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5 Ways to Pray for Your Pastor in 2013

By Nicholas T. Batzig

Just the other day I received a letter in the mail from a medical doctor whom I have never met before. Having told me how he had benefited from some of my sermons and articles, he went on to tell me, "I pray for you. I will be able to do so on a very regular basis now and trust that you will be helped and strengthened in your ministry and family." This was an enormous comfort and encouragement to me. Contrary to what some might suppose, ministers of the gospel desperately need the prayers of the saints. One of my seminary professors used to tell the student body, "Pastors have a bull's eye on their back and footprints up their chest." This is quite an appropriate description of the hardships that God's servants are called to endure for the sake of the gospel. The flaming arrows of the evil one are persistently being shot at pastors. In addition, the world is eager to run them over at any opportunity. This is, sadly, also a reality with regard to some in the church.

With so much opposition and difficulty within and without, pastors constantly need the people of God to be praying for them. The shepherd needs the prayers of the sheep as much as they need his prayers. He also is one of Christ's sheep, and is susceptible to the same weaknesses. While there are many things one could pray for pastors, here are five straightforward Scriptural categories:

1. Pray for their spiritual protection from the world, the flesh and the Devil.

Whether it was Moses' sinful anger leading to his striking of the rock (Num 20:7-12), David's adultery and murder (2 Sam. 11), or Simon Peter's denial of the Lord (Matt 26:69-75) and practical denial of justification by faith alone (Gal: 2:11-21), ministers are faced with the reality of the weakness of the flesh, the assaults of the world and the rage of the devil (see this article). There have been a plethora of ministers who have fallen into sinful practices in the history of the church and so brought disgrace to the name of Christ. Since Satan has ministers of the gospel (and their families) locked in his sight—and since God's honor is at stake in a heightened sense with any public ministry of the word, members of the church should pray that their pastor and their pastor's family would not fall prey to the world, the flesh, or the Devil.

2. Pray for their deliverance from the physical attacks of the world and the Devil.

While under prison guard in Rome, the apostle Paul encouraged the believers in Philippi to pray for his release when he wrote, "I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ" (Phil 1:19). (See also 2 Cor 1:9-11).

When Herod imprisoned Simon Peter we learn that "constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church" (Acts 12:5). After an exodus-like deliverance from prison, Luke tells us that Peter showed up at the home where the disciples were continuing to pray for his deliverance. This is yet another example of the minister being delivered from harm due, in part, to the prayers of the saints.

3. Pray for doors to be opened to them for the spread of the gospel.

In his letter to the Colossians Paul asked the church to be praying "that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains" (Col 4:3). The success of the spread of the gospel is dependent in part on the prayers of



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Message from the Chairman Deacon Emeritus Daniel Hoskins "Team Work Generates Harmony"



“Our Leadership”

Each of us is called to be a leader, whether we agree or not. Our leadership may manifest itself in deed, word, action, lifestyle, on and on. In Matthew 28:19-20, we, as disciples, are charged with a leadership role by Jesus prior to his assenting. We call this charge the “Great Commission”. Before receiving this charge we were trained in that we individually choose to believe the teachings of Jesus. We were also assured that we would not be alone and therefore should not fear.

The example of leadership exhibited by Jesus taught us how to lead. That is with humility, confidence, and boldness yet with compassion. He showed us leadership at every level from God, the head, to that of servitude, on our knees.

In Exodus 13:17-18, God gave Moses directions to lead the people out of bondage. Moses gave directions to Aaron and others based on directives that he had received from God. Others gave directions to the people, based on directives they received from Moses. The heads of each family gave directions to their families accordingly. At each level of leadership, directives received were to lead to the accomplishment of directives from God. God gave man choice in the beginning and the people, us, are responsible for action and choosing to do our utmost to lead where we are charged. Each level of leadership prepares us for the next level to serve, to lead, to serve, to lead etc.

God does not make mistakes, we do. He knows the ending before the charge is given. Your call, and mine, to serve, to lead, to serve, to lead comes continuously. The choice is ours to accept or reject when called at whatever the level.

