

BAPTIST BULLETIN

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Announcing the 150th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

President Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II, extends a cordial invitation to attend the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. This Celebration will take place at the 2017 Annual Session (Monday, October 30 to Wednesday, November 1, 2017). All events will be held at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel (3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh.)

Established in 1867, the General Baptist State Convention celebrates 150 years in 2017. The year-long celebration will conclude with the Annual Session in October.

Three events marked the 150th Anniversary Celebration in 2017. The first was the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr Memorial Banquet which was held in Durham in January. The second event was the Mid-Year

Session which was held in Goldsboro (the city of the Convention's original founding) in May. The third and final event in the commemorative celebration is the October Annual Session to convene in Raleigh.

The October Annual Session is being planned to be the "crown jewel" of our three gatherings in 2017. President Avery has directed that the Session be "worshipful, informative, empowering and memorable."

"I am greatly impressed with President Avery's vision and ideals for our 150th Anniversary Cele-

bration," says Rev. Haywood T. Gray, Executive Secretary-Treasurer. "Dr. Avery has given clear directions to the staff and has challenged us to make this gathering extraordinary."

The Annual Session will open at noon on Monday, October 30 and will close at 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday night, November 1.

Because a larger than normal turnout is expected, churches are encouraged to pre-register for the Annual Session. The deadline to pre-register is Friday, October 13, 2017. Pre-registration forms are available online and at the

Baptist Headquarters.

Details regarding the special preachers, presenters, workshops and events will be released over the coming weeks from the Baptist Headquarters. Persons interested in this upcoming gathering should be requested to be added to our e-mail distribution list. Announcements and information will also be released through our Facebook page as well.



Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II, is the 32nd President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. and will preside over the 150th Anniversary Celebration in October in Raleigh.



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\$140.00 per night
for Kings and Doubles

\$150.00 per night
for Triples and Quads

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Full menu served from 6L30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily
Complimentary WiFi in hotel guest rooms
Recently renovated hotel guest rooms

All Call for Ministers Who Have Preached for 50+ Years

President Avery Intends to Honor Preaching Legacies During Annual Session



"Go, Preach My Gospel, saith the Lord."

President Nilous M. Avery, II, is requesting that all General Baptist State Convention ministers who have preached for fifty or more years register with the Baptist Headquarters in order to be recognized at the upcoming 150th Anniversary Celebration in October. The first event of the Annual Session will be the recognition of these ministers on Monday, October 30, 2017 at noon.

Ministers eligible for this recognition must have preached their initial sermon in 1967 or before. **Deadline for registration is September 15, 2017 for recognition!**

Ministers who preached their initial sermon in 1967 or before, should call the Baptist Headquarters to register for special Presidential Recognition.

Call (919) 821-7466 during normal business hours with the following information:

1. Ministers full name
2. Contact info (address/phone)
3. Year of initial sermon
4. Last (or present) Church
5. Will you be present at Annual Session on October 30 at 12:00 noon?