

Twenty-second Annual

GARNETT - NABRIT LECTURES



Dr. J. H. Garnett



Dr. J. M. Nabrit

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is not likely that either Dr. James Henry Garnett or Dr. James Madison Nabrit ever dreamed that they would be enshrined in Baptists' memories by way of a famous lectureship bearing their names at ABT. The legacy of our school has been further enriched by other well-known names that have graced the sacred roster which has so remarkably served the Garnett-Nabrit Series through years.

However, the real heroes in this dramatic procession of enlightenment and inspiration are those who own the name of the alumni and the alumnae of ABT., who, year after year, return to the Holy Hill for spiritual guidance and uplift in order to better administer their affairs as workmen who needeth not to be ashamed.

WELCOME and Keep Coming!

Dr. Charles E. Boddie

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

In the name of our risen Lord, greetings. It is always refreshing and inspiring when we are planning for the lecture. Out of the planning session comes the great anticipation of genuine fellowship with old friends and new friends, and the great expectation of spiritual uplift that will come from preaching, lecturing, singing and praying. It is through the reality of these sessions that I gain new strength for the task that lies ahead.

Thus, I thank God for you, your attendance, and support in making the lecture so meaningful.

Reverend J. H. Flakes

GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Peace Be Unto You All -

Mere words are inadequate to express the fullness of our joy and thankfulness for your sharing in this twenty-second annual Garnett-Nabrit Lecture Series.

During this Lenten Season we are all the more minded to give thanks for the greatest gift known to men - Jesus our Christ. Your presence and participation adds to our reasons for thanksgiving for we are able to share with you the blessings of the insights, wisdom, concern and witness from two of God's servants in the vineyard.

We trust that you will be challenged to commitment, encouraged toward enlightenment and motivated towards maturity as we take a good hard look at The Preacher and his roles as a Prophet, a Priest and as a Person.

If during your stay with us, we can better aid you in any way please feel free to make your request known and we will do our utmost to make your stay as pleasant as possible.

Reverend 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

SERIES	LECTURER	PREACHER	ALUMNI ORATOR
1958	Dr. HenLee H. Barnett Dr. Clyde T. Francisco Dr. W. Kendrick Grobel Dr. I. H. Henderson, Jr. Dr. Robert E. Penn Dr. E. A. McDowell Dr. Wayne E. Oates Dr. Garland K. Offutt Dr. William H. Morton Dr. John W. Williams Rev. V. A. Edwards Dr. Foy Valentine Dr. Edwin T. Johnston Dr. Melvin H. Watson Dr. John J. Owens Dr. H. Clayton Waddell Dr. John M. Ellison Dr. Samuel Southard Dr. Kyle Haselden Dr. Dale Moody Dr. Victor T. Glass Dr. Clarence Jordan Mrs. James W. Salley ('56)	Rev. William J. Harvey, III Rev. J. Royster Powell Rev. Ceasar A. W. Clark Rev. I. S. Powell Rev. M. H. Ribbins ('45) Rev. L. Juan Hurt Dr. T. J. Jemison Dr. P. E. Henderson Dr. T. E. Huntley Dr. D. C. Washington Dr. William R. Haney Dr. H. C. Nabrit Dr. Roland O. Hudson Dr. Sandy F. Ray Dr. Thomas Kilgore Dr. Edward A. Freeman Dr. Carlyle Marney Dr. James B. Cayce Dr. Gene E. Bartlett Dr. Benjamin E. Mays Dr. Odie M. Hoover ('49) Dr. Sandy F. Ray Dr. Fredrick G. Sampson Dr. Manuel L. Scott Rev. Raymond F. Harvey Dr. Artis Grant Kendrick ('41) Dr. C.A.W. Clark	Rev. Enoch Jones ('57) Rev. W. O. Wells ('57) Rev. William K. Richardson ('58) Rev. G. Calvin McCutcheon ('50) Dr. A. G. Kendrick ('41) Rev. Bernard LaFayette, Jr. ('69) Rev. John Lewis ('61) Rev. C. T. Vivian ('60) Dr. Harcourt W. Brown ('38) Dr. Odie M. Hoover ('49) Rev. Solomon Gort ('62) Rev. Nigel L. McPherson ('58) Rev. Wilbur N. Daniel ('49) Rev. Walter B. Rouse ('48) Dr. Stanley S. Hodges ('48) Rev. Riggins R. Earl ('66) Rev. John F. Cunningham ('65) Mrs. Sarah R. Townsend ('57) Rev. John H. Rouse ('62)
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1970	Dr. Don B. McCoy Dr. Lucious Tobin Dr. Phale D. Hale Dr. Clyde T. Francisco		
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1973	Dr. Wayne E. Oates		
1974	Dr. George D. Kelsey		
1975	Dr. Carl H. Marbury		
1976	Dr. Samuel D. Proctor		
1977	Dr. Bobby Joe Saucer		
1978	Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson		
1979	Dr. Floyd Massey		

