church | Rev. James C. Thomas | St. Paul | MN | \$ 2,000.00 |
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**MISSISSIPPI**

|                                            |                          |              |    |             |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|----|-------------|
| Bro. Jimmie Maxwell                        |                          | Olive Branch | MS | \$ 100.00   |
| Brown Missionary Baptist Church            | Rev. Bartholomew Orr     | Southaven    | MS | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Sis. Linda W. Wilson-Jones                 |                          | Terry        | MS | \$ 100.00   |
| Woman's Auxiliary East MS Bapt. State Con. | Sis. Jacqueline McDougle | Meridian     | MS | \$ 400.00   |

**MISSOURI**

|                                         |                          |           |    |           |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|----|-----------|
| Antioch District WMU                    | Sis. Shirley Marks       | St. Louis | MO | \$ 554.00 |
| Berean Missionary Baptist Women's Union |                          | St. Louis | MO | \$ 500.00 |
| West Side Missionary Baptist Church     | Rev. Ronald L. Bobo, Sr. | St. Louis | MO | \$ 125.00 |

**NEW YORK**

|                                            |                         |          |    |             |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|----|-------------|
| Empire Baptist Missionary Convention of NY | Dr. Ronald Grant        | Hudson   | NY | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Mount Olivet Baptist Church                | Rev. Dr. Charles Curtis | New York | NY | \$ 200.00   |
| Salem Missionary Baptist Church            | Rev. James A. Thornton  | Brooklyn | NY | \$ 2,500.00 |

**NORTH CAROLINA**

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| Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch | Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch | Charlotte | NC | \$ 2,000.00 |
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**OKLAHOMA**

|                                   |                   |          |    |           |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------|----|-----------|
| Oklahoma Baptist State Convention | Dr. C. W. Whitlow | Valliant | OK | \$ 600.00 |
| Paradise Baptist Church           |                   | Ardmore  | OK | \$ 212.00 |
| Rev. Anthony Scott                |                   | Tulsa    | OK | \$ 20.00  |
| Sis. Mary Elizabeth Williams      |                   | Ardmore  | OK | \$ 100.00 |
| St. Luke Baptist Church           |                   | Ardmore  | OK | \$ 70.00  |

**PENNSYLVANIA**

|                             |                       |              |    |             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----|-------------|
| Mount Carmel Baptist Church | Rev. Donald Moore     | Philadelphia | PA | \$ 300.00   |
| Siloam Baptist Church       | Rev. John H. West III | Norristown   | PA | \$ 2,500.00 |

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

|                                       |                               |                  |    |           |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|----|-----------|
| Bethlehem Baptist Church              | Rev. Malcolm Hayes            | North Charleston | SC | \$ 100.00 |
| Bro. William A. Salley                |                               | Goose Creek      | SC | \$ 100.00 |
| Charleston County Baptist Association | Rev. Dr. William A. Salley    | Summerville      | SC | \$ 400.00 |
| Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church   | Rev. Dr. William A. Salley    | Charleston       | SC | \$ 200.00 |
| Lovely Hill Baptist Association       | Rev. Dr. McKinley Ravenell    | St. George       | SC | \$ 200.00 |
| Morris Street Baptist Church          | Rev. Leonard Griffin          | Charleston       | SC | \$ 375.00 |
| New First Missionary Baptist Church   | Rev. Albert "Chick" Morrisson | Edisto Island    | SC | \$ 200.00 |



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| Rev. Leonard O. Griffin |                         | Goose Creek      | SC | \$ 100.00 |
| Royal Baptist Church    | Rev. Isaac J. Holt, Jr. | North Charleston | SC | \$ 300.00 |

### TENNESSEE

|                                              |                            |                  |    |           |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----|-----------|
| Annesdale Cherokee Baptist Church            | Rev. Dwight Montgomery     | Memphis          | TN | \$ 100.00 |
| Bro. Isaac Slack                             |                            | Memphis          | TN | \$ 50.00  |
| Catalia Baptist Church                       | Rev. Randolph M. Walkr     | Memphis          | TN | \$ 200.00 |
| Christian United Baptist Church              | Rev. J. L. Armstrong       | Memphis          | TN | \$ 100.00 |
| Greater New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church |                            | Memphis          | TN | \$ 100.00 |
| Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church         |                            | Memphis          | TN | \$ 100.00 |
| Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church          |                            | Collierville, TN | TN | \$ 50.00  |
| Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church                    | Rev. Bassil Brooks         | Cordova          | TN | \$ 300.00 |
| New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church         | Dr. Donald R. Ester        | Germantown       | TN | \$ 150.00 |
| New Mt. Zion Baptist Church                  |                            | Memphis          | TN | \$ 100.00 |
| Rev. Coleman Crawford                        |                            | Memphis          | TN | \$ 25.00  |
| Rev. Calvin C. Barlow, Jr.                   |                            | Nashville        | TN | \$ 100.00 |
| Rome Baptist Church                          | Rev. Wayne Johnson         | Hendersonville   | TN | \$ 100.00 |
| Second Missionary Baptist Church             | Rev. Calvin C. Barlow, Jr. | Nashville        | TN | \$ 300.00 |
| White Haven District Association             |                            | Memphis          | TN | \$ 200.00 |

### VIRGIN ISLANDS

|                               |                    |            |    |           |
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| Virgin Islands Missions, Inc. | Dr. Bentley Thomas | St. Thomas | VI | \$ 200.00 |
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### VIRGINIA

|                               |                      |         |    |           |
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| Second Calvary Baptist Church | Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns | Norfolk | VA | \$ 500.00 |
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**Top Solicitors  
January 2014 –  
December 2014**

The Officers and Members of the Home Mission Board wants to personally thank and recognize the following Regional Coordinators and Area Field Workers for their efforts and support on behalf of the Home Mission Board and its ministries.

