

**Twenty-first Annual
GARNETT - NABRIT LECTURES**



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Dr. J. M. Nabrit

theme:

“FACING OPPORTUNITY AND MEETING OPPOSITION”

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dr. George A. Buttrick, talking after the manner of the thorn-in-the-flesh ridden Apostle, in a sermon once asked: "Without your wound where would your power be?"

The theme of the current annual lecture series reflects a similiar mind-boggling circumstance so timely in its post-Lenten posture. Roger Fredrikson, a brother and friend through the years, is God's proper person among us to help resolve our spiritual dilemma. Hear him gladly!

Dr. A. G. Kendrick, a member of the Seminary Board of Trustees, at one time a pastor in our city and Alumni/Banquet Orator in 1968 when we lost Dr. Martin Luther King, will apply gospel relevance to the typically Pauline ambivalence. Pray with him!

Mrs. Sarah Rich Townsend, hurling prevocative warnings and challenges "from the distaff side", completes the formation of another Holy Trinity of Garnett-Nabrit witnesses to the Cross as this famous series comes of age at twenty-one years.

We welcome them and you as together we face opportunities and meet opposition. Remember, as with the Apostle, so with all the faithful; His grace is sufficient".

Dr. Charles Emerson Boddie

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

I am delighted to greet you on this Twenty-First Annual Garnett-Nabrit Lecture. As we return to the place we love, we are refreshed and inspired to continue to serve God in this present age of frustration and challenges. As we give our Christian Witness, it is always a joy to return to the Holy Hill to gain new strength in the Lord and to greet the brothers and sisters.

Reverend J. H. Flakes

GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome back to the Holy Hill and to another week of close encounters with the heavenly kind. We are so glad you have returned to share our Twenty-First Garnett-Nabrit Lecture Series. Your presence, participation and prayers help to bring prominence, prestige and power to one of the most enlightning events among Black Baptist today.

If we can assist you in any way to help make your sharing with us more edifying, please do not hesitate to ask us.

Reverend Samuel W. Hale, Jr.

FOCUS

For a great door and effectual is opened unto me,
and there are many adversaries.

- I Cor. 16:9

This year marks the Twenty-First Garnett-Nabrit Lecture Series. Often when one reaches twenty-one, he feels as if he is ready to conquer the world. His future is before him - let the world beware!

Such feelings, fortunately, are not ours as we come to this momentous occasion. We stand, instead, before a waiting world eagerly expecting cataclysmic changes from our hands. We, ourselves, stand ready to wrought such changes, eager to move mountains with our knowledge, faith, experience, charisma and verbal finesse. The opportunities are before us and we strain at the bit to take advantage of them. And yet in the face of these opportunities we find ourselves also beset by various oppositions which hinder and strain our attempts to traverse those opened doors.

Our lecture focus this year seeks to speak to that challenging experience. Thus this week we shall confront the many responses, reactions and realities suggested by our theme "Facing Opportunities and Meeting Opposition."

HISTORY OF THE GARNETT-NABRIT LECTURES

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) (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., Margaret, Samuel M., Ann, Gertrude, Henry, Lois, 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 1944 in order to resume the pastorate in Atlanta, Georgia. He dies there in 1947.

Ruth Marie Powell, *Lights and Shadows*, 1964.

"...They...expounded unto them 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. These 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.,¹ 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.

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 Grobel		Rev. William K. Richardson ('58)
	Dr. I. H. Henderson, Jr.		Rev. 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. Nigel L. McPherson ('58)
	Dr. Edwin T. Johnston	Dr. D. C. Washington	Rev. Wilbur N. Daniel ('49)
1963	Dr. Melvin H. Watson	Dr. William R. Haney	Rev. Walter B. Rouse ('48)
	Dr. John J. Owens		Dr. Stanley S. Hodges ('48)
1964	Dr. H. Clayton Waddell	Dr. H. C. Nabrit	Rev. Riggins R. Earl ('66)
	Dr. John M. Ellison		Rev. John F. Cunningham ('65)
	Dr. Samuel Southard		Mrs. Sarah R. Townsend ('57)
1965	Dr. Kyle Haseelden	Dr. Roland O. Hudson	
1966	Dr. Dale Moody	Dr. Sandy F. Ray	
1967	Dr. Victor T. Glass	Dr. Thomas Kilgore	
1968	Dr. Clarence Jordan	Dr. Edward A. Freeman	
1969	Mrs. James W. Salley ('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	

GARNETT-NABRIT LECTURES

ORDER OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1978

9:00 A.M.	REGISTRATION
10:00 A.M.	WORSHIP SERVICE, Tabernacle on the Hill Rev. Samuel W. Hale, Worship Leader Meditation in Music Call to Worship Invocation Hymn of Praise Observations Special Music Seminary Chorus Presentation of Preacher Scripture SERMON Dr. A. G. Kendrick 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. Roger Fredrikson Interaction Session Interactors- Mr. Lee Ingram Dr. J. A. Campbell Hymn of Reflection Closing Prayer
3:30 P.M.	NATIONAL ABT ALUMNI MEETING
5:00 P.M.	DINNER

7:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE, Tabernacle on the Hill
Dr. Nehemiah Douglas, Worship Leader
Meditation in Music
Call to Worship
Invocation
Hymn of Praise
Observations
Special Music Ebenezer Baptist Church Choir
Presentation of Preacher
Scripture
SERMON Reverend A. G. Kendrick
Hymn of Commitment
Benediction

9:30 P.M. ALUMNI WORSHIP SERVICE
Roger Heights Baptist Church
Rev. James Thomas, Speaker
Jefferson Street Baptist Church Choir

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1978

8:00 A.M. EXTENSION DEPARTMENT BREAKFAST, Howard Johnson
Rev. Roosevelt Austin
Saginaw Extension Unit
Saginaw, Michigan

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. Roger Fredrikson
Forum Sessions
I. "The Minister Looks at the Law"
Resource Person: Att'y Irvin Kilcrease
Convener: Rev. Bernard Lafayette

II. "The Minister Looks at Insurance"
Resource Person: Mr. William R. Bailey
Convener: Rev. Julius Thomas

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

Hymn
Prayer
Observations
Presentation of Lecturer
LECTURE Dr. Roger Fredrikson
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
Reverend J. F. Grimmett, Worship Leader
Reverend Thomas Sweeney, Worship Assistant

Meditation in Music
Call to Worship
Invocation
Hymn of Praise
Observations
Special Music...First Baptist South Inglewood Choir
Presentation of Preacher
Scripture
SERMON Reverend A. G. Kendrick
Hymn of Commitment
Benediction

9:30 P.M. ALUMNI WORSHIP SERVICE
Roger Heights Baptist Church
Speaker: To be announced
Temple Missionary Baptist Church Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1978

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. Roger Fredrikson
Open Discussion
Benediction

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

12:00 Noon LUNCH
 1:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE, Tabernacle on the Hill
 Reverend J. H. Flakes, Worship Leader
 Reverend Robert McCathern, Worship Assistant

Meditation in Music
 Call to Worship
 Invocation
 Hymn of Praise
 Observations
 Special Music..... Seminary Chorus
 Presentation of Preacher
 Scripture
 SERMON Reverend A. G. Kendricks
 Hymn of Commitment
 Remarks
 Benediction

3:00 P.M. ALUMNI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 P.M. ALUMNI BANQUET, Ramada Inn, North
 Mrs. Sarah R. Townsend



DR. ROGER L. FREDRIKSON: LECTURER - A native of Mission City, British Columbia, Canada, Dr. Fredrikson is Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wichita, Kansas. His twenty-four years of pastoral experience includes pastorates in Ottawa, Kansas and Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He has also headed the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Ottawa University prior to pastoring.

Dr. Fredrikson is a graduate of Ottawa University and holds the B.D and S.T.M. Degrees from Andover-Newton Theological School. He has received honorary doctoral degrees from Ottawa University, Judson College and Sioux Falls College. A former President and First Vice President of the American Baptist Convention, Dr. Fredrikson has traveled extensively throughout the continental United States and in Russia, Zaire, Norway, Holland, Sweden, Switzerland and Southeast Asia. Dr. Fredrikson has served on numerous committees, boards, councils, conferences and commissions for his convention and local and state municipalities.

Deeply concerned about church life inner renewal, Dr. Fredrikson is author of the book GOD LOVES THE DANDELIONS. He has also been included in the 1964 listing of "Who's Who in America."



DR. ARTIS GRANT KENDRICK: PREACHER - A native of Stamps, Arkansas, Dr. Kendrick is the Pastor of the Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles, California. His pastorates in Dalton, Tennessee; Nashville, Tennessee; Tucson, Arizona; Denver, Colorado; Phoenix, Arizona and Los Angeles have provided him with thirty-nine years of pastoral experience.

Dr. Kendrick has studied at Arizona State University and holds the B. Th. Degree from American Baptist Theological Seminary. He has received honorary doctoral degrees from the Inter-State Theological Center in Houston, Texas and the Providence Theological Seminary in Los Angeles. Listed in "Who's Who Among Black Americans," Dr. Kendrick is also Moderator of the Providence District Association of Los Angeles and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. and as Chaplain of the House of Representatives of Arizona. Dr. Kendrick also organized the First Black Church Association in Colorado.



MRS. SARAH RICH TOWNSEND: BANQUET SPEAKER - A native of Starksville, Mississippi. Mrs. Townsend is a Teacher's Aid at Woodbine Elementary School in Nashville, Tenn. She holds a B.R.E. Degree from American Baptist Seminary and is currently during further study in Elementary Education at Trevecca Nazarene College.

Mrs. Townsend serves as Home Teacher With Project Follow Through in Woodbine School and is an active member of Zion Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn. She is a Board member of Belmont-Hillsboro Neighbors and frequently serves various churches and organizations as guest speaker on various occasions. She also serves on the Planning Committee for the Garnett-Nabrit Lecture Alumni Banquet.

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A. B. T. S.

Words and Music by
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

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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