FOCUS

Into the hands of men has been entrusted one of the most important components in the Divine Plan of Salvation- Preaching the Gospel. The Scriptures echo the uniqueness of this task - "how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and brings glad tidings of good things!" Preaching and Preachers are unique. They are God's chosen means of bringing Man into harmonious relations with God.

Thousands have been called into the Preaching ministry. Some have forfeited that unique Calling, unable or unwilling to endure the burdensome responsibilities which accompany it. Still others have misused the purpose and carved out for themselves mini-kingdoms and many followers. These realities compel us to take a closer look at the Preacher in order to better understand and reaffirm the Biblical and Theological nature of the creature.

Thus our theme THE PREACHER: PROPHET, PRIEST AND PERSON shall serve as our springboard as we explore, investigate, dissect and observe the various aspects of the most unique task of mankind - Preaching the Gospel. We will seek to better understand the Prophetic role of the Preacher as he confronts men with the Word of God. We will strive to be enlightened to the Priestly role of the Preacher as he helps men to face God. And we will struggle to comprehend the Personal role of the Preacher as he dares come to grips with himself.

Hopefully a deeper insight to the Preacher will help us all render a better effort in our Preaching of the Gospel.

GARNETT-NABRIT LECTURES

ORDER OF EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1979

7:30 P.M. ABT Choir in Concert

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1979

9:00 A.M. REGISTRATION

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE, Tabernacle on the Hill
 Rev. Samuel W. Hale, ('66) Worship Leader
 Meditation in Music
 Call to Worship
 Invocation
 Hymn of Praise
 Observations
 Special Music Seminary Chorus
 Presentation of Preacher
 Scripture
 SERMON Dr. C.A.W. Clark
 Hymn of Commitment
 Benediction

12:00 Noon LUNCH

1:30 P.M. LECTURE I, Tabernacle on the Hill
 Dr. C. E. Boddie, Presiding

 Hymn
 Prayer
 Observations
 Presentation of Lecturer
 LECTURE Dr. Floyd Massey
 Interaction Session
 Interactors- Rev. Wellington Johnson ('72)
 Rev. Edwin Sanders
 Dr. Nehemiah Douglas ('58)

 Hymn of Reflection
 Closing Prayer

3:30 P.M. ALUMNI MEETING NATIONAL ABT

5:00 P.M. DINNER

7:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE, Tabernacle on the Hill
 Rev. J. F. Grimmett, Worship Leader
 Rev. Marcel Kellar, Worship Assistant
 Call to Worship
 Invocation
 Hymn of Praise
 Observations
 Special Music Mt. Olive Baptist Church Choir

Presentation of Preacher
Scripture
SERMON Dr. C.A.W. Clark
Hymn of Commitment
- Benediction

9:30 P.M. ALUMNI WORSHIP SERVICE
Roger Heights Baptist Church
Rev. Curtis Goodwin, ('78) Pastor
Watson Grove Baptist Church Choir

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1979

8:00 A.M. EXTENSION DEPARTMENT BREAKFAST, Howard Johnson
Dr. James E. Garmon, ('67) Dean
Youngstown Extension Unit
Youngstown, Ohio

9:00 A.M. REGISTRATION

9:30 A.M. LECTURE II, Tabernacle on the Hill
Dr. Richard Lucas, Presiding

Hymn
Prayer
Observations
Presentation of Lecturer
LECTURE Dr. Floyd Massey
Forum Sessions

