

ALMA MATER

A. B. T. S.

Words and Music by
C. O. INGE

Moderato

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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Thirtieth Annual Garnett - Nabrit Lectures



Dr. J. H. Garnett



Dr. J. M. Nabrit

THEME:

“Christian Education and Church Growth”
1987 Emphasis “Discipleship”

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President

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Coordinator

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.



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GREETING FROM THE PRESIDENT:

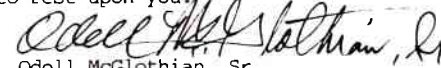
American Baptist College, a people place striving for excellence in Christian living and academic achievement, continues to move upward in a variety of ways. Each semester, more and more young men and women are seeking a quality education in a Christian environment. This has caused a steady increase in enrollment. We thank God for a strong faculty and dedicated staff who are committed to ABC and her mission.

We have seen an increase in the number of persons who financially support this institution. We believe this is because they see the necessity and recognize the growth of ABC. They want it to be tangibly known that they identify with a program that uplifts humanity.

Your coming to share with us as participants in the Garnett-Nabrit Lectures is another illustration of our upward mobility. You come because you are confident that you will participate in a blessing. Dr. Charles Emerson Boddie, president emeritus of the college; and Dr. E. Edward Jones, president of the National Baptist Convention of America are both more than capable of making this week extra-ordinarily significant.

We hope you will find time during your visit to find out more about the college and how you can assist us to achieve the goal of excellence in Christian living and academic achievement.

May God's blessings continue to rest upon you.


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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.

Garnett-Nabrit Lecture Speakers

SERIES

LECTURER

PREACHER

BANQUET SPEAKER

1958

Dr. Henlee H. Barnett
Dr. Clyde T. Francisco
Dr. W. Kendrick Groebel
Dr. I. H. Henderson, Jr.

Rev. William J. Harvey, III
Rev. J. Royster Powell

1959

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. Ceasar A. W. Clark
Rev. I. S. Powell
Rev. M. H. Ribbins ('45)
Rev. L. Juan Burt
Dr. T. J. Jemison
Dr. P. E. Henderson

1960

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)

Dr. T. F. Huntley
Dr. D. C. Washington
Dr. William R. Haney

1961

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. Enoch Jones ('57)

1962

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. 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 ('60)
Dr. Harcourt W. Brown ('38)

1964

Dr. Don B. McCoy
Dr. Lucious Tobin
Dr. Phale D. Hale
Dr. Clyde T. Francisco

Dr. James B. Cayce
Dr. Gene E. Barlett
Dr. Benjamin E. Mays

1971

Dr. Don B. McCoy
Dr. Lucious Tobin
Dr. Phale D. Hale
Dr. Clyde T. Francisco

Dr. Odie M. Hoover ('49)
Rev. Solomon Gort ('62)

1972

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

Garnett-Nabrit Lecture Speakers

(Continued)

SERIES	LECTURER	PREACHER	BANQUET SPEAKER
1973	Dr. Wayne E. Oates	Dr. Odie M. Hoover ('49)	Rev. Nigil 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. Edward V. Hill	Rev. Earl M. Brown ('55)
1983	Dr. Mack King Carter	Dr. Cameron M. Alexander	Dr. Granville Smith ('72)
1984	Dr. Gardner C. Taylor	Dr. Albert Louis Patterson	Rev. Nathaniel J. Brockman ('57)
1985	Dr. Julius Scruggs ('65)	Dr. Theodore J. Jemison	Rev. Floyd Prude ('73)
1986	Dr. William J. Shaw	Dr. Fred C. Lofton	Dr. Vincent McCutcheon ('68)
1987	Dr. Charles Emerson Boddie	Dr. William A. Jones	Elder Dennis Ward ('71)
		Dr. E. Edward Jones	Dr. James Earl Garmon ('67)

FOCUS

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like, but the man who looks intently into the perfect law, that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does.

James 1:22-25 (NIV)

The 1987 Lectures is the second in a series of Lectures exploring the general theme, "Christian Education and Church Growth". The emphasis this year is on "Discipleship". Our lecturer, Dr. Charles Emerson Boddie, will speak on the following topics:

I. Church Growth and Witness

II. Church Growth and Christology

III. Church Growth and Anecdotal Preaching

IV. Church Growth and Conflict

The four sermons during the Lectures will be delivered by Dr. E. Edward Jones, president of the National Baptist Convention of America.



