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Garnett - Nabrit Lectures



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theme:

"Contemporary Problems
In the Church of the 80's"

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GREETING FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Alumnae and Friends of the American Baptist College of A.B.T. Seminary:

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Silver Anniversary of the Annual Garnett-Nabrit Lecture Series. For twenty-five years the lectures and sermons have inspired and informed pastors and church leaders. They have recaptured the past, provided guidelines for the present, and projected the possible future problems and possibilities of the church. Men of great wisdom and vision have challenged and called to action the religious leaders in this country.

It is our hope that this series of lectures and sermons will provide the insight and approaches to the problems that challenge the Church in the 80's. Again, as in the past, we have a lecturer who has surveyed the landscapes and staked a claim on the theological concerns of the Church. Dr. Charles Butler is a deep and profound thinker of statue who is able to help us see and understand both the problems and approaches to the solutions. Our preacher is gifted and dedicated. Dr. Cameron Alexander is a preacher of renown whose sermons not only stir the soul, but inspire the mind and revitalize the spirit.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank Reverend Samuel Hale, Jr. the coordinator of this lecture series, and the students, staff, and faculty who have worked diligently to make the silver anniversary of this annual event a success.

LECTURE FOCUS

There come moments when periodic inventories need be taken of one's situation. Close scrutiny of policies, procedures, values and goals should be included in such inventories. The Church Is not immune from the need to undergo periodic evaluation. Often churches become complacent and become satisfies with themselves, only to find themselves losing their effectiveness. It is wisdom therefore to avoid and/or overcome this calamity for each church to submit itself to self-evaluation and intense soul-searching for strengths and weaknesses.

It is in this context that we seek to explore some of the problem areas of our churches in this present age. Guided by our theme CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS IN THE CHURCH OF THE 80's, we shall strive to offer insights, directives, cautions and preventatives in facing such problems.

A special feature for this year will be the presentation of papers by faculty members of our college. Each of these papers will address a contemporary problem area. Time will be provided for dialogue between the audience and the respective professor. Forum Session Topics and their presenters are:

- 1. "Spiritual Gifts and Ministries" DR. RICHARD D. LUCAS
- II. "Sex-Role Identification" DR. NEHEMIAH DOUGLAS
- III. "Ordination For Ministry" REV. SAMUEL W. HALE, JR.
- IV. "Priorities for Ministry" DR. DON B. McCOY

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) 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, Ind. (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.



NABRIT, JAMES MADISON -- Clergyman, Educator b. September 17. 1877. Atlanta, Georgia, s. J. Clarke and Margaret (Knox Petty) Nabrit; m. August G. West, May 5, 1899; eight children, James J. Jr., Samuel M., Ann, Gertrude, Henry, Lois, Margaret, Cecelia; educ. Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga. 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; Mount 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 order to resume the pastorate in Atlanta, Georgia. He died there in 1947.

Ruth Marie Powell, LIGHTS AND SHADOWS, 1964.

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. An Annual Conference on Pastoral Problems was planned and held in November, 1937, which 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 Alummi 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

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 or 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 to 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

