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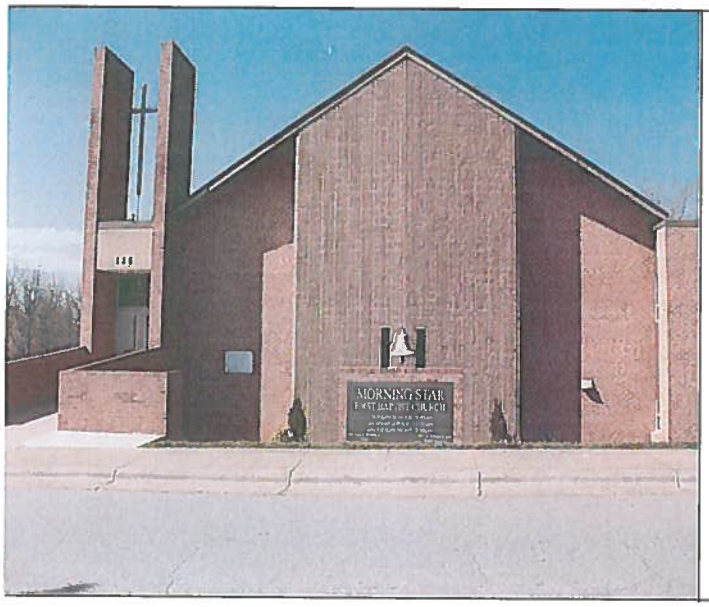

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"THE CHURCH WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY AND JESUS IS LORD"

January 29, 2017

Monday, January 30th, the Mass Choir will be rehearsing at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 31st, will be the first 2017 Bi-Annual Church Conference at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 5th, the **Men's Choir** will be singing at the Walden House **from 9-9:45 am**

LOST AND FOUND!
One black sequined ladies flat shoe size 9
Three pair of sunglasses
One small child's Power Ranger wallet
One pair of silver hoop earrings
If any of these items are yours, please come to the church office to pick it/them up.
All unclaimed items will be disposed of in 3 weeks.

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GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

Congress OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

One-Day Session

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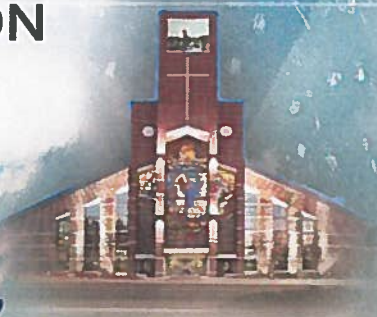

FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
3400 BEATTIES FORD ROAD, CHARLOTTE, NC

The 2017 One-Day Session of the Congress of Christian Education of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. will meet on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte. Ms. Janifer S. Campbell is President of the Congress and Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., is the host pastor. Over 1200 persons are expected to attend the One Day Session.

Registration for the One Day Session will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Friendship. Individual registration is $10.00 for adults and $5.00 for youth. Churches and Associations are reminded of their $400.00 annual assessment for each fiscal year to support the work of the Congress of Christian Education. Churches and Associations may pay the annual assessment in full on February 11, 2017 -or- $200.00 in February and $200.00 by August 31, 2017.

According to the Congress Dean, Dr. Jamale Johnson, the classes that will be offered are categorized in nine divisions as follows:

Division I
Ministerial

Who Moved My Pulpit
Relevant Ministry for Reaching Millennials
Pastoral Ministry 101
Developing Personally As A Minister
Sermon Preparation 101
Ministers Panel Discussion
Women in Ministry
Pulpit and Ministerial Etiquette

Division II
Leadership Development

Church Leaders: Helping Your Church
The Next Generational Leader
The Deacon Serving in the Local Church
The Deaconess Serving in the Local Church
The Trustee Serving in the Local Church
Conflict Management in the Church
The Five Star Church
The Minister's Wife and Panel Discussion
Legal Issues Facing the Church
Church Finance
The Pastoral Search
Developing Your Spiritual Purpose

