

**Twenty-third Annual
GARNETT - NABRIT LECTURES**



Dr. J. H. Garnett



Dr. J. M. Nabrit

theme:

“KINGDOM BUILDING BEYOND WALLS”

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Dr. Charles E. Boddie, President

Rev. Samuel W. Hale, Jr., Director

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome Alumni and Alumnae! Sam McKinney, Bob Wilson, Julius Scruggs ----- what a team!

It must be a matter of contemplation to some and a source of wonder to others of us to discover how it is that the alumni/ae of our beloved school are year by year the recipients of so rich a reservoir of power from such as the likes of these. It certainly is not due to our ability to adequately pay them. Nor can we hardly attach largesse of blessing to our prestigious fame and renown as a learning center.

The answer of course, is you. As alumni/ae your several contributions to the Cause and the Race's welfare are so well-known and thoroughly documented that more great Black preachers than you realize vie to come this way to find out "what makes us click".

Ask them. I know, for I am enthralled with a like passion when I contemplate over my sixteen years as President. Any excursion through such a valley of adventure will either make one an incurable optimist, or an inveterate pessimist. It is good to be able to truthfully say, "Thank you Lord for permitting me the privilege of serving You on the Hill known as "Holy".

Have a fruitful stay, and remember Whose as well as Who you are during these eventful days.

Dr. Charles Emerson Boddie

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Man lives in a strange environment outside of the fellowship of God. The pressures of society send him in to fantasy land, and he makes the unreal, real. Example: Talking chickens, rabbits and ducks. He finds himself leading two lives and seeking escape methods. When the pressures of society get to him, he normally cracks like an egg shell.

But it is so refreshing to those of us who know God through Jesus Christ that we can leave the strangeness of the valley and come to the "Holy Hill" to get new inspirations, strength, and new thoughts to continue our endurance and stay in touch with reality in this fantasizing society. Greetings!

Rev. J. H. Flakes

GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR

No doubt this year will be one of the more momentous years in the history of the Seminary; and your presence and participation in this Lecture Series will help to assure that fact.

Each year the return of alumni and friends helps to enrich the atmosphere of the Holy Hill. We cherish the blessings that your presence and involvement renders to this historical Lecture Series.

So as we share in the celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the National Baptist Convention, we pray God's continued blessings upon you and welcome you again to the Holy Hill.

Rev. Samuel W. Hale

LEST WE FORGET



GARNETT, JAMES HENRY -- Clergyman, Educator b. Carter Plan-Gordon County, Georgia 1847; s. James K. and Levina (Carter Garnett); m. Ida Lee Drake, August 15, 1888; two children, Ida D. and James Malcom; educ. Oberlin (A.B. 1887) Morman Park, Illinois Theological Course (B.D. 1886); Selma University (D.D. 1891); Arkansas Baptist College (LL.D 1926); President, Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Arkansas 1886-87; President and Co-founder, Gaudalupe College, Sequin, Texas, 1887-91; President State University (Simmons University) Louisville, Kentucky 1891-95; President Houston College, Houston, Texas 1894-99; Chairman of Languages (Greek and Latin) Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri for nine years; In business in Gary, Indiana (real estate and insurance) until 1922; Dean of Theology and Chaplain of Kansas Industrial and Educational Institute, Topeka, Kansas, 1922-25; Teacher of Systematic Theology and New Testament Greek, American Baptist Theological Seminary 1924-38; Dean of Seminary October 28, 1927-39; Acting President, April 8, 1930-April 12, 1932. Although Dr. Garnett was never honored with the elective office of President, it is to his credit and honor that the American Baptist Theological Seminary stands as a beacon-light today, for it was through his efforts that many of the problems of administration were solved. His memory is retained through the annual Garnett-Nabrit lecture series each year.



NABRIT, JAMES MADISON -- Clergyman, Educator b. September 17, 1877, Atlanta, Georgia. s. J. Clarke and Margaret (Knox Petty) Nabrit; m. Augusta G. West, May 5, 1899; eight children, James M. Jr., Samuel M., Ann, Gertrude, Henry, Lois, Margaret, Cecelia; educ. Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia A.B., D.D.); Virginia Union Seminary Richmond, Virginia (M.A.) Morris College (D.D.) Chicago, Illinois; Pastor, St. James Church, Forsyth, Georgia 1902-07; Bethesda Church, Americus, Georgia, 1907-12; Springfield Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia, 1912-21; Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Atlanta Georgia 1921-36; Teacher, Central College 1899-1907; Americus Institute 1907-12; Walker Institute 1915-20; Trustee Morehouse and Atlanta Universities, Atlanta, Georgia; General Secretary of the National Baptist Convention, Inc. 1931-1946; President of Georgia Baptist Convention: Elected president of American Baptist Theological Seminary April 23, 1936. Six months after accepting this position he suffered a severe back injury which left him a half invalid, nevertheless the school experienced its greatest encouragement and the ground work for this institution was laid during his administration Dr. Nabrit resigned in order to resume the pastorate in Atlanta, Georgia. He died there in 1947.