One day I was curious to read some of my wife’s notes she had taken during a recent Deaconess Workshop. I found it quite unique and most effective how the workshop leaders choose to address the subject of leadership. One handout stated that “Christ like Leadership means considering the needs of our neighbor before our own, seeking their good, encouraging their spiritual growth and intimacy with God. It means treating others the way God has treated us.

That, servant leaders employ gentle persuasion and reason rather than barking orders and ultimatums. They don’t dictate or demand but recognize that before God they themselves are but servants who are only doing their duty. (Luke 17:10).

Whatever our position of leadership, we will never lose if we lose ourselves for others. Service that cares for others is the basis of true greatness”.

“ONLY THE ONE WHO HAS LEARNED TO SERVE IS QUALIFIED TO LEAD”

Another handout stated that “Good leaders don’t rely on domineering self-assertion – NOT AT HOME, NOR IN CHURCH, NOR IN BUSINESS. Rather, they balance self-assertiveness (which in itself is not wrong) with the principle of submitting to one another (Ephesians 5:21). They listen respectfully, admit when they’re wrong, show a willingness to change, and mix gentleness with firmness. That’s submissive LEADERSHIP---and it works.

Submissive leadership requires a kind gentle honesty that will attend to OTHERS’ NEEDS and win their LOVE and LOYALTY”.

“THE ONLY LEADERS QUALIFIED TO LEAD ARE THOSE WHO HAVE LEARNED TO SERVE”.

What a lesson! With God’s help, we can all continue to learn.



2013 Annual Session

Greetings in the name of our Precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The 136th Annual Session of our Convention will convene on May 5-11, 2013, at Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Dr. Benjamin D. Snoddy and the Spartanburg Association Family will serve as hosts. Our Welcome Night speaker will be the Reverend Dr. Stephen Thurston, President of the National Baptist Convention of America. All services will be held at the church. Please mark your calendars for the President's Educational Banquet, which will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel, 299 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29306, at 6:30 PM. The speaker will be Dr. Clarence Moore, Vice President of the Southeastern Region of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. We are asking that each church and association purchase at least two (2) tickets at \$35.00 each for this occasion.

Register Online Today at http://www.bemsc.org/bemsc_members/login_form.php

Go online to <http://www.bemsc.org/annual-session-hotels.php> for the 2013 Hotel Information

The President's Educational Banquet

The President's Educational Banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 6:30 PM at The Marriott Renaissance Hotel 299 North Church St. Spartanburg, SC 29306. Dr. Clarence Moore, Vice President of the Southeastern Region of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. will be the guest speaker. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

You may purchase tickets from the Baptist E&M Headquarters office in Columbia.

Pastors and Delegates are urged to bring their doorway fees. Registration will begin on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 12:00 Noon in the J. Leon Pridgen Fellowship Hall at Mount Moriah Baptist Church. Registration will open each day thereafter at 8:30 AM. Dr. William A. Salley is the Chairman of the Registration Committee.

Please be prepared to register with the Brotherhood, the Music and Ushers Departments. We are also asking that you come prepared to pay your Benevolence Fee of \$50.00, Scholarship of \$100.00, and a Sandy Disaster Relief Donation.

Moderators are reminded that Moderators Night will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Each Association is requested to contribute a minimum of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00).

Prayerfully, we look forward to seeing you on May 5-11, 2013 at Mount Moriah Baptist Church. Should you have any questions or concerns please call us at 803-931-8811. Until then, may God's richest blessings abide with you.

For A Greater Baptist E&M Convention, I Am,

Benjamin D. Snoddy
President

2013 Women's History Month Theme:

*Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination:
Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*

National Women's History Month

In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women.

African-American Women Scientists and Inventors

African-American women scientists and inventors have made significant contributions in the field of science and technology, but it was only after the Civil War that they could file and receive their patents. These women had to face many hurdles to reach their goal.

Women all over the world have suffered due to sex discrimination. In the United States, it was altogether a different story; besides sexism, there was racial discrimination too. Hence, it became almost impossible for African-American women to overcome the shadow of hate and discrimination. If we don't collect and record our own history, who is going to think what we did was important? I want to share information about some women who had the courage to defy the odds and achieve what others couldn't.