Dr. Charles Emerson Boddie, president emeritus of American Baptist College and Chancellor since 1980, will be the guest lecturer. For seventeen years Dr. Boddie served as president of American Baptist College. Also, he has contributed to many religious publications and has published two books: A Giant in the Earth and God's Bad Boys. While a member of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies (1956), he spent more than four months inspecting foreign mission installations around the world. He holds the B.D. from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, the M.S. from the University of Rochester and an Honorary Doctor's degree from Keuka College. Presently, he is an active member in Nashville's First Baptist Church Capitol Hill and in the National Conference of Christians and Jews.



Dr. E. Edward Jones, will be the preacher. He is president of the National Baptist Convention of America and pastor of Galilee Baptist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana. Dr. Jones holds degrees from Grambling College, Bishop College and United Theological Seminary. He has had conferred upon him five Honorary Doctor's degrees. As a national evangelist, he has traveled extensively in the United States and abroad. His travels abroad include Central and South America, Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Dr. James Earl Garmon ('67) is the pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, PA. He received his B.A. from American Baptist College, M. Div. from Colgate Rochester Divinity School, D.D. from Morris College and a Ph.D. from New World Bible Institute.

Dr. Garmon serves in many state and local positions within and beyond Baptists organizations. Among these are secretary of the Allegheny Union Baptist Association, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention Board of Evangelism and President of the Pittsburgh/Lawrenceville Community Black Pastor's Alliance.

Dr. Garmon has traveled through Europe and North America. He is married and has two sons.



GARNETT-NABRIT LECTURES

ORDER OF EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1987

7:30 P.M.

MUSICAL

Featuring Mr. Gerald Dixon
and the American Baptist College Choir

at Faith-United Baptist Church
2800 Whites Creek Pike

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1987

9:00 A.M. Registration

10:00 A.M. **WORSHIP SERVICES**
in American Baptist College Chapel

Liturgists: Professor Kelly M. Smith, Jr.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise - #10 "O How I Love Jesus"

Invocation

Announcements

Presentation of the Preacher:
President Odell McGlothian, Sr.

Scripture -

Special Music: American Baptist College Choir

Sermon Dr. E. Edward Jones
President, National Baptist Convention of America

Hymn of Commitment

Benediction

12:00 Noon Lunch

Tuesday, March 17 (Con't)

**1:30 P.M. LECTURE I
in American Baptist College Chapel**

Presiding: Mrs. Sarah Brooks ('87)

Hymn - #385 "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Prayer

Presentation of Lecturer: President Odell McGlothian, Sr.

Lecture "Church Growth and Witness"
Dr. Charles Emerson Boddie
President Emeritus, American Baptist College

2:30 P.M. Discussion Session Dean Don McCoy, Presiding

3:30 P.M. National Alumni Association Meeting

5:00 P.M. Dinner

**7:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICES
at Faith-United Baptist Church**

Liturgists: The Reverend Walter Malone ('80)
Mr. Odell Hughes ('88)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise - #23 "Blessed Assurance"

Invocation

Special Music:

Presentation of Preacher

Scripture

Special Music:

Sermon Dr. E. Edward Jones

Hymn of Commitment

Benediction

10:00 P.M. Alumni Worship Services
Jefferson Street Missionary Baptist Church
The Reverend Negil McPherson ('58), preaching
Pilgrim Baptist Church
Omaha, Nebraska

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1987

7:30 A.M. SEMINARY EXTENSION BREAKFAST

Andy Jacks Restaurant
300 West Trinity Lane

Speaker: Reverend Nathaniel Calhoun
Dean, Saginaw, Michigan Extension Unit

8:30 A.M. Registration

**9:30 A.M. LECTURE II
in American Baptist College Chapel**

Presiding: Professor Ross McLaren

Hymn - #377 "The Church's One Foundation"

Prayer

Presentation of Lecturer

Lecture "Church Growth and Christology"
Dr. Boddie

10:30 A.M. Discussion Session

12:00 Noon Lunch

**1:30 P.M. LECTURE III
in American Baptist College Chapel**

Presiding: Professor N. E. Douglas ('58)