Ruth Marie Powell, LIGHTS AND SHADOWS, 1964.

HISTORY OF THE GARNETT-NABRIT LECTURES

"...they...expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly."
 --Acts 18:26B

Even in the midst of learning situations, there come moments when that which is learned need be enhanced, enriched and enlightened. This concept seemingly was in the mind of Dr. J. C. Miles as he, under the leadership of Dr. J. M. Nabrit, the President of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, directed the first Missionary Conference in March, 1937. An Annual Conference on Pastoral Problems was planned and held in November, 1937, which was closed with a celebration of Founder's Day. The conferences were combined at least by 1943 and continued each year until 1957.

In 1949 the conception of the Garnett-Nabrit lectures was realized.

At the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association held, June 3, 1949, a committee (J. T. Moore, B. E. Callier, J. T. Ridley, W. N. Daniel, Charles Williams and William H. Donaldson) reported that they had polled the alumni throughout the country and received the majority of votes in favor of a Garnett-Nabrit Lectureship. This Lectureship was created and named for Drs. J. H. Garnett and J. M. Nabrit. Dr. Garnett had served as Dean of the Institution and was acting President at several interims. In 1936 he was elected President-Emeritus and was retired in 1940. The other personality was Dr. Nabrit, the Secretary of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., who served as President of the Seminary from 1936 to 1944.¹

It was not until 1957 that the birth of the Garnett-Nabrit Lectures was actualized. For in the April 30 - May 1, 1957 meeting of the Board of Trustees the vote was made to change the name of the Annual Ministers and Missionary Conference to the Garnett-Nabrit lectures in honor of the Former Dean, Dr. J. H. Garnett and Dr. J. M. Nabrit, the fourth President of the Seminary. The first Lecture Series was held April 30-May 1, 1958, under the co-directionship of Professor Joseph M. Conley, Director to Seminary Extension, and Dr. Maynard P. Turner, President. In 1964, the Alumni Association strengthened the Lecture Series by initiating an Alumni Banquet. Each year an Alumnus is chosen by the Alumni Association to deliver the Banquet Address. These Lecture Series have been blessed with the priceless contributions of the speakers listed on the next page.

¹Ruth Marie Powell, LIGHTS AND SHADOWS (Nashville: 1964), pp. 64,65

GARNETT-NABRIT LECTURE SPEAKERS

1958	Dr. Henlee H. Barnett	Rev. William J. Harvey, III	Rev. Enoch Jones ('57)
	Dr. Clyde T. Francisco	Rev. J. Royster Powell	Rev. W. O. Wells ('57)
	Dr. W. Kendrick Groebel		Rev. William K. Richardson ('58)
	Dr. I. H. Henderson, Jr.		Dr. G. Calvin McCutcheon ('50)
	Dr. Robert E. Penn		Dr. A. G. Kendrick ('41)
1959	Dr. E. A. McDowell	Rev. Ceasar A. W. Clark	Rev. Bernard Lafayette, Jr. ('69)
	Dr. Wayne E. Oates	Rev. I. S. Powell	Rev. John Lewis ('61)
1960	Dr. Garland K. Offutt	Rev. M. H. Ribbins ('45)	Rev. C. T. Vivian ('60)
	Dr. William H. Morton	Rev. L. Juan Burt	Dr. Harcourt W. Brown ('38)
1961	Dr. John W. Williams	Dr. T. J. Jemison	Dr. Odie M. Hoover ('49)
	Rev. V. A. Edwards	Dr. P. E. Henderson	Rev. Solomon Gort ('62)
1962	Dr. Foy Valentine	Dr. T. E. Huntley	Rev. Wilbur N. Daniel ('49)
	Dr. Edwin T. Johnston	Dr. D. C. Washington	Rev. Walter B. Rouse ('48)
1963	Dr. Melvin H. Watson	Dr. William R. Haney	Dr. Stanley S. Hodges ('48)
	Dr. John J. Owens		Rev. Riggins R. Earl ('66)
1964	Dr. H. Clayton Wadde11	Dr. H. C. Nabrit	Rev. John F. Cunningham ('65)
	Dr. John M. Ellison		Mrs. Sarah R. Townsend ('57)
1965	Dr. Samuel Southard	Dr. Roland O. Hudson	Rev. John H. Rouse ('62)
1966	Dr. Kyle Hase1den	Dr. Sandy F. Ray	Dr. Julius R. Scruggs ('65)
1967	Dr. Dale Moody	Dr. Thomas Kigore	
1968	Dr. Victor T. Glass	Dr. Edward A. Freeman	
1969	Mrs. James W. Sall1ey ('56)	Dr. Carlyle Marney	
1970	Dr. Don B. McCoy	Dr. James B. Cayce	
1971	Dr. Lucious Tobin	Dr. Gene E. Bartlett	
1972	Dr. Phale D. Hale	Dr. Benjamin E. Mays	
	Dr. Clyde T. Francisco		
1973	Dr. Wayne E. Oates	Dr. Odie M. Hoover ('49)	
1974	Dr. George D. Kelsey	Dr. Sandy F. Ray	
1975	Dr. Carl H. Marbury	Dr. Fredrick G. Sampson	
1976	Dr. Samuel D. Proctor	Dr. Manuel L. Scott	
1977	Dr. Bobby Joe Saucer	Rev. Raymond F. Harvey	
1978	Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson	Dr. Artis Grant Kendrick ('41)	
1979	Dr. Floyd Massey	Dr. C. A. W. Clark	
1980	Dr. Samuel B. McKinney	Dr. Robert H. Wilson	

