THE FALL HARVEST RALLY AND WORSHIP SERVICE

sponsored by
The Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina, Inc.

“EMPOWERING STUDENTS and CREATING OPPORTUNITIES”

Saturday, November 23, 2019
10:00 A.M.

Dr. Donald E. Greene, Jr.
Convention President

Dr. Leroy Staggers
College President

Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center
Morris College
Sumter, South Carolina

Enter to Learn; Depart to Serve
Message From the President

On behalf of our faculty, staff, and students, welcome to Morris College for this year’s Fall Harvest Rally/Worship Service and Homecoming Parade. The purpose of this momentous and traditional event is to raise $1 million from our Baptist family. These funds are vital to the college’s efforts to continue serving the higher educational needs of students. Why? Because transforming lives has always been a part of the legacy of Morris College. You can be sure that your support impacts every aspect of our beloved institution. “Empowering Students and Creating Opportunities” is what happens when we give collaboratively.

We are excited about the opportunities and activities that propel Morris College forward as an academic center of higher learning. For example, our latest curricular changes include the addition of two major programs of study. Cybersecurity is a new major offered in the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Criminal Forensics is a new major offered in the Division of Religion, Humanities and Social Sciences. Our General Education curriculum has been streamlined from 61 hours to 49 hours as a means of making the college more attractive to transfer students. We continue to celebrate student achievement by inducting students into the Delta Mu Delta National Business Honor Society and commissioning an ROTC program completer into the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant next month. Therefore, it is easy to see why our reliable and very generous support of the Fall Harvest Rally is so essential. Not only are we creating a meaningful collegiate experience for so many deserving students, we are also helping to expand their horizons so they can think critically and lead courageously.

We want to thank Dr. Donald E. Greene, Jr., President of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina; Mrs. Hilda D. Gadsden, President of the Woman’s Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina; other Baptist leaders, moderators, pastors, and churches for your constant support and encouragement. We are also appreciative of Mrs. Ruth M. Pendergrass and the Morris College National Alumni Association for all that they are doing to help keep the institution strong and more vibrant.

Lastly, special thanks to Dr. Ralph W. Canty, Sr., and Dr. Marion H. Newton for accepting the challenge of leading this year’s annual fund drive. During the month of August, they made regional trips around the state to meet with regional vice presidents, moderators, and pastors to promote our fund drive and solicit support. They also attended several association meetings. Morris College cannot thank all of you enough for your loyalty and love.

Again, welcome to Morris College! “Together, We Can Do More.” God bless you all.

Leroy Staggers
President
A native of Dallas, Texas, Dr. Johnnie M. Green, Jr. is the son of Deacon Johnnie M. Green, Sr. and the late Mrs. Earmer J. Green. Dr. Green earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew University (2001), the Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary (1992), and a Bachelor of Arts from Dallas Baptist University (1985).

After 40 years of preaching the gospel and 33 years as a senior pastor, Dr. Green, for the past 13 years, has served the Mount Neboh Baptist Church - Harlem, New York as its senior pastor. He has successfully lead the church through gentrification and demographic change in Harlem, as well as a $1.5 million building restoration program. Known for his dynamic preaching, teaching, bold activism, and social justice work, Dr. Green is in high demand throughout the United States and abroad as a guest preacher, evangelist, and lecturer for churches, colleges, and seminaries.

Dr. Green is the Proprietor/President of Agape Children’s Academy of New Jersey (one school in three locations); President/CEO of Mobilizing Preachers and Communities (MPAC), an organization committed to fighting inequality and demanding justice for all; and President/Founder of Manna for Your Mornings Ministry. This weekly ministry is broadcasted live Monday through Friday at 7 a.m. on Facebook Live, with more than 7,500 Manna Partners worldwide.

Dr. Green is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, Area 6 Vice President of The Empire Baptist Missionary State Convention, and serves as a National Board Member of National Action Network (NAN), headed by Reverend Al Sharpton. Under his leadership, Mount Neboh - Harlem remains one of the leading African American Baptist churches in New York City and a vibrant and robust witness in the Village of Harlem.

Dr. Green is married to Jacqueline Marie. They have two sons, Jeremiah Christian and Joshua Christian.