Hymn - #411 "Lift Him Up"

Prayer

Presentation of Lecturer

Lecture "Church Growth and Anecdotal Preaching"
Dr. Boddie

2:30 Discussion Session

3:00 P.M. National Alumni Asssociation Meeting

5:00 P.M. Dinner

**7:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
at Faith-United Baptist Church**

Liturgists: Reverend Jerry Jerkins
Mr. Robert Powell ('89)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise #162 "Pass Me Not"

Wednesday, March 18, 1987 (Con't)

Invocation

Special Music: Jefferson St. Missionary
Baptist Church Choir

Presentation of Preacher

Scripture:

Special Music: Jefferson St. Missionary
Baptist Church Choir

Sermon Dr. E. Edward Jones

Hymn of Commitment

Benediction

10:00 P.M. Alumni Worship Services
at Jefferson St. Missionary Baptist Church
The Reverend Tommie Byrd ('77), preaching
Calvary Baptist Church
Dayton, OH

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1986

8:30 A.M. Registration

9:30 A.M. LECTURE IV
in American Baptist College Chapel

Presiding: Professor J. F. Grimmett

Hymn - #211 "What A Fellowship"

Prayer

Presentation of Lecturer

Lecture "Church Growth and Conflict"
Dr. Boddie

10:30 WORSHIP SERVICES
in American Baptist College Chapel

Liturgists: Dr. Floyd Prude ('73)
Mr. Anthony O'Neal ('87)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise - #22 We're Marching to Zion"

Thursday, March 19, 1987 (Con't)

Invocation

Presentation of Preacher

Scripture:

Special Music: American Baptist College Choir

Sermon Dr. E. Edward Jones

Hymn of Commitment

Remarks: President Odell McGlothian, Sr.

Alma Mater

Benediction

12:00 P.M. Lunch

7:00 P.M. Annual Alumni Banquet
Days Inn
211 North 1st Street
Speaker: The Reverend Dr. James Earl Garmon ('67)
Trinity Baptist Church
Pittsburgh, PA

Appreciation

Thanks is expressed to all of the persons who have contributed their time, talents and resources for this Thirtieth 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 many of these persons are listed below and on the following pages.

Program Participants

Mrs. Sarah Brooks ('87)	President, Student Government Association
Reverend Tommie Byrd ('77)	Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church Dayton, Ohio
Reverend Nathaniel Calhoun	Dean, Saginaw Seminary Extension Unit Saginaw, Michigan
Professor N.E. Douglas ('58)	Director, Division of Humanities Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church Nashville, TN
Professor J.F. Grimmett	Director, Christian Service
Mr. Odell Hughes ('88)	Vice President, Student Government Association
Reverend Jerry Jerkins	Pastor, St. John Baptist Church Clarksville, TN
Reverend Walter Malone ('80)	Pastor, Canaan Baptist Church Louisville, KY
Professor Don McCoy	Acting Academic Dean Pastor, First Baptist Church Dickson, TN
President Odell McGlothian, Sr.	President, American Baptist College Pastor, Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church Hendersonville, TN
Professor Ross McLaren	Director, Division of Biblical Theological Studies
Reverend Negil McPherson ('58)	Pastor, Pilgrim Baptist Church Omaha, Nebraska
Mr. Anthony O'Neal	President Senior Class
Mr. Robert Powell ('89)	Sophomore Student
Reverend Floyd Prude ('73)	President, National Alumni Association Pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church Beloit, WS

Professor Kelly M. Smith, Jr.

Coordinator, Garnett-Nabrit Lectures
Director, Continuing Education Division
Pastor, Berean Baptist Chapel
Nashville, TN

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Reverend Larry Couch, Chairperson

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Mr. Odell Hughes, Chairperson

We are grateful to the Faith-United Baptist Church and its pastor, the Reverend Charlie Oglesby, for once again allowing us to use their facilities during the Lectures, and the Patton Brothers Funeral Home for providing limousine service for our speaker. We also mention a word of thanks to Ms. Sherlene Cooper for her assistance in the preparation of the printed program.