SERIES

FOCUS

This year, 1980, brings us to several noteworthy epochs in Black-Church History:

1. The Centennial of the National Baptist Convention.
2. The 75th Anniversary of the Congress of Christian Education of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
3. The two hundredth Anniversary of the Sunday School Movement.

We approach the threshold of our Second-Century of Kingdom building. Our current events find our nation under the leadership of a Baptist Deacon; the nations of the world speeding towards a potential Armageddon the conglomerate magnates forcing the peoples of the world into a great tribulation; and the religious systems of the age being lulled into apostasy.

In the midst of these close encounters of the mortal kind there have continuously evolved efforts to advance the Kingdom of Heaven. And yet so often while building the Kingdom, we have built walls of autonomy, self-edification and separation. Such a history compels us to rediscover our foundation of the Kingdom so that we can be better able to lead others around these walls to the Kingdom of Heaven and help build the Kingdom of Heaven Beyond such Walls.

Thus our theme "KINGDOM BUILDING BEYOND WALLS" challenges us to take a close look at many of the Walls that hinder Kingdom Building and to rediscover ways of building beyond them, if not without them. Our Forum Sessions will provide meaningful opportunities to confront Kingdom Building

- "Beyond the Walls of Race and Culture"
- "Beyond the Walls of History and Tradition"
- "Beyond the Walls of Institutionalism"
- "Beyond the Walls of Economics"

GARNETT-NABRIT LECTURES

ORDER OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1980

- 9.00 A. M. REGISTRATION
- 10:30 A. M. WORSHIP SERVICE
 Dr. C. E. Boddie, Worship Leader
 Meditation in Music
 Call to Worship
 Invocation
 Hymn of Praise
 Observations
 Special Music.....The Vertrees Family
 Presentation of Preacher
 Scripture
 SERMON.....Dr. Robert H. Wilson
 Hymn of Commitment
 Benediction
- 12:00 NOON LUNCH
- 1:30 P. M. LECTURE I
 Rev. Samuel W. Hale, ('66), Presiding
 Hymn
 Prayer
 Observations
 Presentation of Lecturer
 LECTURE.....Dr. Samuel B. McKinney
 Interaction Session
 Interactors:Rev. Wellington Johnson ('72)
Dr. Nehemiah Douglas ('58)
Dr. Richard D. Lucas
Dr. Robert Anderson
- Hymn of Reflection
 Closing Prayer
- 3:30 P. M. ALUMNI MEETING - NATIONAL ABT
- 5:00 P. M. DINNER
- 7:30 P. M. WORSHIP SERVICE
 Rev. J. F. Grimmett, Worship Leader
 Rev. James K. Alexander ('72), Worship Assistant
 Call to Worship
 Invocation
 Hymn of Praise
 Observations
 Special Music.....Cleveland Street Baptist Church Choir
 Presentation of Preacher
 Scripture
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9:30 P. M. ALUMNI WORSHIP SERVICE
Jefferson Street Baptist Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1980

