

ALMA MATER

A. B. T. S.

Words and Music by
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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 'hy bless - ed - ness, A. B. T. S.

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GREETING FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The time is once again upon us when many alumni and friends of American Baptist College make their annual pilgrimage to the "Holy Hill." Those of us responsible for the day to day activities of the college always look forward to the dates of the Garnett-Nabrit Lectures and welcome you from the depths of our hearts.

This year's Lectures continues in its outstanding tradition by presenting two well-respected clergymen, Dr. William J. Shaw of the White Rock Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Dr. William A. Jones of the Bethany Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York. We have no reservations about their capabilities to serve in their designated capacities for the Lectures.

During your visit here please don't hesitate to ask our staff and faculty about the programs and opportunities available through American Baptist College. We hope you will discover our continuing desire to support the needs of local churches and the religious community.

May God continue to bless you.

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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 (L.L.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.

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.

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

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. 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. William J. Harvey, III Rev. J. Royster Powell 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 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	Rev. Enoch Jones ('57) Rev. W. O. Wells ('57) Rev. William K. Richardson ('58) Dr. G. Galvin 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) Dr. Odie M. Hoover ('49) Rev. Solomon Gort ('62)
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1970	Dr. Don B. McCoy Dr. Lucious Tobin Dr. Phale D. Hale Dr. Clyde T. Francisco		
1971			
1972			

Garnett-Nabrit Lecture Speakers

(Continued)

SERIES	LECTURER	PREACHER	BANQUET SPEAKER
1973	Dr. Wayne E. Oates	Dr. Odie M. Hoover ('49)	Rev. Nigel 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 ('55)
1982	Dr. Charles W. Butler	Dr. Cameron M. Alexander	Dr. Earl M. Brown ('55)
1983	Dr. Mack King Carter	Dr. Albert Louis Patterson	Dr. Granville Smith ('72)
1984	Dr. Gardner C. Taylor	Dr. Theodore J. Jamison	Rev. Nathaniel J. Brockman ('57)
1985	Dr. Julius Scruggs ('65)	Dr. Fred C. Lofton	Rev. Floyd Prude ('73)
			Dr. Vincent McCutcheon ('68)

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FOCUS

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Acts 2:41,42 (RSV)

It has been stated that "Christian Education is that ministry which undergirds and supports all other ministries of the church". The most effective and proven method for the growth of churches has been through the educational programs it offers. With this in mind the Garnett-Nabrit Lectures will have as a four year general theme, "Christian Education and Church Growth." For each year there will be a specific focus as it relates to Christian Education. The 1986 specific focus is "Evangelism".

Our lecturer, Dr. William J. Shaw, will speak on the following topics:

I. "I Am!"

II. "It Is!"

III. "We Are?"

IV. "To The Jew First?"

Dr. William Augustus Jones, our preacher, will use the following as subjects for the sermons:

"On Picking Up The Pieces"

"An Anatomy of Forgiveness"

"Resurrection Orders"

"The Church's Cry"

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GARNETT-NABRIT LECTURES

ORDER OF EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1986

7:00 P.M.

MUSICAL

Featuring Mrs. Diana K. Poe
and the American Baptist College Choir

at Faith-United Baptist Church
2800 Whites Creek Pike

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 1986

9:00 A.M. Registration

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICES

Liturgists: Professor Kelly M. Smith, Jr.
Mr. Patrick Smith ('86)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise - #123 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Invocation

Announcements

Presentation of the Preacher:
President Odell McGlothian, Sr.

Scripture - John 6:1-12

Special Music: American Baptist College Choir

Sermon "On Picking Up The Pieces"
Dr. William A. Jones

Hymn of Commitment - #27 "Blessed Assurance"

Benediction

12:00 Noon Lunch

Tuesday March 18 (Con't)

1:30 P.M.

LECTURE I

Presiding: Dean Charles Hudson

Comments on Self-Study: Mrs. Gladys Adams

Hymn - #385 "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Prayer

Presentation of Lecturer:
President Odell McGlothian, Sr.

Lecture "I Am!"
Dr. William J. Shaw

2:30 P.M.

Discussion Session

Facilitators: Professor James Campbell
Mr. Willie Graves ('86)

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 Charlie Oglesby ('79)
Mr. L. Royal Byars ('87)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise - #106 "Because He Lives"

Invocation

Special Music

Presentation of Preacher

Scripture - Luke 15:11-24

Special Music

Sermon "An Anatomy of Forgiveness"
Dr. William A. Jones

Tuesday March 18 (Con't)

Hymn of Commitment - #301
"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

Benediction

10:00 P.M. Alumni Worship Services
Jefferson St. Missionary Baptist Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1986

7:30 A.M. SEMINARY EXTENSION BREAKFAST
Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge
Speaker: President Odell McGlothian, Sr.

8:30 A.M. Registration

9:30 A.M. LECTURE II

Presiding: Professor Richard Lucas

Hymn - #475 "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Prayer

Presentation of Lecturer

Lecture "It Is!"
Dr. William J. Shaw

10:30 A.M. Discussion Session

Facilitators: Professor N. E. Douglas ('58)
Ms. Beryl Brown ('88)

12:00 Noon Lunch

1:30 P.M. LECTURE III

Presiding: Professor J. F. Grimmett

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

Prayer

Presentation of Lecturer

Lecture "We Are?"
Dr. William J. Shaw

Wednesday, March 19 (Con't)

2:30 P.M. Discussion Session

Facilitators: Professor Cora Goodwin
Mr. Wesley Davis ('87)

3:00 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 Edward McCree ('73)
Ms. Paulette Woodard ('89)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise - #511 "Victory In Jesus"

