



## General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

THE BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS

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To: The Honorable Moderators of the  
General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

From: Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II, President  
Rev. Haywood T. Gray, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Re: **BAPTIST BENEFACTORS**

January 1, 2017 marks the beginning of our sesquicentennial year — the 150th Anniversary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. We will be celebrating this milestone achievement throughout the year and we certainly wish to invite you and the pastors and Churches of your Association to be aware and participate in the various events scheduled next year to celebrate and give honor to God for the great things He has done with our Convention for a century and a half.

One of the important things that we will be doing next year is fundraising. Our goal is to significantly increase our contributions to missions in 2017. Our goal is to raise funds to be a special blessing to our Convention's objectives as a way of celebrating our 150th Anniversary. In this regard, we need your leadership and your help.

The GBSC Finance Committee is looking for **BAPTIST BENEFACTORS** in 2017. Any Church, Association or individual who makes a special financial contribution toward the Anniversary Celebration will be considered and recognized as a **BAPTIST BENEFACTOR**. There are various levels of giving (based on financial ability) as explained in the enclosed brochures.

We need your help in getting the word out to your Association about this fundraising project. Enclosed are 100 copies of the brochure describing **BAPTIST BENEFACTORS**. Should you need more to distribute in your Association, please contact the Baptist Headquarters. If you have questions, you may also contact the Baptist Headquarters for additional guidance.

In each brochure is a pledge/payment card. It is very important that these cards are returned with each pledge payment so that our Bookkeeping Department can keep accurate accounting of what monies are raised for this special 150th Anniversary Celebration.

The Baptist Headquarters is receiving 150th Anniversary contributions beginning January 1, 2017. **We ask that all donations be received by September 30, 2017.** The reason for this cutoff date is so that we will be prepared to recognize every donor at our 2017 Annual Session at the end of October. By paying before September 30, the Headquarters will have time to prepare for the proper recognitions at the Annual Session.

In appreciation for you,

*Nilous M. Avery*

(Dr.) Nilous M. Avery, II  
President

In gratitude for you,

*Haywood T. Gray*

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Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure: Brochures

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