Thank you, Dr. Ralph W. Canty and Dr. Marion H. Newton, for serving as drive directors for this year’s campaign. Resonating throughout their pastoral ministries and personal lives is an unparalleled devotion to giving consistently, deeply, and generously to Morris College.
The Order of Worship

Presiding

Dr. Donald E. Greene, Jr.
President, The Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina
Pastor, Andrew Chapel Baptist Church, Orangeburg, South Carolina
Member, Morris College Board of Trustees

The Musical Prelude ................................................................. Mr. Shawn Hair
Instructor, Division of Religion, Humanities and Social Sciences

The Call to Worship ................................................................. Dr. Donald E. Greene, Jr.
(Psalm 66:1-4, NRSV)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.
All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

The Hymn ................................................................. Choir and Congregation
“We’re Marching to Zion”
arr. Isaac Watts

1. Come, we that love the Lord,
   And let our joys be known;
   Join in a song with sweet accord,
   Join in a song with sweet accord,
   And thus surround the throne,
   And thus surround the throne.
   (Refrain)

2. Let those refuse to sing,
   Who never knew our God;
   But children of the heav’nly King,
   But children of the heav’nly King,
   May speak their joys abroad,
   May speak their joys abroad.
   (Refrain)

3. The hill of Zion yields
   A thousand sacred sweets
   Before we reach the heav’nly fields,
   Before we reach the heav’nly fields,
   Or walk the golden streets,
   Or walk the golden streets.
   (Refrain)

4. Then let our songs abound,
   And every tear be dry;
   We’re marching through Immanuel’s ground
   We’re marching through Immanuel’s ground,
   To fairer worlds on high,
   To fairer worlds on high.
   (Refrain)

Refrain:
We’re marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We’re marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.

The Scripture ................................................................. Reverend George B. Washington
Pastor, Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Marion, South Carolina
The Prayer ................................................................. Reverend Julie A. Hayes
Pastor, Enon Missionary Baptist Church, Sumter, South Carolina

The Choral Response ..................................................... Choir and Congregation
“Spirit of the Living God”
attr. David Iverson

The Occasion ............................................................. Dr. Audrey P. Neal
Vice Chairperson, Morris College Board of Trustees
Member, First Nazareth Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina
Immediate Past President, Woman’s Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention

The Greetings .......................................................... Ms. Dinasia C. Marie Nathan
President, Morris College Student Government Association, 2019-2020
Senior, Criminal Justice Major
Blythewood, South Carolina

The Historical Sketch ................................................... Ms. Raveen R. Childs
First Attendant to Miss Morris College, 2019-2020
Junior, Mass Communications Major
Greenville, South Carolina

The Musical Selection .................................................. Mr. Herbert J. Johnson
Assistant Professor, Division of Religion, Humanities and Social Sciences
Director, Morris College Chorale and Morris College Gospel Choir

The Morris College Gospel Choir
“For the Rest of My Life”
arr. Timothy Wright

The OFFERING and Musical Interlude

The Offertory Chant .................................................... “All Things Come of Thee”
attr. Ludwig van Beethoven

The College President’s Greetings .................................. Dr. Leroy Staggers
President, Morris College

The Introduction of the Preacher .................................... Reverend Christopher F. Scott
Senior Pastor, Flat Rock Baptist Church, Piedmont, South Carolina

The Selection ............................................................ Reverend Anthony F. Gadson, Sr.
Pastor, Saint Peter Missionary Baptist Church, Elko, South Carolina

The Fall Harvest Worship Service and Rally Preacher ............. Dr. Johnnie M. Green, Jr.
Senior Pastor, Mount Neboh Baptist Church, Harlem, New York
The Financial Report ...................................................... Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Sr.
Vice President at Large, The Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina
Pastor, Saint John Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina
Member, Morris College Board of Trustees

Reverend Tommy Gibson
Pastor, Saint Matthews Baptist Church, Eastover, South Carolina
Treasurer, The Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina
Member, Morris College Board of Trustees

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and
Benediction .............................................................. Reverend Ronnie Tyler
Moderator, Cedar Branch Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention
Pastor, Chalk Hill Baptist Church, Wagener, South Carolina

Note: You are invited to a Fall Harvest Rally meal in Daniels Dining Hall following
the rally and worship service.

The Homecoming Parade Grand Marshal

Chairman
J. David
&
Cheryl
Weeks

FALL HARVEST
PARADE

NOVEMBER 23, 2019
1:00 P.M.

