

**127th Annual Session
of
The East Cedar Grove
Missionary Baptist Association
of North Carolina, Inc.**

— EVENT LOCATION —

Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church
9201 Jimmy Ed Road
Hurdle Mills, North Carolina 27541

REVEREND GEORGE CREWS, III, M.Div., *Host Pastor*

September 14-15, 2021

Theme:

“Proclaiming the Changless Christ to a Changing World”

Heb. 1:1-2, 13:7-8



REV. JAMES ISAAC, III, *Moderator*
4808 Lazy River Drive
Durham, North Carolina 27712

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

- 6:00 p.m. **Welcome/Opening of the Session**Reverend James Isaac, III, *Moderator*
Corporate Prayer/ WorshipReverend George Crews, III, M.Div.,
1st Vice Moderator, ECGMBA
- 6:15 p.m. **Scripture**Reverend Annie Gibson,
President, ECGMBA Woman's Auxiliary
PrayerReverend Angela Thompson, ECGMBA Statistician
Offertory PrayerMinister Carlos Lewis, President, ECGMBA Laymen
Song
- 7:00 p.m. **Business Meeting**Reverend Dr. Alvin B. Downing, Sr., *Presiding*,
2nd Vice Moderator, ECGMBA
Recognition of Service for Deacon Johnny M. Pettiford
Introduction of the SpeakerReverend Dr. James Smith, ECGMBA Parliamentarian
MessageReverend Dr. Tony W. Barr, Sr.,
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, General Baptist State Convention
- 7:30 p.m. **Song**
End of ECGMBA Day 1 Session
Report of New Officers slate will be included in Business Meeting.

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Presiding: REVEREND GEORGE CREWS, III, M.Div., 1st Vice Moderator

- 6:00 p.m. **Scripture**Reverend Marcellus Moore, President,
ECGMBA Ministers, Deacons, Deaconesses Union
PrayerDeacon Larry Williams, President,
ECGMBA Congress of Christian Education
Offertory PrayerDeacon Ronnie Robinson, President, ECGMBA Ushers' Union
- 6:15 p.m. **Remembrance of Pastor Harold F. Trice Sr, and Pastor Norman T. Davis**
Introduction of ModeratorRev. Dr. Larry G. Wilson, Chairman, Ordaining Council
Moderator's AddressReverend James Isaac, III, Moderator
Remarks from Moderator
- 8:00 p.m. **Closing Prayer and Benediction**

REV. JAMES ISAAC, III, Moderator
East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association



The Reverend James Isaac, III, is a native of Durham, North Carolina. He is the son of Mr. James Isaac, Jr. and the late Mrs. Annie B. Isaac. He was licensed to preach the Gospel and ordained by the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Durham.

Pastor Isaac was educated in the Durham Public Schools System. He is a graduate of North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina, with a BS Degree in Computer Science. Reverend Isaac has furthered his studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Shaw University Divinity School.

He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Christian Student Leadership Consultation and the Association of Christian Student Leaders. He served as Second Vice-Moderator and Executive Board Member of the Wake Missionary Baptist Association. He served on the Board of Directors of Method Day Care Center, Inc.

Reverend Isaac served as a member of the Minister's Council of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Special Assistant to the National Director of the National Baptist Student Union.

Currently, Pastor Isaac serves as the Moderator and Executive Board Member of the East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association. He is the former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chinquapin, NC, and the Oberlin Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC. Reverend Isaac currently serves as pastor of the New Hope Granville Missionary Baptist Church in the Berea Community, Oxford, NC, and as Moderator of Moderators of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Pastor Isaac is married to the former Cheryal Blount. They are the proud parents of three children, Jasmine Renee, James IV, and Jessica Irene.

REVEREND DR. TONY W. BARR SR.

Executive Secretary-Treasurer, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina



Reverend Dr. Tony W. Barr Sr. is a dedicated preacher/teacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ for the last 23 years. His life is dedicated to living by example and encouraging men and women how to live up to their full potential in Christ. Rev. Barr has more than a decade and a half of pastoring, counseling, and mentoring people through the stages of discipleship, which fulfills his life mantra of “building the church that Christ is looking for, one person at a time.”

Earning the Doctor of Ministry degree from Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia, Dr. Barr’s education matriculation includes the Master of Divinity from Apex School of Theology in Durham, North Carolina. Rev. Barr also holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Information Systems from Winston-Salem State University, and an Associate in Applied Science from Wilks Community College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Tony’s matriculation in the corporate arena spanned two decades, where he experienced immense success beginning from entry-level and climaxing in management. Before entering ministry full time, he last served as a University Account Manager overseeing 490 college and university accounts throughout North and South Carolina. During this time, he managed and grew revenue in excess of 25 million dollars annually and built relationships with Presidential/C-level officers.