Division III
The Sunday School Ministry

New Sunday School Superintendents
Improving Your Sunday School
Great Ideas of Sunday School Growth
The Motivated Teacher
Sunday School Conducting Outreach Ministry
Making the Sunday School Lesson Relevant

Division IV
Evangelism and Mission

Christianity 101
Tell Someone: Sharing the Good News
Everyday Evangelism
Mobilizing Your Church for Community Missions
The Church Mobilizing for Local State and Global Missions

Division V
Biblical & General Studies

The Mind of Christ
Discerning the Voice of God
The Armour of God
Branding The Men's Ministry
Discipleship Material for Men's Ministry
History of GBSC Timeline
Single Women in Ministry
Women's Ministry in the Church
Shaping the Next Generation of Men
The Battle Plan for Prayer
The Marriage Seminar
Hospitality 101: Making A Good First Impression
Improving Your Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study
The Power of Intercessory Prayer
General Bible Study: Joshua, Judges, and Ruth
Divorce Care

Division VI Teacher Training and Development

Job Descriptions in the Local
How to Study the Bible
Overview of Christian Education
Discipling and Counseling Children
First Steps for New Disciples
Vacation Bible School
Teaching Youth

Division VII Youth and Young Adult Ministry

How to Train Young Adults for Service
Oratorical Contest
God's Not Dead
Creative Bible Lesson in Essential Theology
Young Adult Panel Discussion

Division VIII Music Ministry and the Arts

How To Be A Worship Leader
Music and Fine Arts Ministry
Starting a Mime Ministry
How To Plan Worship
Contemporary Worship Service

Division IX Youth Division

Age appropriate classes will be offered for children and youth. Storytelling, Ministering through Puppets, Self Esteem Building and other hands-on features will also be offered for children and youth.

Additionally, "Early Bird" classes will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. The Opening Session will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the main sanctuary. Save February 11, 2017on your calendar and start making plans to be a part of this great worshipful and educational experience!

GBSC PRESIDENT, DR.NILOUS M. AVERY, II
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Catawba Social Services

Foster a Child. Change a Life.

Keeping churches informed about foster children in our community.

JANUARY 17, 2016

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS THIS MONTH:

- Congregations & Communities Meeting—1/10/17
- Evening Session of the Foster/Adoption Information Meeting—1/10/17
- Foster/Adoptive Parent Come & Connect Support Group Meeting—1/20/17
- 1st MAPP class of 2017 for Foster/Adoptive Parents begins!!—1/23/17
- Morning Session of the Foster/Adoption Information Meeting—1/24/17

If your church is interested in learning more about how to get involved with Family Builders and help spread the word about the need for foster parents, please contact Megan Hildebran Burns at mburns@catawbacounty nc.gov or call 828-695-4553.

I have heard from countless foster parents that fostering is simultaneously one of the hardest and most rewarding things they have ever done. Opening your heart and home to a child in foster care requires commitment, passion, patience, flexibility, and a sense of humor.

Qualitative research data collected by the Child Welfare Information Gateway found that the following factors are what determines a successful foster and/or adoptive placement:

- They are committed to the child.
- They are able to fully integrate the child into the family and not treat the child differently.
- They develop and practice good parenting skills, including patience, consistency, and flexibility.
- They seek out resources, information, and training when they need help.
- They have a network of social support.
- They have realistic expectations of the child.

In Catawba County, we currently have 68 licensed resource families, which includes 24 foster families, 14 kinship families, and 30 adoptive families. The staff of Catawba Social Services truly respect and admire these resource parents that we work with and know we could not care for our children without them.

This month I would like to highlight one of our newest foster families and let you hear in the foster parent's own words about their experience. I would highly encourage you to read Leeann's blog post that is attached with this newsletter that will allow you to get a first-hand perspective on what fostering is like.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a foster parent, please encourage them to contact me or visit www.fostercatawba.com.