Dr. Patricia Era Bath (b.1942) Ophthalmologist and Inventor



Patricia Bath's invention of the Laserphaco Probe was an important milestone in the advent of laser cataract surgery. Bath co-founded the American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness (1976) committed to "protect, preserve, and restore the gift of sight." She broke ground for both women and African Americans in medicine and ophthalmology, including being the first African American woman doctor to receive a patent for a medical purpose. Read more about Dr. Bath online at <http://www.biography.com/people/patricia-bath-21038525>■

Dr. Shirley Jackson (b.1942) Telecommunications Inventions



Dr. Shirley Jackson, a theoretical physicist and famous black inventor, has been credited with making many advances in science. She first developed an interest in science and mathematics during her childhood and followed this interest to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where she received a bache-

lors, masters, and doctoral degree, all in the field of physics. In doing so she became the first African-American woman to acquire a Ph.D. from MIT.

Jackson used her knowledge in physics to make advances in telecommunications while working at Bell Laboratories. Her inventions include developments in the portable fax, touch tone telephone, solar cell, and the fiber optic cables used to provide clarity in overseas telephone calls. She has also helped make possible Caller ID and Call Waiting.

Currently, Jackson is the president of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, recently ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the nation's top 50 universities. **For more information on Dr. Shirley Jackson, refer to:** <http://rpi.edu/president/profile.html>■

Maria Stewart (1803–1879) : Hero of Black Church History



Maria Stewart was a political activist of the early- to mid-nineteenth century who had important impacts in the areas of women's rights and the rights of African Americans. At a time when women—whether of European, African, or other ancestry—did not often speak publicly on political issues, Stewart established herself as a public speaker and a writer whose

principal topics were the evils of slavery and the need for women to come forward and take responsibility for righting this wrong—and more generally for improving their own status so that they could more effectively influence the course of events in their country.

Maria Stewart was born Maria Miller in Hartford, Connecticut in 1803. Both of her parents died while she was still very young, and she was taken into the home of a clergyman, not as a family member but as a servant. As a teenager, she worked for pay in other households as a domestic servant. However, she at this time was laying the groundwork for a different sort of future for herself by learning to read and write, which she accomplished with the aid of instruction she received in Sabbath school. Her social and financial situations were improved by her marriage to James W. Stewart in 1826. Stewart, a much older man, was a naval veteran of the War of 1812 and was at the time of his marriage to Maria Miller employed in the shipping business in Boston, where the newly married couple lived. But after only three years of marriage, James Stewart died, and his estate, apparently through legal chicanery, went to the white businessmen in Boston who served as his executors, rather than to his widow.

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At about this time, Maria Stewart's interest in religious matters greatly increased, as she evidently turned to religion as a comfort in the aftermath of her husband's death.

At 28. In the fall of 1831, she hands William Lloyd Garrison, publisher of the *Liberator*, an Abolitionist newspaper the manuscript of her challenge to African Americans to sue for their rights. Stewart entitled her work ***Religion and the Pure Principles of Morality: The Sure Foundation on Which We Must Build***. She told her readers that she:

“Presented them before you in order to arouse you to exertion, and to enforce upon your minds the great necessity of turning your attention to knowledge and improvement.”

Here we have a young, female, African American widow writing in a white male abolitionist tabloid as a spiritual director to motivate her people to learning and action—based upon being created in the image of God.

But God!

Using the biblical truth of the image of God, Maria Stewart guides her readers toward the counter-cultural but scriptural truth that:

“It is not the color of the skin that makes the person, but it is the principles formed within the soul.”

Stewart inspires her audience to see who they are in Christ.

“Many think, because your skins are tinged with a sable

hue, that you are an inferior race of beings; but God does not consider you as such. He hath formed and fashioned you in his own glorious image, and hath bestowed upon you reason and strong powers of intellect. He hath made you to have dominion over the beasts of the field, the fowls of the air, and the fish of the sea (Genesis 1:26). He hath crowned you with glory and honor; hath made you but a little lower than the angels (Psalms 8:5).”