8:00 A. M. EXTENSION DEPARTMENT BREAKFAST, Ramada Inn
Rev. Roosevelt Austin, Dean
Saginaw Extension Unit
Saginaw, Michigan

9:00 A. M. REGISTRATION

9:30 A. M. LECTURE II
Dr. Richard D. Lucas, Presiding
Hymn
Prayer
Observations
Presentation of Lecturer
LECTURE.....Dr. Samuel B. McKinney
Forum Sessions

I. "Beyond the Walls of Race and Culture"
Resource Person: Rev. Paul Calloway ('63)
Convener: Rev. Anthony Carroll

II. "Beyond the Walls of History and Tradition"
Resource Person: Dr. Harmon Stockdale
Convener: Rev. Walter Malone

III. "Beyond the Walls of Institutionalism"
Resource Person: Rev. Otis B. Smith
Convener: Rev. Robert Donald

IV. "Beyond the Walls of Economics"
Resource Person: Rev. F. O. Hockenhull
Convener: Rev. William Moss

1:30 P. M. LECTURE III
Rev. Ross McLaren, Presiding
Hymn
Prayer
Observations
Presentation of Lecturer
LECTURE.....Dr. Samuel B. McKinney
Forum Sessions (Same as Lecture II)

3:30 P. M. NATIONAL ABT ALUMNI MEETING

5:00 P. M. DINNER

7:30 P. M. WORSHIP SERVICE
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Meditation in Music
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9:00 A. M. REGISTRATION

10:00 A. M. LECTURE IV
Dr. Robert Anderson, Presiding
Scripture
Prayer
Observations
Presentation of Lecturer
LECTURE.....Dr. Samuel B. McKinney
Panel Discussion.....Rev. Paul Calloway ('63)
.....Rev. F. O. Hockenhull
.....Dr. Harmon Stockdale
.....Rev. Otis B. Smith
Benediction

12:00 NOON LUNCH

1:30 P. M. WORSHIP SERVICE
Rev. J. H. Flakes, ('68), Worship Leader
Rev. Ian Bethel, Worship Assistant
Meditation in Music
Call to Worship
Invocation
Hymn of Praise
Observations
Special Music.....Fisk University Black Mass Choir
Presentation of Preacher
Scripture
SERMON.....Dr. Robert H. Wilson
Hymn of Commitment
Remarks
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3:00 P. M. ALUMNI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 P. M. ALUMNI BANQUET
Howard Johnson's, North
Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, ('65), Banquet Speaker

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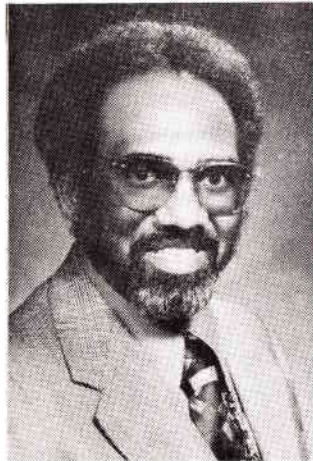
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7:00 P. M. ALUMNI BANQUET
Howard Johnson's, North
Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, ('65), Banquet Speaker

APPRECIATION

We are especially grateful to all our distinguished guest and to all our leaders who share their rich experiences with our many participants, for whom we are also grateful. A special thanks is extended to the many students, faculty and administrative personnel who helped to make this Lecture Series a reality.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES



DR. SAMUEL B. MCKINNEY: LECTURER - Pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Seattle, Washington and co-author of the book Church Administration in the Black Perspective, Dr. McKinney brings to these lectures a wealth of experience, insight and intellect. The B. A. degree from Morehouse College, the M.Div. and D.Min degrees from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, and Honorary Doctoral Degrees from Linfield College and Morehouse College. His thirty years of ministerial experience includes pastoral responsibilities in Rochester, New York; Cleveland, Ohio; Providence, Rhode Island and twenty - two years in Seattle, Washington.

An instructor of the William Jernigan Lecture Series of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, Dr. McKinney also serves as a member of the Board of International Ministries of American Baptist Churches in the USA, wherein he has also held various other Board Memberships. He has held several memberships and distinctions in the Seattle Council of Churches; North Pacific Baptist Convention; Seattle Urban League; Seattle Human Rights Commission; the National and Seattle OIC.

A life member of the NAACP, Dr. McKinney is also a Prince Hall Mason 33rd Degree North Jurisdiction and has travelled in Africa, the Carribean, Europe and the Middle East.

