

ALMA MATER

A. B. T. S.

Words and Music by
C. O. INGE

Moderato
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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

p-f

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 arts. 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 treas - ures 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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Thirty-first Annual Garnett - Nabrit Lectures



Dr. J. H. Garnett



Dr. J. M. Nabrit

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LEST WE FORGET



GARNETT, JAMES HENRY—Clergyman, Educator b. Carter Place-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) Mormon Park, Illinois Theological Course (B.D. 1886); Selma University (D.D. 1891); Arkansas Baptist College (I.L.D. 1926); President, Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Arkansas 1896-87; President and Co-founder, Guadalupe, 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, 1927-30; 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 beaconlight 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.¹



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 groundwork for this institution was laid during his administration. Dr. Nabrit resigned in order to resume the pastorate in Atlanta, Georgia. He died there in 1947.²

¹Ruth Marie Powell, LIGHTS AND SHADOWS (Nashville: 1964) p. 158.

²Ibid, 160.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings! To each of you who has come to share in this Thirty-first annual session of the Garnett-Nabrit Lectures, we highly appreciate your presence. It is our tradition to invite some of the greatest pulpiteers in our time. This is a tradition we have had the pleasure of upholding over the years.

This year is no exception. Our preachers and lecturers are Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., Dr. Vincent McCutcheon, Dr. Negil McPherson and Dr. Johnnie Flakes. We know you will not be disappointed.

In so many different ways American Baptist College continues to grow. Enrollment is up, our faculty and staff have been strengthened and we continue to find ways to respond to challenges that confront us. Please feel at home with us and feel free to become more familiar with what the College has to offer. Our faculty, staff and students would be more than happy to assist you in any way.

May God bless you.

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II 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.

There was also an Annual Conference on Pastoral Problems held in November, 1937, and 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-directorship of Professor Joseph M. Conley, Director of 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	BANQUET SPEAKER
1958	Dr. Henlee H. Barnett Dr. Clyde T. Francisco Dr. W. Kendrick Groebel	Rev. William J. Harvey, III Rev. J. Royster Powell	
1959	Dr. I. H. Henderson, Jr. Dr. Robert E. Penn Dr. E. A. McDowell Dr. Wayne E. Oates	Rev. Ceasar A. W. Clark Rev. I. S. Poveil Rev. M. H. Ribbins ('45)	
1960	Dr. William H. Morton Dr. John W. Williams	Rev. L. Juan Burt Dr. T. J. Jemison	
1961	Rev. V. A. Edwards Dr. Foy Valentine	Dr. P. E. Henderson	
1962	Dr. Edwin T. Johnston Dr. Melvin H. Watson	Dr. T. F. Huntley Dr. D. C. Washington	
1963	Dr. John J. Owens Dr. H. Clayton Waddell	Dr. William R. Haney	
1964	Dr. John M. Ellison Dr. Samuel Southard	Dr. H. C. Nabrit	Rev. Enoch Jones ('57)
1965	Dr. Kyle Haselden	Dr. Roland O. Hudson	Rev. W. O. Wells ('57)
1966	Dr. Dale Moody	Dr. Sandy F. Ray	Rev. William K. Richardson ('58)
1967	Dr. Victor T. Glass	Dr. Thomas Kilgore	Dr. G. Calvin McOutcheon ('50)
1968	Dr. Clarence Jordan	Dr. Edward A. Freeman	Dr. A. G. Kendrick ('41)
1969	Mrs. James W. Sailey ('56)	Dr. Carlyle Harney	Rev. Bernard Lafayette, Jr. ('69)
1970	Dr. Don B. McCoy Dr. Lucious Tobin	Dr. James B. Cayce	Rev. John Lewis ('61)
1971	Dr. Phale D. Hale	Dr. Gene E. Barlett	Rev. C. T. Vivian ('60)
1972	Dr. Clyde T. Francisco	Dr. Benjamin E. Mays	Dr. Harcourt W. Brown ('38)
			Dr. Odie M. Hoover ('49)
			Rev. Solomon Gott ('62)

Garnett-Nabrit Lecture Speakers

(Continued)