Stewart remained in Boston only until 1833. After her departure for New York and later to Baltimore, she worked as a teacher, served on the staff of Frederick Douglass's *The North Star*, another abolitionist newspaper, and was active in women's groups. In 1835 Garrison published a collection of her speeches as *Productions of Maria W. Stewart*, and later, in 1878, Stewart herself published *Meditations from the Pen of Maria W. Stewart*. Stewart's speeches and essays, potent in themselves, were also important as a part of the growing impetus of the abolitionist movement and as one of the stimuli to the women's rights movement that would flower in 1848 in the Seneca Falls, New York Women's Rights Convention.

Editors note: These women's lives and work span the centuries of American history and we should remember them and share their stories with one another and our children.■



Join The Low Country Deacons Alliance

The Low Country Deacons Alliance, Inc. and Its Auxiliaries is a tax-exempt charitable organization in accordance with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service codes.

Membership fee is \$5.00 annually.



You may join us as an individual Missionary Baptist Deacon or as part of an organized body of Deacons. We encourage you to become involved and participate with the Low Country Deacons Alliance to bring about ongoing fellowship among Low Country Deacons and to partake in education, missionary work and youth programs.

Download the membership application form online at www.deaconsalliance.org and mail to us with your annual fee or email info@deaconsalliance.org for an application.

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the people of God. In this way, the church shares in the gospel ministry with the pastor. Though he is not the only one in the body who is called to spread the word, he has a unique calling to "do the work of an evangelist." The saints help him fulfill this work by praying that the Lord would open doors "for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ."

4. Pray that they might have boldness and power to preach the gospel.

In addition to praying for open doors for the ministry of the word, the people of God should pray that ministers would have Spirit-wrought boldness. When writing to the church in Ephesus, the apostle Paul asked them to pray for him "that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel" (Eph 6:19). There is a well-known story of several college students going to visit the Metropolitan Tabernacle in order to hear Charles Spurgeon preach. As the story goes, Spurgeon met them at the door and offered to show them around. At one point he asked if they wanted to see the church's heater plant (boiler room). He took them downstairs where they saw hundreds of people praying for God's blessings on the service and on Spurgeon's preaching. The gathering of the people of God to pray for the ministry of the word is what he called "the heating plant!" Believers can help ministers by praying that they would be given boldness and power in preaching the gospel.

5. Pray that they might have a spirit of wisdom and understanding.

One of the most pressing needs for a minister of the gospel is that he would be given the necessary wisdom to counsel, to know when to confront, to mediate and to discern the particular pastoral needs of a congregation. This is an all-encompassing and a recurring need. The minister is daily faced with particular challenges for which he desperately needs the wisdom of Christ. It is said of Jesus that "the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, and of counsel and might" was upon Him (Is 11:2). The servants of Christ need that same Spirit. Much harm is done to the church as a whole if the minister does not proceed with the wisdom commensurate to the challenges with which he is faced. Those who benefit from this wisdom can help the minister by calling down this divine blessing from heaven upon him.

Special thanks to **Rev. Nicholas T. Batzig** the organizing pastor of New Covenant Presbyterian Church in Richmond Hill, Ga for sharing this prudent information. Article originally posted online at <http://www.ligonier.org/blog/5-ways-to-pray-for-your-pastor/> You can follow Pastor Batzig on Twitter [@Nick_Batzig](#) ■



The Jerusalem Baptist Church Family will be celebrating their pastor, Charleston County Baptist Association Moderator Rev. Dr. William A. Salley and Sis. Susan Salley's 29th Pastoral Anniversary on Sunday, March 10, 2013 during their 11:30 A.M. Service. The Speaker will be the esteemed Rev. Dr. Willie E. Givens Jr.

On Friday, March 8, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. we will have "Joy Night" in honor of Sis. Susan Salley our Pastor's Wife. We would be honored to have you our brothers and sisters to celebrate with us as we praise and give all glory to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Love,

The Jerusalem Baptist Church Family

Pastor's Wife Tale: Gladys was a pastor's wife and went with him to church every Sunday. One Sunday the sermon was particularly long; some people were getting sleepy. When the pastor finally ended the service, his wife went over to one of the gentlemen who had fallen asleep, and in an effort to help him wake up, she extended her hand and said: "Hello, I'm Gladys Dunn." The man replied: "Lady, you're not the only one."