One of Tony's greatest honors is the Lord entrusting the leadership of several churches to him over the past 19 years. From 2000-2006 he pastored Emmanuel Baptist Church of Thomasville, NC. In 2008-2009 he served as Interim Pastor of New Breed Baptist Church of Cary, NC. From 2009-2016 Tony served as Senior Pastor of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church of Wadesboro, NC. 2017-2018 he served the Friendship Baptist Church of Thomasville, NC as Interim Pastor. 2018–2020, Dr. Barr served as Senior Pastor of Elm Grove Baptist Church, Reidsville, NC, before resigning to accept the position of Executive Secretary-Treasurer with the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., in February 2020.

Dr. Barr believes that faith, humility, and hard work will take you as far as you want to go.

Deacon Johnny M. Pettiford

Servant, East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association

May The Work I've Done Speak For Me



Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us for everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven. My season with East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association began at the early age of fourteen serving as Youth Convention President under the direction of Ms. Dunagan. During this season I served as President of the South Granville Ushers Union, Secretary of the Ministers, Deacons and Deaconess Union, President of the Congress of Christian Education, and Secretary of the Association just to name a few.

I want to thank God for the many ways He allowed me to serve. In seventy-eight years, I've watched children grow up, get baptized, married, and some who have gone home to be with the Lord. Over the years, we realized dreams, lived through many trials and were persevered by God.

While my season of frontline service is ending, there is one who remains constant: Jesus Christ. Jesus has been here from the beginning and will be with us for the rest of time. There may be difficult decisions that need to be made, but a passion for our Lord and Savior will see you through all your future trials.

This passion guided the visionaries of our Association, a passion that allowed them to navigate their own trials. As they did, we must look to our Savior and put HIM first. They managed and flourished; so, can we. Like the sun peeps over the horizon, East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association will also rise to a new experience. May you have the courage to see it through with God as your leader.

I will continue to love fondly, remember and pray daily, for our Association. I will always cherish this season of my life with the East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association. No man is an island, no man stands alone, for that in which we send into the lives of others comes back unto our own.

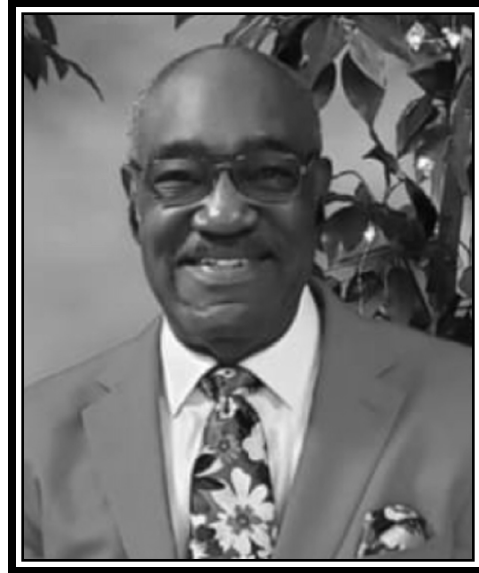
God Bless,

DEACON J. M. PETTIFORD

In Loving Memory



Pastor Norman T. Davis



Pastor Harold F. Trice, Sr.

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God!

*When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made.
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout
the universe displayed.*

*When through the woods
and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down
from lofty mountain
grandeur
And hear the brook
and feel the gentle breeze.*

*And when I think that God,
His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross,
my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died
to take away my sin.*

*When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
And take me home,
what joy shall fill my
heart!
Then I shall bow
in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God,
How great Thou art!*

CHORUS:

*Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art,
how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art,
how great Thou art!*

Annie R. Gibson
Past President, Woman's Auxiliary

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings! Every end has a new beginning and you made my end very special. Many thanks to all of you, to my officers, missionaries and the East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association. It is and has been a great pleasure and honor to serve you.

I will be leaving my position as President of the Woman's Auxiliary because my term is up. I pray my successor, Sister Queen Earle, will enjoy her time here as much as I have. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

I feel honored to have been named as one of the great Woman's Auxiliary Presidents. I am grateful for the opportunity I had to work with everyone and I have enjoyed my time serving as president. I don't think a simple "thank you" is enough to express all my gratitude. If you ever need me by your side, you can count on me. Please feel free to call me anytime as I will still be working in the vineyard.

Going forward, I earnestly seek your prayers as I transition from one level to another. I pray that the power of God will prepare me for any calls that may come my way. God bless you all!

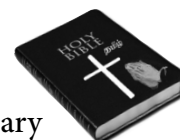
I am so happy and grateful now that my awareness is rapidly expanding and I am experiencing more joy, success and fulfillment every day, in part due to people like you. To my First Vice President, Sister Queen Earle, I love you and I know that everyone will join me in wishing you much success in your new position. My Second Vice President, Rev. Elizabeth McCoy, thank you for always filling in the gap. I know you will be as invaluable to Sister Queen Earle as you have been to me. Last but not least, my Third Vice President, Rev. Joyce Clayton; "What would I have done without your wisdom, prayers, kind words and guidance?" For all that you have done, I am forever grateful. Sister Judy Jacobs, thank you for being a great addition to our team. You are such a wonderful blessing to many people, working quietly in the background assisting as needed. May you continue to bless others by continuing your good works.