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BANQUE I SPEAKER							Rev. Enoch Jones ('57)	Rev. W. O. Wells ('57)	Rev. William K. Richardson (158)	Dr. A. G. Kendrick ('41)	Rev. Bernard LaFayette, Jr. ('69) Rev. John Lewis ('61)	Dr. Harcourt W. Brown ('38)	Dr. Odie M. Hoover ('49)	Rev. Solomon Gort ('62) Rev. Nigil L. McPherson ('58)	Rev. Wilbur N. Daniel ('49)	Kev. Walter B. Rouse ('48)	Ur. Stanley S. Hodges ('48) Rev Richins R Earl ('66)	Rev. John F. Cunningham (165)	Mrs. Sarah R. Townsend (Rev. John H. Rouse ('62)	Dr. Julius K. Scruggs (165) Rev. Earl M. Brown (155)	Dr. Granville Smith ('72)
PREACHER	Rev. William J. Harvey, III Rev. J. Royster Powell	Rev. Ceasar A. W. Clark Rev. I. S. Powell Rev. M. H. Ribbins (145)	Rev. L. Juan Burt	Dr. P. E. Henderson	Dr. T. E. Huntley Dr. D. C. Washington	Dr. William R. Haney	Dr. H. C. Nabrit		Dr. Sandy F. Ray Dr. Thomas Kildore		Dr. Carlyle Marney	Dr. James B. Cayce		Dr. Benjamin E. Mays	Dr. Odie M. Hoover ('49)	Dr. Sandy F. Kay	Dr. Manuel 1 Scott	Rev. Raymond F. Harvey	Dr. Artis Grant Kendrick ('41)	Dr. C. A. W. Clark		Dr. Cameron M. Alexander
LECTURER	Dr. Henlee H. Barnett Dr. Clyde T. Francisco Dr. W. Kendrick Groebel Dr. I. H. Henderson, Jr. Dr. Robert E. Penn		Dr. William H. Morton Dr. John W. Williams		Dr. Edwin T. Johnston Dr. Melvin H. Watson		Dr. John M. Ellison Dr. Samuel Southard	Dr. Kyle Haselden	Dr. Victor T. Glass	Clarence Jordan	Mrs. James W. 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. Samuel D. Proctor		Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson		Dr. Harvey G. Cox	
SERIES	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1976	1977	1978	1980	1981	7061

PRE-LECTURE MUSICAL MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1982 7:00 P.M.

Greetings and Presentation of the Meistersingers	Mrs. Diana Poe
Alleluia! Bless the Lord	
Jesu, Dulcis Memoria	
Every Valley	Beck
I Believe In God (Credo - from the Gospel Mass) Lisa McNulty - Soprano	Ray
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Old Man RiverLavert Woodard - Bass	Kern/Hammerstein
All My Trials (Bahamian Spiritual)Pamela Kellar - Soprano	Luboff
She Walks In Beauty	Foltz
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Roll Jordn' Roll	Johnson
Reign, King JesusCina Wilson - Soprano	James
Lay Yo' Head In De Winduh, Jesus	Hairston
Daniel, Servant of the Lord	Moore
Zion's WallsTonia Estes and Cîna Wilson - Soprano soloists	Dawson
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Reflections

Benediction

THE GOINS MEISTERSINGERS

The singers were reorganized last year in memory of Dr. Eddie T. Goins, professor of voice at Tennessee State University for approximately 30 years. During his tenure, he organized a marvelous concert group of eighteen college students (very selective) and they were called "the Meistersingers". Even though the present group does not follow the same format (vocally) as the original Meistersingers, we strive for the excellence that so strongly identified the original group under the esteemed Dr. Eddie Goins.

ROSTER

Women

Herchella Baines Angela Bennett Cheryl Bryant Deirtra Calloway Lynee Chavis Donna Daniels Pamela Donnelly Tonia Estes Jana Gaines Donna Howse Deborah Johnson Pamela Kellar Cecelia Lemon Lisa McNulty Jenise Smith Deborah Starling Phyllis Williams

Cina Wilson

Men

Paul Calloway Kevin Carpenter Melvin Carr Michael Carne Steven Ewing Reginald Green Wendell Hussey Homer Johnson Wilbur Parker Louis Robinson Michael Sanders Everett Scott Mark Sims Tracy Smith Lawrence Thomison Gregory Washington John Washington Lavert Woodard