From Male-hood to Manhood

2013 Beaux Affair “Rites of Passage” Ceremony

By Deacon Levy W. and Deaconess Shirley A. Berry

Beaux Affair “Rites of Passage” Class of 2013

The Charleston Youth Leadership Council, Inc. (CYLC, Inc.) 24th annual Beaux Affair “Rites of Passage” Ceremony was held on Sunday, February 24, 2013 at Joshua Missionary Baptist Church in North Charleston, pastored by the Reverend Dr. Robert L. Grove. The theme for the Beaux Affair Class of 2013 is “My Destiny, My Choice”.

Twenty-three Beau candidates transitioned from male-hood to manhood during the sacred ceremony directed by the Council of Elders. The Council of Elders are men and women volunteers who guide the Beau candidates through an intense program which is concurrent with the academic school year. The transition from male-hood to manhood was made by Beau Joe Wade, Aaron Manigault, Rashad Alston, David Grant, Vicent Whaley, Jr., Myles Snype, Alex Barber, Montel Gause, Devron Levine, James Simuel III, Kahlil Hamilton, Miles Counts, Joseph Young, Demetri Carter, Darius Sheppard, Cameron Townsend-Murray, DeAngelo Hair, Samuel McNeal, Avery Zorn, Josephus Singleton, DeAngelo Shaw and Andrew Williams.

Clay N. Middleton from the Beaux class of 1998 was the distinguished guest speaker. He is a Special Advisor at the Department of Energy and Diversity and is a captain in the South Carolina Army National Guard. Mr. Middleton served as the Associate Director for the White House Office for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Center at the Corporation for National and Community Service. He was also the Lowcountry Coordinator for United States Congressman James E. Clyburn (D-SC).

The Beaux Affair “Rites of Passage” is a nine month mentor and leadership development program for male high school juniors and seniors of the Tri-County area. The program consists of workshops of three hour duration, held twice monthly on Sundays, addressing a variety of leadership topics. Workshop topics and/or discussions include: Preparing for College, Etiquette, Dress for Success, Public Speaking and Debating, Social Skills and Manners, Leadership Development, Current Events, Community Service, Conflict Resolution, Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco, Entrepreneurship and Financial Planning. In addition, the Beau candidates must attend two weekend retreats: (1) Beaux/Elders Retreat (2) Father/Son Retreat.

President Kryston J. Miller from the Beaux class of 1993, along with the Council of Elders, conducted the sacred ceremony. President Miller summoned the Beau candidates to kneel at the altar before the Council of Elders to recite the prelude and prologue to **The Manhood Pledge**: *We were born males not men. We will become men when we learn the art and science of manhood. We know that life is hard work, but we accept that challenge for ourselves, for you, for life, for the future. Because the future is open and we shall decide.*

During the ceremony the Beau candidates recited with conviction:

1. **The Libation Statement:** (for the motherland, cradle of civilization)

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Health Committee



Increasingly, people are turning to places of worship to get accurate, useful information about issues that uniquely affect African Americans. The Low Country Deacons Alliance, Inc., & Its Auxiliaries Health Committee aspires to improve the health of member congregations and Low Country communities. The Health Committee will endeavor to educate and provide activities necessary to create a healthier community.



Deaconess Gwendell Murray - Health Committee Chairperson

March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month

The Campaign This March: Has the Hero in Your Life Been Screened?

Figures like Superman, Wonder Woman and Batman are seen as heroes throughout the world, but not all heroes wear capes and masks. We all know people who are doing amazing things to make the world a better place. This March, we want you to ask the heroes in your life to put the superhuman duties aside and take a minute for themselves by getting screened for colon cancer.

As the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States, colon cancer is up to 90 percent preventable through screening. If the heroes in your life are at high risk, age 50 or older, or if they have a family history of the disease, you could save their lives by urging them to get screened. So this March, talk to the hero in your life about colon cancer and make sure their butt is screened!