It would be an understatement to say that this hasn't been a difficult two years. In March of 2020, life shut down, COVID-19 ravaged through our communities. But, God in his infinite wisdom decided to send his Son into the world under very similar circumstances and look what a blessing that turned out to be. I am so thankful that we have been able to press on, spreading the good news, fellowshiping and helping others.

Again, thank you all, for your thoughtful gifts and the accolades you have expressed. I am so blessed to have such generous loving people like you in my life. With your permission I would like to leave you with these thoughts from my heart and home to yours!

- Whatever you do, do it all to the Glory of God.
- True leadership is serving God and not looking for the glory that might come from it. You don't do it for the glory or personal benefit but for God's glory. You don't take credit for anything that is done, but praise God for everything that He has done through you.
- There is nothing small in the service of God. Use your God-given gifts to serve others.
- God gives us opportunity to serve Him, by serving humanity.
- The Bible says, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10 KIV). These "good works" are your service to the world. Whenever you serve others in any way, you are actually serving God and fulfilling one of your purposes.
- Be nice to people... maybe it'll be unappreciated, or ignored, but spread the love anyway. We rise by lifting others.

To God be the Glory,
REVEREND ANNIE R. GIBSON,
Past President, ECGMBA Woman's Auxiliary



Sister Queen Earle
President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the ECGMBA



Greetings,

I am pleased to accept the position as President of the East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association Woman's Auxiliary. I will be working with a dynamite team of men and women in a passionate spirited association. I am fully aware of my obligations, and I look forward to contributing to the ECGMBA Woman's Auxiliary efforts.

Sincerely,

QUEEN EARLE

Biography

Queen Earle is a native of Oxford, North Carolina. She currently resides in Durham, North Carolina. She is the daughter of the late Thurman and Doris Cooper.

She received her elementary education in New Hanover County public schools, Wilmington, North Carolina. Her high school education was obtained in Granville County public schools, Oxford, North Carolina. She is a graduate of Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina, with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics. She did graduate studies in mathematics at George Washington University, Washington, D.C., University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia and Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania.

She is a retired mathematics teacher from Hillside High School, Durham, North Carolina. Teaching mathematics was Queen's passion. Her accomplishments and goals will always be remembered. Before moving to North Carolina, she taught mathematics in Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Queen accepted the Lord as her Savior and joined New Hope Granville Baptist Church at an early age. She is President of the New Hope Senior Missionary Circle, First Vice-President of the Woman's Auxiliary of East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association, and looking forward to serving as President of Woman's Auxiliary, beginning October 2021. With her commitment and God's help, leading and guidance, she is looking forward to four years of great hope and many blessings.

She enjoys reading, walking, working puzzles and traveling.

Queen is married to Alexander Earle. They are blessed with two adult children and four grandchildren.

Sister Judy Jacobs
Secretary, East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!



I write first, as your upcoming Secretary of East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association, to acknowledge I am deeply honored to become the Secretary to this great organization. As your Secretary, I am far from perfect, and I will need the unsparing support, cooperation and trust from all of you.

As I write here today my feelings are both of humility and of pride. I am humbled by the enormous task ahead of me, by the daunting responsibilities that the Secretary of the ECGMBA is called upon to shoulder. But, I also feel greatly honored. Not only personally, but, most of all, as a member of the ECGMBA for so many years — as one of you.

I do not think anyone who achieves success in the Secretariat can rightfully claim that he or she has done it alone. I have always believed that success is possible only when it is built on the support and cooperation of others such as Deacon Johnny Pettiford whom I will look to for guidance. We have worked together successfully for many years. Today, I am also counting on your continued support, your commitment and your dedication to the essential work of the Association.

I once read that the worst thing that can happen to you in your career is to get to the top of the ladder only to find that it has been placed against the wrong building. I do not think there are many of us who are in any danger of facing that frustration.

As one who has spent quite some time with the Association, I can understand the responsibility very well. Serving with the Association is more than just a job. It is a calling. For me, this isn't just another administrative assistant job, it is a pleasure to serve. Already, I am excited.

Blessings,

SISTER JUDY JACOBS

Time To Pay Representation Dues

Suggested payment plan based on membership:

1 - 50 Members — \$250.00	251 - 500 Members — \$ 750.00
51 - 100 Members — \$350.00	501 - 700 Members — \$1,000.00
101 - 250 Members — \$500.00	Above 700 Members — \$1,500.00



PROGRAM COMMITTEES

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