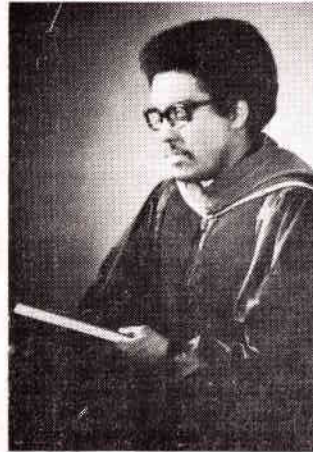


DR. ROBERT H. WILSON: PREACHER - Pastor of the St. John Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, Dr. Wilson also serves as the Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention of America. He holds the A. B. Degree from Benedict College, the B. D. Degree from Benedict School of Theology and Honorary Doctoral Degrees from Benedict School of Theology and Edward Waters College.

A native of Columbia, South Carolina, Dr. Wilson brings to these Lectures forty years of preaching and pastoral experiences which include churches in Columbia, South Carolina; Jacksonville, Florida and Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Wilson also serves as a Trustee of Bishop College; Chairman, Board of Trustees, Pastoral Widow's Trust Fund; Member of the Baptist World Alliance of Religious Liberty and Human Rights and Member of the Church World Service Committee of the National Council of Churches of Christ.

A nationally noted Preacher, Dr. Wilson has also traveled in the Holy Land, Western Europe and Africa.



DR. JULIUS R. SCRUGGS: BANQUET SPEAKER - Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Huntsville, Alabama, Dr. Scruggs also brings a wealth of intellect and experiences to our Lectures. He holds the B. A. Degree from American Baptist Theological Seminary; the M. Div. and D. Min. degrees from Vanderbilt School of Divinity and has done post graduate study at Purdue University - Northwest Campus.

Dr. Scruggs has twenty years of pastoral experience at churches in Harvest, Alabama; Nashville, Tennessee; East Chicago, Indiana and in Huntsville, Alabama. He has also served several noted positions in Denominational Work including Professor of Old Testament at American Baptist College; Writer of Sunday School Literature for the National Baptist Publishing Board; Author of Meditations on the Church and Baptist Preachers with Social Consciousness: A Comparative Study of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Harry Emerson Fosdick.

Dr. Scruggs has also lectured at American Baptist College; Depauw University; Calumet College; Alabama A and M University; University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa and Huntsville, and Oakwood College.

PROGRAM PERSONALITIES

- REV. JAMES K. ALEXANDER ('72)-----Pastor, Cleveland Street Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.
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- BLACK MASS CHOIR-----Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee.
- REV. IAN BETHEL-----President, Student Body, American Baptist College and Seminary.
- DR. CHARLES E. BODDIE-----President, American Baptist College and Seminary .
- REV. PAUL CALLOWAY-----Minister of Social Concerns, First Baptist Church Capitol Hill, Nashville, Tennessee
- REV. ANTHONY CARROLL-----Senior, American Baptist College and Seminary.
- REV. ROBERT DONALD-----Junior, American Baptist College and Seminary.
- DR. NEHEMIAH DOUGLAS ('58)-----Associate Professor, Bible and Theology, Black History, American Baptist Coll. and Seminary; Pastor Ebenezer Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.
- REV. J. H. FLAKES ("68)-----President, Alumni Association; Pastor, Fourth Street Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia.
- REV. J. F. GRIMMETT-----Assistant Professor and Director of Pastoral Studies; Coordinator of Student Affairs, American Baptist College and Seminary.

REV. SAMUEL W. HALE, JR. ('66)-----Director, Department of Seminary Extension,
American Baptist College and Seminary.

REV. FRANK O. HOCKENHULL-----Pastor, First Trinity Baptist Church, Flint, Michigan.

REV. WELLINGTON JOHNSON-----Instructor, Department of History and Social Sciences; Editor
Intermediate Quarterly, National Baptist Publishing Board; Pastor, Little Flock Baptist
Church, Louisville, Kentucky

DR. RICHARD LUCAS-----Chairman, Department of Bible and Theology and Professor of Church
History, American Baptist College and Seminary

REV. ROSS MCLAREN-----Assistant Professor, Department of Bible and Philosophy,
American Baptist College and Seminary.

REV. WALTER MALONE-----Senior, American Baptist College and Seminary;
Pastor, Eighth Street Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

REV. WILLIAM MOSS-----Junior, American Baptist College and Seminary.

REV. OTIS B. SMITH-----Pastor, First Baptist Church, Tuscumbia, Alabama.

DR. HARMON STOCKDALE-----Pastor, Spruce Street Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee;
Moderator, Stones River District Association.

REV. JAMES C. TURNER, SR. ('79)-----Pastor, New Hope Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

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