Do you know who in your family has had colon cancer? What about polyps? Believe it or not, this information has a huge impact on YOUR health. Your risk for developing this cancer grows dramatically if you have a family history of either. What can you do? Know your family history!

We urge you to sit down and talk about your family health history, and be sure to share this information with your doctor. If you are at a higher risk for the disease, you may need to be screened earlier than you think. Your life could depend upon it! Learn more about other risk factors of colon cancer go online to <http://www.ccalliance.org>. For ideas on how to get the conversation started, check out www.Familyplz.org■

March 26th is Diabetes ALERT DAY



Diabetes is a serious disease that strikes nearly 26 million children and adults in the United States, and a quarter of them—7 million—do not even know they have it. An additional 79 million, or one in three American adults, have prediabetes, which puts them at high risk for developing type 2 diabetes. Recent estimates project that as many as one in three American adults will have diabetes in 2050 unless we take the steps to Stop Diabetes®.

On March, 26, 2013, the American Diabetes Association will be encouraging the public to take the Diabetes Risk Test, as well as to share the test with **everyone** they care about - friends, family members and colleagues. With each person that takes the test and knows their risk, the Association is that much closer to stopping diabetes.

American Diabetes Association Alert Day®, which is held every fourth Tuesday in March, is a one-day, “wake-up call” asking the American public to take the Diabetes Risk Test to find out if they are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes.

The new Diabetes Risk Test asks users to answer simple questions about weight, age, family history and other potential risks for prediabetes or type 2 diabetes. Preventative tips are provided for everyone who takes the test, including encouraging those at high risk to talk with their health care provider.

You can be part of the movement to Stop Diabetes® and get your free Diabetes Risk Test (English or Spanish) by visiting the Association on Facebook www.facebook.com/AmericanDiabetesAssociation or by calling 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383). Although Alert Day is a one-day event, the Diabetes Risk Test is available year-round.■

The Low Country Deacons Alliance, Incorporated and Its Auxiliaries (LCDA) 5th Annual Holiday Banquet was held December 15, 2012 at the Mt. Moriah Family Life Center in North Charleston. Reverend Dr. Anthony Reverend Nelson B. Rivers, III was Keynote Speaker at the [Low Country Deacons Alliance, Inc. & Its Auxiliaries 5th Annual Holiday Banquet](#). He delivered inspirational words of encouragement from the theme "The Spirit of Joseph" and focused on the scriptures outlined in Matthew 1:18-24. He stated the Bible is taught and lived through the spoken word. Reverend Rivers said favor is not fair, but it is real. He encouraged the audience to believe in the Name, trust the Name, and obey the Name of Jesus. He challenged us to go beyond our expectations, and then you will become obedient to God. Follow what the Lord has said; it will not lead you wrong. He highlighted four (4) things about Joseph's character: (1) He was a fair man (2) He was a hard-working man (3) He decided that he will deny himself a(4) He was obedient to God. Reverend Rivers stated that when a person is called to be a Deacon, they must have the "Spirit of Joseph" as a servant. He also stated God shape us for different things; find your purpose and passionately follow it. ■





The National Baptist Deacons Convention of America Inc. and Its Auxiliaries

Deacon Robert Ransom, President Parent Body

79 Years of Christian Service
“Changing the Method, not the Message”

1 Corinthians 9:20-23
 July 22-26, 2013

The National Baptist Deacons Convention of America, Inc. and Its Auxiliaries began on July 26, 1934, when members of local Deacons organizations from Washington, DC, Richmond, Virginia and Hilltop, Maryland met to initiate a closer relationship of Baptist Deacons.

The original purposes included:

1. Learning how to assist Pastors better in advancing general interests of churches;
2. Bringing a closer relationship between Deacons and members of our churches;
3. Discussing and studying principles and duties applying to Deacons;
4. And, performing home and foreign mission work.

