

National Baptist Laymen's Movement
Mid-Winter Board Report
Birmingham, Alabama
Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Center
January 20 – 23, 2014

“Solidarity with the Savior through Worship and Witness”

Sunday, January 19, 2014

The State President's Advisory Council led by Ernest Tinsley, GA, held a two day Leadership Workshop prior to the start of the Annual Mid-Winter Board Session. The purpose of the workshop was to present information to local, district and state laymen presidents in leadership skills, practices, specifics and principles.

The workshop was held at the St. James Missionary Baptist Church, 1300 24th Street N, Birmingham, AL. The workshop was coordinated by I. V. Reeves, WA. There were more than seventy-five persons to register for the workshop. The workshop topics and presenters were:

Fundamental Leadership Principles – Michael Washington, MI
The Five Practices of Exemplary Leaders - Emerson Turner, AZ
Leadership Specifics for the Laymen President – Thad Jones, MO
Case Studies in Leadership – I.V. Reeves, WA
Mentoring New Leaders – Ernest Tinsley, GA

Monday, January 20, 2014

The State President's Advisory Council concluded the two-day Leadership Workshop starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m.

President Simmons convened his Pre-Session Officers and Ministry Leaders Meeting at 4:15 p.m. at the St. James Missionary Baptist Church.

The agenda was:

- Opening Prayer
- Greetings and Remarks
- Registration & Discipleship Ministry
- Programming for the week
- Housing & Logistics
- Social & Fellowship Ministry - Special Projects Effort
- Thematic Introspection 2014, *“The Voice of a Biblical Man”*
- Adjournment

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Tuesday, January 21, 2014

The laymen's Mid-Winter Board session officially opened at 8:00 a.m. with a Prayer and Praise service by the Worship Ministry.

President Simmons opened the session with his Vision & Focus for the year. His theme for the year is, "*Solidarity with the Saviour through Worship and Witness, The Voice of a Biblical Man*"

Reports were then called for from the State President's Advisory Council on their two-day Leadership Workshop and the Finance, Registration and Discipleship ministry report.

The morning message was delivered by Rev. Shadrach A. Porchia, pastor of the Hickory Ridge Baptist Church, Camden, AR. The title of his message was, "*It's in the Deep*", Luke 5:4-5.

The session adjourned to the Parent-Body opening session.

At 1:30 p.m. the afternoon session opened with a Prayer and Praise period.

The Education Ministry and Social and Fellowship Ministry gave their report.

The afternoon message was delivered by Rev. Ray Douglass, pastor of the Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, OK. The title of his message was, "*A Prayer of an Ordinary Man*", Gen. 24:12-19.

The laymen adjourned to committee meetings and parent-body sessions.

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

The session opened at 8:00 a.m. with a Prayer and Praise service.

Reports were given by:

- The Education Ministry
- The Wives & Women Supporters Ministry
- Adopt-A-School Ministry
- Men Teaching Boys Ministry

The morning message was delivered by Rev. Anthony Jelks, pastor of the Lively Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Birmingham, AL. The title of his message was, "*The Evidence is There*", Acts 4:13-20

The afternoon session opened at 1:30 p.m. with a Prayer and Praise period.

The Mission Ministry and Evangelism Ministry gave their report.

- Street Evangelistic Ministry
- Prison Ministry
- Homeless Shelters Ministry
- Superstorm Sandy Work, Atlantic City, NJ
- Senior Citizens Home Ministry

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Following the reports there was a special presentation by the Colorectal Cancer Education Ministry, Bethel Baptist Church, Pratt City, AL.

The afternoon message was delivered by Rev. Bartholomew Orr, Brown Missionary Baptist Church, Southaven, MS. The title of his message was, "*My Resignation*". John 13:21-30.

The laymen adjourned for the afternoon.

Thursday, January 23, 2014

The morning's session opened up at 7:00 a.m. with the Special Projects Prayer Breakfast.

The program called for:

- Greetings from the Alabama state laymen president A. L. Folmar
- Statement of Purpose
- Roll Call of State President's contributions to laymen ministries and special projects
- Presentation of Plaques
- Introduction of the speaker
- Special Music

The state laymen contributions for laymen ministries were led by:

1st – Alabama

2nd – Mississippi General

3rd - Kansas

The morning message was delivered by Dr. Henry L. Fuller, pastor of the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Flint, MI and president of the Michigan Wolverine Convention. The title of his message was, "*The Need for a Caleb Moment*". Joshua 14:12-14.

At the conclusion of the program, Richard Showers, Sr., city councilman for the city of Huntsville, AL presented National Junior Laymen Director Alvin Moore with a resolution from the city of Huntsville for his induction into the Alabama High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

The laymen session for this 2014 Mid-Winter Board session was then adjourned.

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