Calendar of Events For February:

- Congregations & Communities Meeting—2/14/17 @ 11:30 AM
- Evening Session of the Foster/Adoption Information Meeting—2/14/17 @ 6:00 PM
- CVCC Panel Presentation on Child Welfare—2/15/17 @ 12:00 PM
- Foster/Adoptive Parent Come & Connect Support Group Meeting—2/17/17 @ 6:00 PM

Top 10 Needs:

1. Continued prayer for our children, families, DSS staff, and Child Welfare Court Officials.
2. Help to recruit new foster homes!! We need families willing to consider teenagers
3. New coats of all sizes
4. New underwear of all sizes
5. Financial contributions to our Foster Care Special Fund (to pay for fun extras such as band camp, athletic gear, field trips, etc.)
6. Tutoring volunteers
7. Guardian Ad Litem Volunteers
8. New or gently used suitcases
9. Special Events Volunteers (Foster Parent Appreciation, Christmas Wishes, etc)
10. Hosting a special event for our resource parents and foster children

CATAWBA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES

Questioning Freedom with Dwayne Betts

"A searing and ultimately uplifting story."

A QUESTION
of
FREEDOM

A Memoir of Learning, Survival, and Coming of Age in Prison

DWAYNE BETTS

Wednesday
February 15, 2017
7:00pm
Carolina Theater
Movie Screening of
13th

Tuesday
February 21, 2017
7:00pm
Fireside Room
Cromer Center
Book Discussion

Thursday
February 23, 2017
7:00pm
Belk Centrum
An Evening with
Reginald Dwayne Betts

Please join us for any or all of these events taking an inside look into our justice system and the impact race still holds on freedom.

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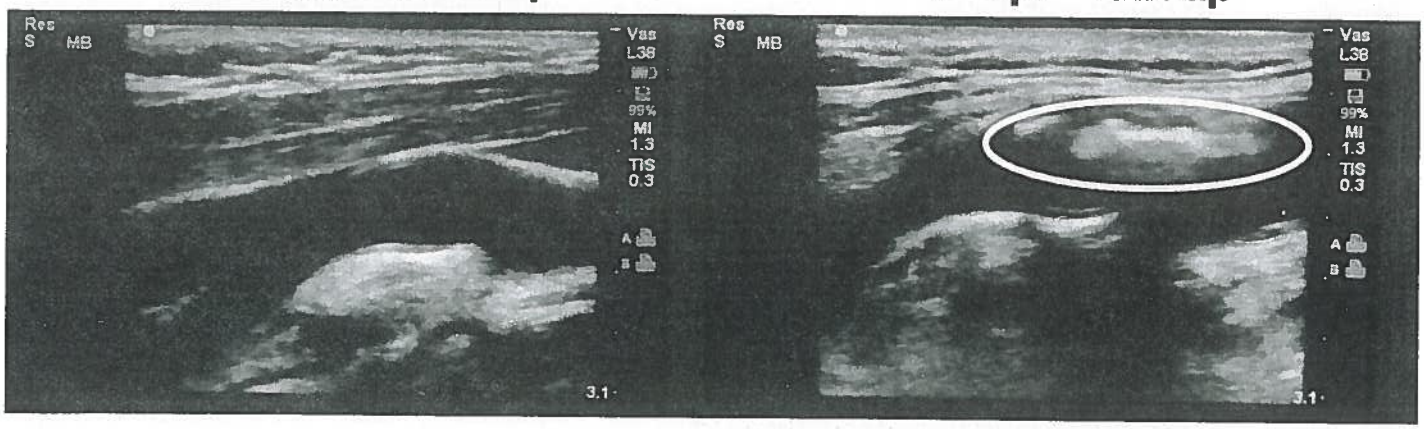

Advanced ultrasound technology looks inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup

That's why **9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors** support preventive screenings for those with key risk factors*

*Key Risk Factors include Age 55+, High Blood Pressure, High Cholesterol, Diabetes, Obesity, tobacco usage, family history of CVD or stroke

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Where: Hickory - Morning Star Baptist Church
When: Friday, February 24, 2017
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Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation) —
A quick and easy test using EKG electrodes placed on the arms and legs to identify the presence or absence of an irregular heartbeat.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening —
Ultrasound screening for an abdominal aneurysm (enlargement) that could lead to a ruptured aorta.

Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening —
Evaluates for peripheral arterial disease (PAD) in the lower extremities, which increases the risk of heart disease.

Osteoporosis Risk Assessment —
Ultrasound screens the heel for bone mass density. Osteoporosis is painless and silent in its early stages.

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PACKAGE 2

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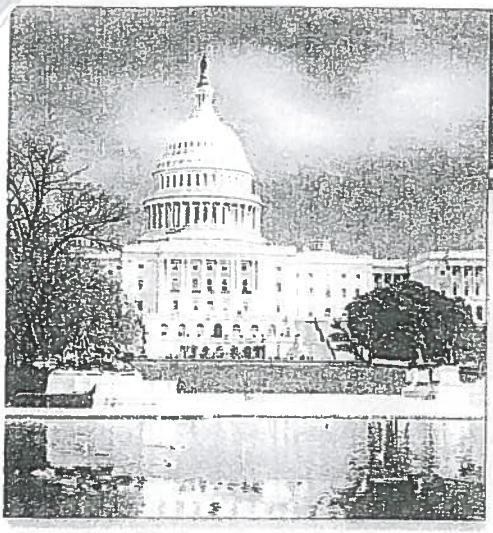

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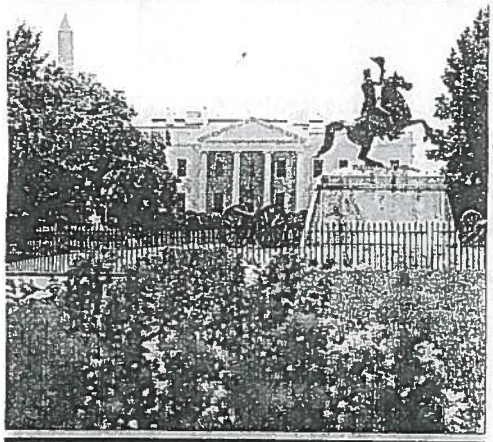
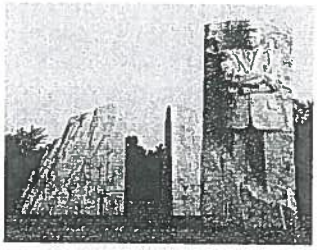
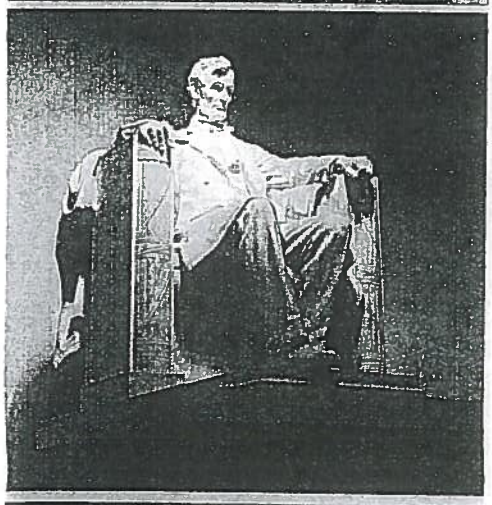




PACKAGE INCLUDES:

* 2 Nights lodging
* 2 Breakfasts
* 2 Full course dinners
* 2 Visits to the Smithsonian Institution's new National Museum of African American History & Culture *(based on availability)*
* Visit to memorials: World War II Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, FDR Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, & Washington Monument
* Visit to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial
* Souvenir gift
* Luggage handling
* Taxes and meal gratuities
* Motorcoach transportation



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PRAYER LIST

"A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all."
Psalms 34:19 (NIV)

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