What We Do

The Convention offers a vast array of positive programs that revolve around the organization's original purposes of worship, education, fellowship and missionary work. Skilled and dedicated personnel lead all programs. Just a few of the Conventions programs are:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Christian Leadership Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops • Bible Study • Prayer and Worship Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Dynamic Youth Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Workshops • Scholarship Competitions and Awards | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lott Carey Foreign Mission • National Regional and Local Charities |
| <p>2. Women's Auxiliary Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel Discussions • Health Ministry • Prayer Breakfast • Missionary Work | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. James and Priscilla Ross Mission and Education Board's Annual Awards to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAACP • United Negro College Fund | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Two Annual Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th Weekend in March Executive Board Meeting and Annual Youth Day • Monday after the 3rd Sunday in July Annual Week long Session |

Join Us:

You may join us as an individual Missionary Baptist Deacon or as part of an organized body of Deacons. We encourage you to become involved at the local level to perpetuate ongoing fellowship among Deacons and to promote programs in education, missionary work and youth programs. Local groups are advised to form a Women's Auxiliary to include Deaconesses and other Christian Women. Usually, a minimum of three Ministries or Boards of Deacons from nearby Churches is sufficient to form a local unit.

Deacons, Christian Women and youths as well as Pastors and Ministers are welcome to register for all Convention functions.

The Convention is a tax-exempt charitable organization in accordance with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service codes.

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2. **The Nguzo Saba Principles:** Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self Determination), Ujima (Cooperative Economics), Ujamma (Collective Work and Responsibility), Nia (Purpose), Kumba (Creativity) and Imani (Faith)
3. **The Manhood Pledge:** vowing to work to become men, leaving childhood and boyhood behind
4. **The Seven R’s:** Religious, Respect, Responsibility, Restrain, Reciprocity, Rhythm and Redemption.

Each candidate ceremonially drank from the **Kikombe Cha Umoja** (Unity Cup) and each was anointed with oil by the Council of Elders thus completing their transition from male-hood to manhood. A kente sash and lapel pin was given to each Beau symbolizing completion and remembrance of the program.

President Miller proudly presented the 2013 Beaux Affair Class to the audience and the Council of Elders gave the class departing words of wisdom.

The CYLC, Inc. Beaux Affair “Rites of Passage” Program was organized 24 years ago by Dr. David C. Floyd, Founder. Over 600 (average of 25 Beaus x 24 years) young men have completed the “Rites of Passage” Program and approximately \$140,000.00 dollars have been awarded in scholarships. Several young men who participated in the “Rites of Passage” Program have returned to become Elders, which is a testament of the program’s effectiveness. The Beaux Affair Program has been recognized by former President Bill Clinton and continues to be one of the most successful and highly acclaimed programs for males in South Carolina. In addition, the Beaux Affair Program is one of the programs supported by the Low Country Deacons Alliance, Inc. & Its Auxiliaries. The final event for this program year is the Beaux Affair Ball. This is a formal affair where the Beaus are presented and showcased to the community.

Please contact Francis Seabrook at 843-276-7385 for tickets or visit the website at www.thebeauxaffair.org for additional information.■





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UPCOMING EVENTS

This Month



Mark Your Calendars

Next Meeting is 6:30 P.M. Monday March 11 at:

El Shaddai Missionary Baptist Church

4708 Durant Ave.
N. Charleston, SC 29405
(843) 744-1011

The National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS
March 3-9, 2013

March 8-9, 2013

Deacons/Spiritual Leaders Workshop

Mt Moriah Missionary Baptist Church
7396 Rivers Ave.
N. Charleston, SC 29406
843-797-

March 22 to 23 2013

NBDC 2013 Mid-Term Session

Norfolk VA
Hilton Norfolk Airport
1500 N Military Highway
Norfolk VA 23502

Register online:

www.nationalbaptistdeaconsconvention.com/registration

6:30 P.M. Monday April 13 Meeting at:

Mt Moriah Missionary Baptist Church

7396 Rivers Ave.
N. Charleston, SC 29406
(843) 412-5813

**May 5-11, 2013 - The 136th Annual Session of the SC Baptist
E&M Convention** will convene on at Mount Moriah Baptist Church,
Spartanburg, SC.

July 22-26 2013

NBDC 2013 Annual Session - Cleveland Ohio

Intercontinental Hotel
9801 Carnegie Ave
Cleveland, OH 44106

Register online at:

www.nationalbaptistdeaconsconvention.com/registration/

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