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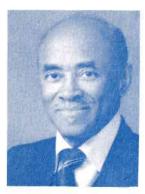
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GARNETT-NABRIT LECTURES ORDER OF EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 29,	1982
7:00 P.M.	PRE-LECTURE MUSICAL
TUESDAY, MARCH 30	, 1982
9:00 A.M.	REGISTRATION
10:30 A.M.	WORSHIP SERVICE Dr. Odell McGlothian, Sr., Worship Leader Rev. Leslie Davis, Worship Assistant Meditation in Music Call to Worship Invocation Hymn of Praise Observations Special Music
12:00 NOON	LUNCH
1:30 P.M.	LECTURE i Dr. Charles E. Boddie, Presiding Hymn Prayer Observations Presentation of Lecturer
2:45 p.m.	LECTURE
3:30 P.M.	ALUMNI MEETING - NATIONAL ABT
5:00 P.M.	DINNER
7:30 P.M.	WORSHIP SERVICE Rev. Floyd Prude ('73), Worship Leader Rev. Lee A. Davis ('75), Worship Assistant Call to Worship Invocation Hymn of Praise Observations Special MusicSECOND BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR OLD HICKORY, TENNESSEE

	Scripture SERMONDR. CAMERON ALEXANDER Hymn of Commitment Benediction
10:00 P.M.	ALUMNI WORSHIP SERVICE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH SERMONREV. MARION MYERS (167)
EDNESDAY, MARCH	1 31, 1982
7:30 A.M.	EXTENSION DEPARTMENT BREAKFAST, Ramada Inn Ms. LaNita Brooks, Dean Progressive Baptist Bible Institute Cleveland Extension Unit Cleveland, Ohio
8:30 A.M.	REGISTRATION
9:00 A.M.	LECTURE II Rev. J.F. Grimmett, Presiding Hymn Prayer Observations Presentation of Lecturer LECTURE
10:45 A.M.	FORUM SESSION II Mrs. Diana Poe, Convener "Sex-Role Identification"DR. NEHEMIAH DOUGLAS ('58)
12:00 NOON	LUNCH
1:30 P.M.	LECTURE III Dr. James A. Campbell, Presiding Hymn Prayer Observations Presentation of Lecturer
2:45 P.M.	LECTUREDR. CHARLES BUTLER FORUM SESSION III Rev. Walstone Francis ('76), Convener "Ordination for Ministries"REV. SAMUEL W. HALE, JR. ('66)
3:30 P.M.	NATIONAL ABT ALUMNI MEETING
5:00 P.M.	DINNER
7:30 P.M.	WORSHIP SERVICE Rev. A.J. Pointer, Worship Leader Dr. Bobby Watts, Worship Assistant Meditation in Music Call to Worship Invocation Hymn of Praise Observations

	Special MusicPROGRESSIVE BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR
	Presentation of Preacher Scripture NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
	SERMONDR. CAMERON ALEXANDER
	Hymn of Commitment
	Benediction
10:00 P.M.	ALUMNI WORSHIP SERVICE
	ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
	SERMONREV. THEODORE METARLAND ('63)
THURSDAY, APRIL	1, 1982
8:30 A.M.	REGISTRATION
9:00 A.M.	LECTURE IV
	Rev. Ross McLaren, Presiding
	Scripture
	Prayer
	Observations
	Presentation of Lecturer LECTURERDR. CHARLES BUTLER
10:45 A.M.	FORUM SESSION IV
10.15 /1.11.	Rev. James Norwood, Convener
	"Priorities For Ministry"DR. DON B. McCOY
12:00 NOON	LUNCH
1:30 P.M.	WORSHIP SERVICE
- 8	Rev. J.H. Flakes, ('68), Worship Leader
	Rev. Henry A. Wilson, Sr., Worship Assistant
	Meditation in Music
	Call to Worship
	Invocation
	Hymn of Praise
	Observations Special MusicAMERICAN BAPTIST COLLEGE CHOIR
	Presentation of Preacher
	Scripture
	SERMONDR. CAMERON ALEXANDER
	Hymn of Commitment
	Remarks
	Benediction
3:00 P.M.	ALUMNI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 P.M.	ALUMNI BANQUET
	SHERATON-NASHVILLE HOTEL
	Dr. Granville Smith ('72), Banquet Speaker



DR. CHARLES W. BUTLER - The pastor of the New Calvary Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Butler brings over thirty years of pastoral experience to our Lecture Series - nineteen of which has been with his present charge.