SERIES	LECTURER	PREACHER	BANQUET SPEAKER
1973	Dr. Wayne E. Oates	Dr. Odie M. Hoover ('49)	Rev. Negil L. McPherson ('58)
1974	Dr. George D. Kelsey	Dr. Sandy F. Ray	Rev. Wilbur N. Daniel ('49)
1975	Dr. Carl H. Marbury	Dr. Frederick G. Sampson	Rev. Walter B. Rouse ('48)
1976	Dr. Samuel D. Proctor	Dr. Manuel L. Scott	Dr. Stanley S. Hodges ('48)
1977	Dr. Bobby Joe Saucer	Rev. Raymond F. Harvey	Rev. Riggins R. Earl ('66)
1978	Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson	Dr. Artis Grant Kendrick ('41)	Rev. John F. Cunningham ('65)
1979	Dr. Floyd Massey	Dr. C. A. W. Clark	Mrs. Sarah R. Townsend ('57)
1980	Dr. Samuel B. McKinney	Dr. Robert H. Wilson	Rev. John H. Rouse ('62)
1981	Dr. Harvey G. Cox	Dr. Edward V. Hill	Dr. Julius R. Scruggs ('65)
1982	Dr. Charles W. Butler	Dr. Cameron M. Alexander	Rev. Earl M. Brown ('55)
1983	Dr. Mack King Carter	Dr. Albert Louis Patterson	Dr. Granville Smith ('72)
1984	Dr. Gardner C. Taylor	Dr. Theodore J. Jemison	Rev. Nathaniel J. Brockman ('57)
1985	Dr. Julius Scruggs ('65)	Dr. Fred C. Lofton	Rev. Floyd Prude ('73)
1986	Dr. William J. Shaw	Dr. William A. Jones	Dr. Vincent McCutcheon ('68)
1987	Dr. Charles Emerson Boddie	Dr. E. Edward Jones	Elder Dennis Ward ('71)
1988	Rev. Negil McPherson ('58)	Dr. Vincent McCutcheon ('68)	Dr. James Earl Garmon ('67)
			Dr. Johnnie H. Flakes, Jr. ('68)

Focus

As each has received a gift, employ it for another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: Whoever speaks, as one who utters oracles of God; whoever renders service, as one who renders it by the strength which God supplies; in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong Glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:10,11

The 1988 Lectures is the third in a series of Lectures exploring the theme, "Christian Education and Church Growth." The emphasis this year is on "Stewardship."

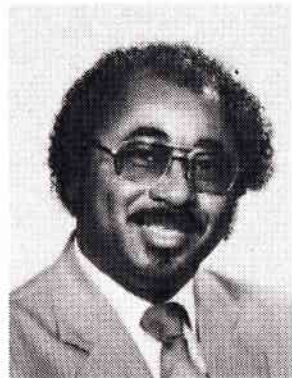
Our lecturer this year is Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., Pastor of the Olivet Institutional Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio. The preacher is Dr. Vincent McCutcheon, Pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church, East Chicago, Indiana.



Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., Pastor of the Olivet Institutional Baptist Church, Cleveland Ohio, serves as our lecturer. Dr. Moss received his B.A. from Morehouse College, and his Master of Divinity from the Morehouse School of Religion, both in Atlanta, GA. He has served in many capacities including as a consultant at Camp David with President Jimmy Carter in 1979 and as a National Chairman of Operation PUSH, an organization founded by the Reverend Jesse Jackson. Dr. Moss in addition to his current pastorate served as co-Pastor, with Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr. at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. He is well respected among his peers having been selected one of the "15 Greatest Black Preachers in America" by Ebony Magazine. Dr. Moss is married to the former Edwina Hudson Smith, and they have three children.



Dr. Vincent Leroy McCutcheon, ('69), Pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church, East Chicago, Indiana, serves as our preacher. Dr. McCutcheon has received two degrees from American Baptist College, the B.A. in 1968 and the Th.B. in 1969. He has also received the Master of Divinity Degree from Vanderbilt University and has completed the course work towards the Ph.D. degree. Dr. McCutcheon has had a continuing relationship with his Alma Mater including serving as an instructor and as campus minister, and currently serves as the Dean of the East Chicago Extension of ABC. Dr. McCutcheon has been much involved with denominational work at many levels. This includes his serving as the Vice-President of the Congress of Christian Education for the Midwest Region of the Progressive National Baptist Convention. Dr. McCutcheon is married to Margie McCutcheon.



Dr. J. F. Flakes, Jr., ('68), Pastor of the Fourth Street Baptist Church, Columbus, GA and the Good Hope Baptist Church, Phenix City, AL, serves as the Alumni Banquet Speaker. Dr. Flakes received his B.A. from the College in 1968. He has also received an Honorary Doctorate from B.A.Lee Theological Seminary on the campus of Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, FL. Dr. Flakes honors the College in an extraordinary way by serving as Chairman of its Board of Trustees. Dr. Flakes has been selected to many ministerial and civic capacities. One of these is his serving as President of the General Missionary Baptist Congress of Christian Education of the State of Georgia. He has also traveled extensively throughout the world. Dr. Flakes is married to Rovena Flakes and the father of three children.

GARNETT-NABRIT LECTURES

ORDER OF EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1988

7:00 P.M.

MUSICAL
Featuring The American Baptist College Choir
at Faith-United Baptist Church
2800 Whites Creek Pike

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1988

8:30 A.M.