**REGIONAL  
COORDINATORS**

**\$13,465.32**



Rev. Calvin C. Barlow, Jr.  
Southwestern Region

**\$5,470.00**



Dr. William R. Boone  
Southwestern Region

**\$43,446.08**



Rev. Shawn L. Buckhanan  
Western Region

**\$5,175.00**



Rev. Leonard O. Griffin  
North and South Carolina

**13,465.32**



Dr. Robert I. Webb  
Southwest Region

**20,304.00**



Rev. Patrick H. Young  
Northeast Region

**FIELD WORKERS**

**\$13,310.00**



Dr. Lee M. Bernard  
Michigan Area

**\$12,159.00**



Sis. Wilma Jean Byrd  
Illinois/Indiana Areas

**\$4,335.00**



Rev. Eugene Henson  
Memphis Area

**\$13,225.00**



Sis. Patricia A. White  
Pennsylvania Area

**\$770.00**



Sis. Mary Elizabeth Williams  
Oklahoma



# **135<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.**

**Dr. Jerry Young, President**

**September 7-11, 2015 Memphis, TN**

Memphis Cook Convention Center, 255 N. Main Street, Memphis, TN 38103

Memphis Sheraton Downtown Hotel    Greater Middle Baptist Church  
250 N. Main Street, Memphis, TN 38103    Rev. William McKinley Jackson, Host Pastor  
901.527.7300    982 Knight Arnold Road, Memphis, TN 38118  
901.367.0108

**Home Mission Board's Office and Meeting Room TBA - Memphis Cook Convention Center**  
**Home Mission Board Booth, Aisle TBA - Exhibit Hall, Memphis Cook Convention Center**

## **Home Mission Board's Schedule of Events**

(All addresses are above)

### **Monday, September 7 2015**

10:00 am to 3:00 pm    Home Mission Day Family Fun Fest  
Greater Middle Baptist Church, Memphis, TN

### **Tuesday, September 8, 2015**

8:00 am – 9:30 am    Home Mission Board Executive Committee Meeting  
Memphis Sheraton Downtown Hotel, Knoxville Room

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm    Home Mission Board's Awards & Recognition Luncheon  
(Top Contributors)  
Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel, Magnolia Ballroom

**Keynote Preacher: Dr. Bartholomew Orr, Pastor**

Brown Missionary Baptist Church, Southaven, MS

### **Wednesday, September 9, 2015**

9:30 am    Home Mission Board "Rally"  
Memphis Cook Convention Center, Main Hall

**Keynote Preacher: Dr. Frank Ray, Pastor**

New Salem Baptist Church, Memphis, TN

3:00 pm    Home Mission Board Meeting, Knoxville Room  
Memphis Sheraton Downtown Hotel

### **Thursday, September 10, 2015**

10:00 am    President Jerry Young Address – Memphis Cook Convention Center



**\$2,000.00**

Second Calvary Baptist Church  
Dr. Geoffrey Guns  
Norfolk, VA



**\$2,000.00**

Shiloh Baptist Church  
Rev. Keith I. Jones  
Norfolk, VA



**\$1,855.00**

Mount Horeb Baptist Church  
Rev. Gilbert Pickett, Sr.  
Corona, NY



**\$1,800.00**

United Baptist State Convention  
Dr. Keith McGee  
Chicago, IL



**\$1,500.00**

Aimwell Baptist Church  
Dr. Michael Jackson  
Mobile, AL



**\$1,500.00**

Revelation Mssionary Baptist Church  
Rev. David L. Frazier, Sr.  
Mobile, AL



**\$1,500.00**

Walker Memorial Baptist Church  
Rev. Dr. Joe Albert Bush  
Bronx, NY



**\$1,500.00**

Providence Baptist Church  
Rev. Andrew Johnson  
Milwaukee, WI



**\$1,335.00**

Emmanuel District Baptist Association  
Dr. Russell Harris  
Chicago, IL



**\$1,300.00**

Baptist Missionary and Education State Convention  
Dr. Wallace Mills  
Detroit, MI



**\$1,300.00**

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church  
Dr. William R. Boone  
North Little Rock, AR



**\$1,200.00**

Rev. Calvin C. Barlow, Jr.  
Second Baptist Church  
Nashville, TN



**\$1,200.00**

Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Sr.  
Phoenix, AZ



**\$1,050.00**

Rev. Patrick Young  
First Baptist Church  
East Elmhurst, NY



**\$1,000.00**

Christian Fellowship Baptist Church  
Dr. Robert L. Webb  
Livingston, AL



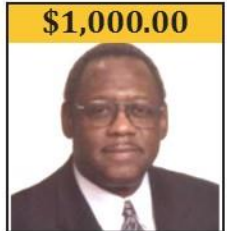
**\$1,000.00**

Mount Carmel Baptist Church  
Rev. Donald D. Moore  
Philadelphia, PA



**\$1,000.00**

Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith  
Washington, DC



**\$1,000.00**

Evergreen Baptist Church  
Dr. Guy Campbell, Jr.  
Palmyra, NJ



**\$1,000.00**

Dr. Raymond A. Merriweather  
First Baptist Church of Darby  
Dr. Raymond Merriweather  
Darby, PA



**\$1,000.00**

New Gethsemane Baptist Church  
Rev. Samuel Jordan, Jr.  
Philadelphia, PA