Dr. Butler holds the B.A. and M.Div. degrees from Union Theological Seminary and has completed residency requirements for the Ph.D. degree at Columbia University.

In demand as preacher and lecturer in Churches, College campuses and seminaries, Dr. Butler has also published writings in denominational press and seminary journals, and has served as moderator for several Detroit television shows.

Dr. Butler holds membership and positions on numerous boards, committees and organizations. He is First Vice-President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention.



DR. CAMERON M. ALEXANDER - The pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church North of Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Alexander brings over twenty years of pastoral experience to our Lecture Series.

Dr. Alexander holds the B.A. degree from Morehouse School of Religion and the D.D. degree from United Theological Seminary.

Active in the Civil Rights Movement in Macon, Georgia during the 1960's, Dr. Alexander has also held membership and positions on various boards, committees and organizations. He is currently serving as the President of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc.; one of the Vice-Presidents of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. and treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Morehouse School of Religion



DR. GRANVILLE SMITH - The pastor of the Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church of Flint, Michigan, Rev. Smith is also an alumnus of American Baptist College, having received the B.A. degree. He also holds the B.R.E. degree from Midwestern Baptist Seminary and the B.Th., M.R.E. and D.D. degrees from the United Theological Seminary.

Dr. Smith holds numerous positions on the local and state level. He currently serves as Vice President of the Wolverine Baptist State Convention; First Vice-President of the Great Lakes District Baptist Congress of Religious Education and Director of the Flint Extension of the United Theological Seminary.

Under his leadership the Mt. Calvary Church has been a leading contributor to the National Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and is currently constructing a church for the second time in Johannesburg, South Africa.

APPRECIATION

We are especially grateful to all our distinguished guest and to all our leaders who share their rich experiences with our many participant, for whom we are also grateful. A special thanks is extended to the many students, faculty, and administrative personnel who helped to make this Lecture Series a reality.

PROGRAM PERSONALITIES

- Dr. Nehemiah E. Douglas, ('58)-----Director of Guidance and Counseling,
 Director of Social Sciences Department and Associate Professor of Theology &
 Black History, American Baptist College;
 Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Rev. Walstone Francis, ('76)----Writer, Adult Quarterly, National Baptist Publishing
 Board; Pastor, Alpha Baptist Church, Franklin, Kentucky.
- Rev. J.F. Grimmett------Academic Dean; Director of Pastoral Studies Department and Associate Professor of Old Testament and Pastoral Studies,

 American Baptist College.
- Rev. Samuel W. Hale, Jr., ('66)------Associate Professor of Greek; Director of
 Department of Seminary Extension; Coordinator of Chapel Committee;
 Director of Christian Service Program; Coordinator of Garnett-Nabrit Lectures,
 American Baptist College.
- Dr. Richard D. Lucas------Director of Bible and Theology Department and
 Professor of Church History, New Testament and Theology,
 American Baptist College.
- Dr. Don B. McCoy-----Director of Philosophy Department and Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Education, Theology and Bible, American Bpatist College.
- Dr. Odell McGlothian, Sr.------President, American Baptist College;
 Pastor, Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tennessee.
- Rev. Ross H. McLaren------Dean of Student Affairs; Associate Professor of History,
 Philosophy, Bible and Theology, American Bpatist College.

Rev. John L. Perry, Jr., ('73)-------Pastor, Rockland Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tennessee. Mrs. Diana Poe-----Instructor, Church Music: Organist, American Baptist College. Rev. A.J. Pointer-----Pastor, Metropositan Baptist Church, Flint, Michigan. Rev. Floyd Prude, ('73)-----Pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Beloit, Wisconsin. Dr. Bobby Watts-----Pastor, Progressive Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. Henry A. Wilson, Jr. -----Senior, President of the Senior Class, American Baptist College. REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

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