Registration

10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE
in American Baptist College Chapel

Liturgists: Professor Kelly M. Smith, Jr.
Mr. Odell Hughes ('88)

Prelude:

Call to Worship:

Hymn of Praise: "To God Be The Glory"

Invocation:

Announcements:

Presentation of the Preacher:
Dr. Odell McGlothian, Sr.

Scripture: II Kings 7:1-4

Special Music: American Baptist College Choir

Sermon: "The Stewardship of Puny Possibilities"
Dr. Vincent McCutcheon ('69)
Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church
East Chicago, Indiana

Hymn of Commitment:

Benediction:

12:00 Noon

Lunch

Tuesday, March 22 (Con't)

1:30 P.M. LECTURE I
in American Baptist College Chapel
Presiding: Dr. Bernard LaFayette, Jr. ('69)
Mr. James Lewis ('88)
Hymn: "He Lives"
Prayer:
Presentation of Lecturer:
Dr. Odell McGlothian, Sr.
Lecture: Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.
Pastor, Olivet Institutional
Baptist Church
2:30 P.M. Discussion Session:
5:00 P.M. Dinner
7:00 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICES
at Faith-United Baptist Church
Liturgists: The Reverend George Brooks, Sr. ('82)
Mr. Pedro Basden ('89)
Prelude:
Call To Worship:
Hymn Of Praise: "No Not One"
Invocation:
Special Music: Cedar Grove Baptist Church
Mt. Juliet, TN
Presentation of Preacher:
Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16
Special Music: Cedar Grove Baptist Church
Sermon: "Stewardship in Metaphors"
Dr. Vincent McCutcheon ('69)
Hymn of Commitment:
Benediction:
10:00 P.M. Alumni Worship Services
at Jefferson Street Missionary Baptist Church
Reverend Floyd Prude ('73)
Pastor, Emanuel Baptist Church
Beloit, WS

Wednesday, March 23, 1988

7:30 A.M. SEMINARY EXTENSION BREAKFAST
at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge
2401 Brick Church Pike
Speaker: The Reverend L. E. Freeman
Dean, Jackson, TN Extension Unit
8:30 A.M. Registration
9:30 A.M. LECTURE II
in American Baptist College Chapel
Presiding: Professor Melvia Russell
Mr. Cedric Jackson ('90)
Hymn: "To Worship, Work and Witness"
Scripture:
Prayer:
Presentation of Lecturer:
Lecture: Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.
10:30 A.M. Discussion Session:
12:00 Noon Lunch
1:30 P.M. LECTURE III
in American Baptist College Chapel
Presiding: Professor Richard Lucas
Ms. Margaret Kartwe ('90)
Hymn: "Oh, How I Love Jesus"
Scripture: Psalm 90:1-10,12
Prayer:
Presentation of Lecturer:
Lecture: "Reflection on The Anatomy of Stewardship
for Christian Education and Church Growth"
Dr. Vincent McCutcheon ('69)
2:30 P.M. Discussion Session:
3:30 P.M. National Alumni Association Meeting
5:00 P.M. Dinner

APPRECIATION

Thanks is expressed to all of the persons who have contributed their time, talents and resources for this Thirty-first Annual Garnett-Nabrit Lectures. Without you any measure of success that has been experienced during the Lectures would not have been possible. The names of some of these persons are listed below.

Mr. Pedro Basden ('89) Junior student

The Reverend George Brooks, Sr. ('82) Director, Christian Service
Pastor, St. James Baptist Church
Nashville, TN

The Reverend Larry Couch ('81) Business Manager
Pastor, Greater Pleasant View Baptist Church
Brentwood, TN

The Reverend L. E. Freeman Dean, Jackson, TN Extension Unit
Pastor, Bluff Springs Baptist Church
Milan, TN

The Professor J. F. Grimmett Dean of the Chapel

Mr. Odell Hughes ('88) President, SGA
Senior Student

Mr. Cedric Jackson ('90) Sophomore Student

The Reverend Terwileger Jenkins ('90) Sophomore Student
Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church
Guntown, MS

Mr. Patrick Jennings ('88) President, Senior Class

Ms. Margaret Kartwe ('90) Sophomore Student

Dr. Bernard LaFayette, Jr. ('69) Vice-President for Academic Affairs
Pastor, Westminister Presbyterian Church
Tuskegee, AL

The Reverend James Lewis ('88) President, Baptist Student Union
Senior Student
Pastor, New Testament Baptist Church
Columbus, GA

Professor Richard Lucas Director, Church Vocation Division

Mr. Jeffrey MaGee ('91) President, Freshman Class

Dr. Odell McGlothian, Sr. President, American Baptist College
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Hendersonville, TN

The Reverend Floyd Prude ('73) President, National Alumni Association
Pastor, Emanuel Baptist Church
Beloit, WS

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The Reverend Patrick Smith Director, College Choir
Pastor, Cedar Grove Baptist Church
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