

Eighty-Eighth Annual

Baccalaureate
Service

2013



Wednesday, May, Fifteenth

A.D. Two Thousand and Thirteen

Dr. Forrest E. Harris, Sr.

President



BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER

Rev. William Green

Pastor, Tabernacle of Glory Baptist Church
945 South Douglas Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee, 37204

Pastor William Varnell Green is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and was reared by his mother in a single parent household. He has served as the Pastor of The Tabernacle of Glory Baptist Church since January 1, 2007.

Pastor Green was introduced to The Tabernacle of Glory in 1981, when he was a student at American Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee. While at The Tabernacle of Glory (then known as Pilgrim Emmanuel Baptist Church), he served as an Associate Minister and played an active role in the development of biblical studies.

Upon graduating from American Baptist College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1985, Pastor Green returned to Cleveland, Ohio, where he taught in the Cuyahoga County public school system. In 1987, he was called to pastor The Galilee Baptist Church of Barberton, Ohio. During the same year, he married Faye Yvette Stevens, whom he met while attending Pilgrim Emmanuel Baptist Church in Nashville.

Pastor Green served the Galilee family faithfully for 20 years and is known locally, throughout the state and the country for his love of God, passion for people, and applied Christianity. Through his example, teaching and preaching, many lives have been changed and enhanced by coming to know God.

Pastor Green serves the community as a pastor and teacher, life coach, motivational speaker, and spiritual advisor. God has led him to use his personal background, education, and experiences to create a ministry that builds relationships by combining tenets of Christianity, business and the 12-Step recovery program in non-traditional ways.

Pastor Green earned a Master's of Arts in Christian Ministries from Malone University in Canton, Ohio, in 2002. In July 2012, Pastor Green participated in the prestigious Seabury-Kellogg Summer Institute, a program jointly sponsored by the Seabury-Western Theological Seminary and Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He is currently pursuing a certificate in non-profit management offered by the Kellogg Center for Non-profit Management. William and Faye have two biological children, Rev. William Varnell, II and Lydia Lenise, and many other children that God has added to their family.

Alma Mater

We love thee, Alma Mater, the school we cherish so.
The world will read thy data where ever we may go
Thy words we'll never alter, we'll never, never falter
In showing forth thy faithfulness, A.B.T.S.

The world will praise thy students,
where ever they may go
Thy walls have made them prudent
because they love thee so.
They'll ne'er forget the pleasures,
the care and precious treasures
Of all thy love and righteousness, A.B.T.S.

The mem'ry of thy teachers shall linger in our hearts.
The words of all thy preachers
shall battle Satan's darts.
We'll honor thee forever, forsake thee never, never,
For'er we'll sing thy blessedness, A.B.T.S.

C. O. Inge ('59)

Baccalaureate Service

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Tabernacle of Glory Baptist Church

Nashville, Tennessee

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Dr. Renita J. Weems, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean

Presiding

Prelude

Mr. James Scandrick, Jr.
Director, Institute On Black Church Sacred Music

Processional

“God of Our Fathers”
Marshall: Dr. Vincent Campbell, '01, Associate Dean
The President, Speaker, Administrative Officers, Faculty and Graduates.

NATIONAL HYMN

Welcome

Call to Worship

Come to the Lord with praise and thanksgiving!
Worship God with gladness!
Come to the Lord with gratitude and joy!
Show God with praise!
Come to the Lord with grateful hearts!
Love God with humility!
Come! Worship the Lord.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all people here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Invocation

Rev. Joseph Tribble

Scripture

Dr. Vincent Campbell (01)

- Leader: God of Grace, we pause to offer our thanksgiving for the satisfying journey that has brought us to this moment, and to look forward to a future full of promise, challenge, and hope.
- Graduates: Like a shepherd, You have led us beside still waters, through deep valleys, and into green pastures. We give thanks for the rich gifts of Your grace along the way:**
- Leader: For the rich heritage and ongoing mission of American Baptist College, from which we have benefited immeasurably;
- Graduates: For a place that has expected so much of us, given so much to us, and become so much a part of us;**
- Leader: For mentors who have taught challenged, inspired and nurtured;
- Graduates: For those who have expanded our vision, sharpened our skills, cultivated our passion, and prepared us for the challenges ahead;**
- Leader: For supportive family and friends who have accompanied us on our journey;
- Graduates: For those who have comforted us in sorrow, joined us in our celebrations and encouraged us to pursue our dreams;**
- Leader: For opportunities to learn and grow, for discoveries about ourselves and our world, and for people who have enriched our lives.
- Graduates: All these we recognize as gifts from You, the good shepherd, and so we give You thanks.**

Special Reflections

2013 Graduates

Selection

Tabernacle of Glory Baptist Church Choir
Damian Searcy, organist

Recognition of Guests
and Introduction of Speaker

Dr. Forrest E. Harris, Sr. (79)

Selection

Tabernacle of Glory Baptist Church Choir

Sermon

Rev. William V. Green (85)
Pastor, Tabernacle of Glory Baptist Church
Nashville, Tennessee

Alma Mater

C. O. Inge (59)

Benediction

Dr. Renita J. Weems

Recessional

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDA

****President's Reception Immediately After Service (Fellowship Hall)**



Mission Statement

The mission of ABC is educating, graduating and preparing students intellectually, morally, spiritually, socially, and theologically for Christian leadership, service and social justice in the world. The school offers a quality educational program that combines Christian Studies with a liberal arts emphasis.

The vision of ABC, a historically black college, founded in 1924 by black and white Baptists, is to provide educational opportunities for gifted students who have limited academic experiences and resources but unlimited potential for leadership in society. The school continues today firmly rooted in its historic purpose to promote higher education through a Christ-centered vision of the world for underserved students. This commitment entails the education of persons regardless of their age, class, ethnicity, gender or race in an environment that frees persons to be active learners, servant-leaders, and moral citizens of the world.

*NOTE: Because of circumstances which require names to be furnished one week prior to Commencement, it is possible that one or more of the candidates listed may have been unable to complete all requirements for the degree. Inability to remove a name does not commit the College to grant the diploma to a person listed in error.

Special thanks

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Pastor Green

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