I. "The Preacher as a Prophet"
Resource Person: Dr. Amos Jones ('69)
Convener: Rev. Ed Robinson

II. "The Preacher as a Priest"
Resource Person: Rev. Michael L. Graves ('68)
Convener: Rev. Enoch Fuzz

III. "The Preacher as a Person"
Resource Person: Dr. John G. Corey
Convener: Rev. Jesse Williams

1:30 P.M. LECTURE III, Tabernacle on the Hill
Mrs. Annabelle Jones, Presiding

Hymn
Prayer
Observations
Presentation of Lecturer
LECTURE Dr. Floyd Massey
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, Tabernacle on the Hill
Rev. J. F. Grimmett, Worship Leader
Dr. James A. Campbell, Worship Assistant

Meditation in Music
Call to Worship
Invocation
Hymn of Praise
Observations
Special Music First Baptist Church East Nashville Choir
Presentation of Preacher
Scripture
SERMON Dr. C.A.W. Clark
Hymn of Commitment
Benediction

9:30 P.M. ALUMNI WORSHIP SERVICE
Roger Heights Baptist Church
Speaker: Rev. Mark Sadler, ('74) Pastor
Mt. Ararat Baptist Church Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1979

9:00 A.M. REGISTRATION

10:00 A.M. LECTURE IV, Tabernacle on the Hill
Dr. Don B. McCoy, Presiding

Scripture
Prayer
Observations
Presentation of Lecturer
LECTURE Dr. Floyd Massey
Panel Discussion Dr. Amos Jones ('69)
..... Rev. Michael Graves ('68)
..... Dr. John Corey

Benediction

12:00 Noon LUNCH

1:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE, Tabernacle on the Hill
Reverend J. H. Flakes, ('68) Worship Leader
Reverend Ross Shanklin, Worship Assistant

Meditation in Music
Call to Worship
Invocation
Hymn of Praise
Observations
Special Music Seminary Chorus
Presentation of Preacher
Scripture
SERMON Dr. C.A.W. Clark
Hymn of Commitment
Remarks
Benediction

3:00 P.M. ALUMNI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 P.M. ALUMNI BANQUET, Ramada Inn, North
Rev. John H. Rouse ('62), 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. FLOYD MASSEY, JR: LECTURER - A native of the Carolinas, Dr. Massey is Pastor of the Macedonia Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California. His thirty-five years of pastoral experience also includes a twenty-one year pastorate at the Pilgrim Baptist Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. Dr. Massey holds the A.B. and honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C. and B.D., M. Div and D. Min. degrees from Colgate Rochester Divinity School.

Dr. Massey has taught American History and Economics in the Columbia, S.C. high school system. He has also co-authored (with Samuel B. McKinney) the Judson Press publication CHURCH ADMINISTRATION IN BLACK PERSPECTIVE.

He has held presidential offices in the Minnesota Convention of National Baptist Churches; the Foreign Mission Societies of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. and of the American Baptist Churches of the Pacific Southwest. He has also served as Vice-President of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. and former member of the Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc; Executive Committee of the General Board of the American Baptist Churches U.S.A.

Currently Dr. Massey serves as Vice President and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board member of the Nominations Committee of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A.; President of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Baptist City Society and a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Baptist Theological Seminary.



DR. C.A.W. CLARK: PREACHER - The Pastor of the Good Street Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, Dr. Clark also serves as the President of the B.M. and E. Convention of Texas; Executive Editor of the NATIONAL BAPTIST VOICE; member of the Board of Trustees of Bishop College.

Dr. Clark also holds membership on numerous boards and committees including the Bi-Racial Committee of Dallas; Board of Directors of the Greater Dallas Council of Churches; Urban Affairs Committee of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce; Dallas Chapter of O.I.C.; and the Smithsonian Institute.

A member of the Paul Drayton Lodge #9 - Dale Consistory #31-Zakrat Temple #164 and a 33rd Degree Mason, Dr. Clark is also the Most-Worshipful Chaplain of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge.



REV. JOHN H. ROUSE: BANQUET SPEAKER - A native of Nashville, Tennessee is Pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in East St. Louis, Illinois, A graduate of American Baptist Theological Seminary, holding the B.D. and B. Th. Degrees. Rev. Rouse also did post-graduate studies at Tennessee A & I State University, Austin Peay State University, George Peabody College and Murray State University. His twenty-one years of pastoral experience includes pastorates in Nashville, Tennessee; Scattersville, Tennessee; Clarksville, Tennessee; Henderson, Kentucky and E. St. Louis, Illinois.