Invocation

Special Music: Jefferson St. Missionary
Baptist Church Choir

Presentation of Preacher

Scripture: Mark 16:14-20

Special Music: Jefferson St. Missionary
Baptist Church Choir

Sermon "Resurrection Orders"
Dr. William A. Jones

Hymn of Commitment - #411 "Lift Him Up"

Benediction

10:00 P.M. Alumni Worship Services
at Jefferson St. Missionary Baptist Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1986

8:30 A.M. Registration

9:30 A.M. LECTURE IV

Thursday, March 20 (Con't)

Presiding: Professor Nelson Wilson ('84)

Hymn - #219 "A Shelter In The Time of Storm"

Prayer

Presentation of Lecturer

Lecture "To The Jew First?"
Dr. William J. Shaw

10:30 A.M. Discussion Session

Facilitators: Professor Ross McLaren
Mr. Eric Lightbourne ('89)

12:00 Noon Lunch

1:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICES

Liturgists: Dr. Floyd Prude ('73)
Mr. Vernon Lloyd ('86)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise - #14 "Come Thou Fount"

Invocation

Presentation of Preacher

Scripture: Acts 2:36-41

Special Music: American Baptist College Choir

Sermon "The Church's Cry"
Dr. William A. Jones

Hymn of Commitment - #142 "Rescue The Perishing"

Remarks: Professor Kelly M. Smith, Jr.
Dean Charles Hudson
President Odell McGlothian, Sr.

Benediction

Annual Alumni Banquet - Elder Dennis Ward ('71), Speaker
Heritage House - 1751 Gallatin Rd.; Madison, TN
7:00 P.M.

Biographical Sketches



Dr. William J. Shaw, serving as lecturer for the GNL, is the pastor of the White Rock Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In addition, he is the Director of the Minister's Division for the National Congress of Christian Education of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. Dr. Shaw holds positions on many other religious and civic boards in his community and the nation.

Dr. Shaw received the B.A. degree, Summa Cum Laude from Bishop College. He also received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary and the Doctor of ministry degree from Colgate Rochester Divinity School Bexley Hall /Crozer Theological Seminary.

Dr. Shaw and his wife Camellia have one son, Timothy Sherwood Shaw.



Dr. William Augustus Jones, serving as preacher for the GNL, is the Pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Jones has received many citations and honors in recognition of his involvements and leadership abilities. He has held many positions across the country, including that of being President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention from 1978-1980. Dr. Jones was also recognized by Ebony Magazine as being one of the most outstanding black preachers in the nation.

Dr. Jones received the B.A. degree from the University of Kentucky, the Master of Divinity degree from Crozer Theological Seminary and the Doctor of Ministry degree from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary.

Dr. Jones has several publications including the book, God in the Ghetto which is available during these Lecture Series.

Dr. Jones and his wife Natalie have four children, William III, Elsa, Lesley and Jennifer.



Elder D.J. Ward ('71), serving as the Alumni Banquet speaker, presently serves as pastor of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. As pastor he has sought to lead the church to greater heights in Christian growth with a strong emphasis on Bible study.

Elder Ward presently serves as an instructor in the Knoxville, TN Seminary Extension Unit of the American Baptist College of ABTS. In conjunction with this he serves as Chairman of the Unit's Advisory Board and was instrumental in its reorganization in 1981.

As a graduate of American Baptist College, Elder Ward has encouraged sons in the ministry to be diligent in their Christian education, some of whom have complete their studies or are currently enrolled at ABC.

Elder Ward is married to the former Brenda J. Jones of Gulfport, Mississippi.

Appreciation

Thanks is expressed to all of the persons who have contributed their time, talents and resources for this Twenty-ninth 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. Gladys Adams	Administrative Assistant to the President
Ms. Beryl Brown ('88)	Sophomore Student
Mr. L. Royal Byars ('87)	Junior Student
Professor James Campbell	Adjunct Professor of General Science and Pastoral Studies; Pastor, First Baptist Church, East Nashville, TN
Mr. Wesley Davis ('87)	Junior Student
Professor N.E. Douglas ('58)	Director, Division of Humanities and Professor of History and Biblical-Theological Studies
Professor Cora Goodwin	Associate Professor of English
Mr. Willie Graves ('86)	Senior Student
Professor J.F. Grimmitt	Associate Professor of Pastoral Studies and Missions
Dean Charles Hudson	Academic Dean
Mr. Eric Lightbourne ('89)	Freshman Student
Mr. Vernon Lloyd ('86)	President, Senior Class
Professor Richard Lucas	Director, Division of Church Vocations; Professor of Church History, New Testament, Theology and Pastoral Studies
The Reverend Edward McCree ('73)	Pastor, Macedonia Baptist Church Pontiac, Michigan
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 Associate Professor of Theology, Old and New Testament, History, Biblical Languages, Philosophy
The Reverend Charlie Oglesby ('79)	Pastor, Faith-United Baptist Church Nashville, TN

Professor Diana Poe	Assistant Professor of Church Music Directress, College Choir
Dr. Floyd Prude ('73)	President, National Alumni Association Pastor, Emanuel Baptist Church, Beloit, WS
Professor Kelly M. Smith, Jr.	Director, Continuing Education; Coordinator, Garnett-Nabrit Lectures; Associate Professor; Pastor, Berean Baptist Chapel, Nashville, TN
Mr. Patrick Smith ('86)	President Student Government Association; Senior Student
Professor Nelson Wilson ('84)	Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Sociology
Ms. Paulette Woodard ('89)	Freshman Student

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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. We also mention a word of thanks to Ms. Sherlene Cooper for her assistance in the preparation of the printed program.