

American Baptist College At A Glance

Location

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Degrees Granted

B.A., Th.B.

President

Odell McGlothian, Sr., Ed.D., D.D.

Founded

1924 under the name and charter of the American Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1971 the school became an accredited four-year undergraduate Bible College now known as American Baptist College.

Affiliation

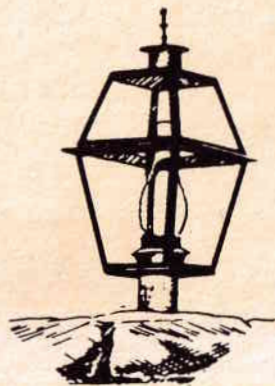
National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
Southern Baptist Convention

Fields of Study

A divisional major in Biblical-Theological studies is required. Also a major in Pastoral Ministries or Social Science is offered.

Accreditation

Accredited member of the American Association of Bible Colleges. Authorized by the State of Tennessee. Approved by applicable Federal agencies.



Garnett - Nabrit Lectures



Dr. J. H. Garnett



Dr. J. M. Nabrit

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BAPTIST WORLD CENTER

The National Baptist World Center is a fulfillment of a dream of Dr. Theodore J. Jemison, President of our convention.

The building, adjacent to the American Baptist College campus, facilitates the College through the use of the classrooms, cafeteria and meeting spaces. This is a part of the continuing support Dr. Jemison is giving to the well-being of the College.

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) Mormon 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, 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, 1927-39; 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 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.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

I bring you greetings from the American Baptist College Community. For more than 6 1/2 decades the College has fulfilled its mission of providing quality education for ministers, church leaders, curriculum editors and writers, and other church workers. We are proud of our tradition of working with our churches in the servant role.

We appreciate the support we receive from alumni, supporters, and other friends during our annual Garnett-Nabrit Lectures. Over the years some of the most outstanding preachers and scholars have graced this series. We have also discovered that the Lectures have been a time when acquaintances are renewed, friendships are established and various kinds of reunions occur. We are honored to have that role in the lives of people.

Please always feel free to ask questions of our staff pertaining to the academic program and/or ways you can assist us in our further growth.

May God's richest blessings continually be bestowed upon you.

Sincerely,

Odell McGlothlin, Sr.

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President

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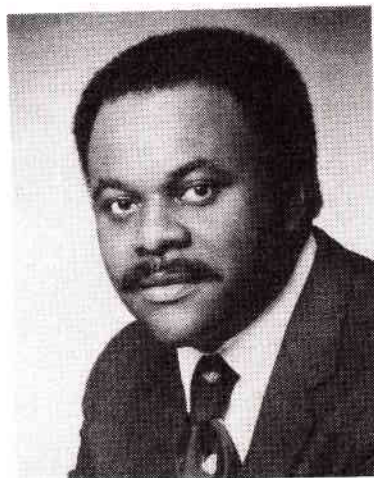


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HISTORY OF THE GARNETT-NABRIT LECTURES

"... 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

1958 Dr. Henlee H. Barnett
 Dr. Clyde T. Francisco
 Dr. W. Kendrick Groebel
 Dr. H. I. Henderson, Jr.
 Dr. Robert E. Penn
 Dr. E. A. McDowell
 Dr. Wayne 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 Haseldon
 Dr. Dale Moody
 Dr. Victor T. Glass
 Dr. Clarence Jordan
 Dr. Viviana Salley ('56)
 Dr. Don B. McCoy
 Dr. Lucious Tobin
 Dr. Phale D. Hale
 Dr. Clyde T. Francisco
 Dr. Wayne E. Oates
 Dr. George D. Kelsey
 Dr. Carl H. Marbury
 Dr. Samuel Proctor
 Dr. Bobby Joe Saucer
 Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson
 Dr. Floyd Massey

PREACHER

Rev. William Harvey, III
 Rev. J. Royster Powell
 Rev. Ceasar A. W. Clark
 Rev. I. S. Powell
 Rev. M. H. Robbins ('45)
 Rev. L. Juan Burt
 Dr. T. J. Jemison
 Dr. P. E. Henderson
 Dr. T. F. 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. Barlett
 Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
 Dr. Odie M. Hoover ('49)
 Dr. Sandy F. Ray
 Dr. Frederick G. Sampson
 Dr. Manuel L. Scott
 Rev. Raymond F. Harvey
 Dr. Artis Grant Kendrick ('41)
 Dr. C. A. W. Clark

BANQUET SPEAKER

Rev. Enoch Jones ('57)
 Rev. W. O. Wells ('57)
 Rev. William K. Richardson ('58)
 Dr. G. Calvin McCutcheon ('50)
 Dr. A. G. Kendrick ('41)
 Rev. Bernard LaFayette, Jr. ('69)
 Rev. John Lewis ('61)
 Rev. C. T. Vivian
 Dr. Harcourt W. Brown ('38)
 Dr. Odie M. Hoover ('49)
 Rev. Solomon Gort ('62)
 Rev. Negil McPherson ('58)
 Rev. Wilbur N. Daniel
 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)

SERIES

LECTURER

1980 Dr. Samuel B. McKinney
 1981 Dr. Harvey G. Cox
 1982 Dr. Charles W. Butler
 1983 Dr. Mack King Carter
 1984 Dr. Gardner C. Taylor
 1985 Dr. Julius Scruggs ('65)
 1986 Dr. William J. Shaw
 1987 Dr. Charles Emerson Boddie
 1988 Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.
 Rev. Negil McPherson ('58)
 Rev. E. K. Bailey
 Dr. Theodore J. Jemison

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PREACHER

Dr. Robert H. Wilson
 Dr. Edward V. Hill
 Dr. Cameron M. Alexander
 Dr. Albert Louis Patterson
 Dr. Theodore J. Jemison
 Dr. Fred C. Lofton
 Dr. William A. Jones
 Dr. E. Edward Jones
 Dr. Vincent McCutcheon ('68)
 Dr. Harry S. Wright
 Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson

BANQUET SPEAKER

Dr. Julius R. Scruggs ('65)
 Rev. Earl M. Brown ('55)
 Rev. Nathaniel J. Brockman ('57)
 Rev. Floyd Prude ('73)
 Dr. Vincent McCutcheon ('68)
 Elder Dennis Ward ('71)
 Dr. James Earl Garmon ('67)
 Dr. Johnnie H. Flakes, Jr. ('68)
 Dr. Nehemiah Douglas ('58)

Dr. Lawrence Kirby ('76)

Garnett-Nabrit Lecture Speakers

ALMA MATER

A. B. T. S.

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C. O. INGE

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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

F C7 F B^b F C7

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

F C7

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

F C7 F B^b F C7

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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