Rev. Rouse has taught at the elementary and high school level in the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System; coached football and track; directed the Adult Education program for the South Kentucky Middle Tennessee District Association; served as Audio Visual Aid Specialist and Faculty Instructor. He has also held various offices and membership on numerous boards, commissions and committees including the NAACP; the YMCA; the PTA both the Clarksville Montgomery County and the Henderson County Human Relations Commission; Green River Valley District Association of Kentucky Baptists and the First Congressional District Democratic Executive Committee of Henderson, Kentucky. He also served as a Delegate to the National Democratic Convention in Miami Beach in 1972.

Currently Rev. Rouse serves as Instructor for the Illinois Baptist Institute; the New Salem District Congress of Christian Education and the Baptist General State Congress of Christian Education of Illinois; Trustee and Secretary of the Board of State Community College and Member of the Advisory Committee for Southern Illinois University, East St. Louis Campus.

PROGRAM PERSONALITIES

- DR. CHARLES E. BODDIE** - President, American Baptist College and Seminary.
- DR. JAMES A. CAMPBELL** - Associate Professor, Biology and Director of Natural Science and Mathematics Department, American Baptist College and Seminary; Pastor, First Baptist Church East Nashville, Nashville, Tennessee.
- DR. JOHN G. COREY** - Director, Pastoral Services, Meharry Medical College.
- DR. NEHEMIAH DOUGLAS ('58)** - Associated Professor, Bible and Theology, Black History, American Baptist College and Seminary; Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.
- REVEREND J. H. FLAKES ('68)** - President, Alumni Association; Pastor, Fourth Street Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia.
- REVEREND ENOCH FUZZ** - Senior, American Baptist College and Seminary.
- DR. JAMES E. GARMON ('67)** - Pastor, Second Baptist Church, Steubenville, Ohio.
- REVEREND CURTIS GOODWIN ('78)** - Pastor, Watson Grove Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.
- REVEREND J. F. GRIMMETT** - Assistant Professor and Director of Pastoral Studies; Coordinator of Student Affairs, American Baptist College and Seminary.

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

REVEREND WELLINGTON JOHNSTON ('72) - Pastor, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Smyrna, Tennessee; Instructor, Department of History and Social Sciences; Editor, Intermediate Quarterly, National Baptist Publishing Board.

DR. AMOS JONES ('69) - Pastor, Westwood Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee and Director of Christian Education, National Baptist Sunday School Publishing Board.

MRS. ANNABELLE J. JONES - Academic Dean-Registrar, American Baptist College and Seminary.

REV. MARCEL KELLAR - Pastor, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

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

DR. DON B. McCOY - Director, Department of Philosophy; Professor of Philosophy and Education, American Baptist College and Seminary; Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dickson, Tennessee.

REVEREND ED ROBINSON - Senior, American Baptist College and Seminary.

REVEREND MARK SADLER ('74) - Pastor, Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

REVEREND EDWIN SANDERS - Dean of Chapel, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee.

REVEREND ROSS SHANKLIN - Senior; Student Body President, American Baptist College and Seminary.

REVEREND JESSE WILLIAMS - Senior; President, Senior Class, American Baptist College and Seminary.

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1. We love thee, Al - ma Ma - ter, the school we cher - ish so, The
2. (The) world will praise each stu - dent where - ev - er he may go, Thy
3. (The) mem - 'ry of thy teach - ers shall lin - ger in our hearts, The

world will read thy da - ta where - ev - er we may go. Thy
walls have made them pru - dent be - cause they love thee so. They'll
words of all thy preach - ers shall bat - tle Sa - tan's darts. We'll

words we'll nev - er al - ter, we'll nev - er, nev - er fal - ter In
ne'er for - get the plea - sures, the care and pre - cious trea - sures Of
hon - or thee for - ev - er, for - sake thee nev - er, nev - er, For

show - ing forth thy faith - ful - ness, A. B. T. S. 2. The
all thy love and right - eous - ness, A. B. T. S. 3. The
e'er we'll sing thy bless - ed - ness, A. B. T. S.

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