PARADE GRAND
MARSHAL
**Historical Sketch of Morris College**

In 1874 a group of African American men, who had recently been freed from slavery and united by their religious beliefs and faith, sought to create an organization that could assist in improving the condition of African American people. In 1877 they received a charter from the State of South Carolina to create what is today known as the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina. The charter stated that:

“The object of this convention shall be to promote the cause of Christ, especially in South Carolina, by establishing a Theological and Literary Institute for the training of young men for the ministry, and also for the education of our sons and daughters.”

The Convention struggled for thirty-one years to implement the objective of its charter, and finally, in 1908, acquired a thirty-three acre site adjacent to North Main Street in Sumter, South Carolina to establish an institution “for the Christian and Intellectual Training of Negro youth.” The Rev. Frank Morris, who was a pioneer leader of the Rocky River Association, worked diligently in support of creating the college; thus, Morris College was born.

On April 12, 1911, the college received a Certificate of Incorporation from the State of South Carolina; the institution offered classes at the elementary, high school, and college levels. The College's curriculum included liberal arts, teacher education, and training for the ministry.

The following presidents have served the mission of the college since its founding:

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These noble men, during their tenure of office, moved the college forward by creating increasingly strong educational programs, building physical facilities and infrastructure, and encouraging excellence in student accomplishment.

When President Luns C. Richardson was elected the ninth president in 1974, the first priority he announced was achieving full accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Beginning in 1980, several capital improvements to the campus were implemented to create new facilities that would be fully functional, as well as to renovate several older facilities that had become somewhat dysfunctional. Several facilities have been renovated with much of the old campus now gone and three-fourths of the square footage of college facilities either having been newly constructed
or totally renovated. Morris College can proudly proclaim that it is “A 100-Year-Old College on a 25-Year-Old Campus.”

The college achieved initial accreditation in December 1978 from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate degrees. Accreditation was reaffirmed in 1983, 1993, 2003, and 2012 with no deficiencies. In 1982 the college became a member institution of The United Negro College Fund/UNCF.

During the 2005-2006 academic year, three separate academic programs obtained national accreditation: the Division of Education by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Division of Business Administration and the Organizational Management Program by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs.

The college’s academic programs expanded to include Mass Communications, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Health Science, Journalism, Political Science, Recreation Administration, and Sociology. In 1996, the separate, non-accredited School of Religion was phased out to create a new major in Pastoral Ministry. Also, the former degree in religious education was transformed into a degree in Christian Education. The non-credit Certificate Program for ministers and Christian workers continues to operate as a public service unit of the college at 14 centers throughout the state. The large student enrollment in Business Administration resulted in the creation of a separate Division of Business Administration in 1981. The Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) was established in 1985, and a new academic division called the Division of General Studies was created in 1987 to organize and administer all courses that were generally required of freshmen and sophomores. The Cooperative Education program was also established during this time.

To enhance and expand the academic programs for students, the college has four articulation agreements for cross enrollment in place of Morris College students with other colleges and universities to include the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, and North Carolina A & T University. All of these arrangements, except for the one with North Carolina A & T, call for students to be enrolled at Morris College at least two years, after which they may transfer to one of these other institutions to complete their respective degree.

Morris College continues to move forward both in its programmatic and physical expansion. Recent additions to the physical development of the College include a Criminal Justice Forensic Center; the Solomon Jackson, Jr. Administration Building; the Solomon Jackson, Sr., William McKinley-Bowman, Sr., Raymond Carolina Physical Plant; a two-story expansion of the Wilson-Booker Science Building; a Student Health and Wellness Center; and new residence halls: Alexander-Graham (males) and Bowman-Clark (females). Additionally, the College has completed a Storm Water Management Project/Retention Pond that includes a lighted asphalt walking path, irrigation system, landscaping, and a storm water system to handle run-off for the campus.

Much of the latest physical growth of the college has been made possible by a generous gift of $10 million donated to the institution by the Rev. Dr. Solomon Jackson, Jr., as well as several federal grants.

On October 29, 2016, Dr. Richardson informed the Board of Trustees, at its fall meeting, that he would retire as the ninth president of Morris College at the end of the workday on June 30, 2017. The announcement was reluctantly accepted and the board unanimously named him “President Emeritus” for life. At its winter meeting on February 15, 2017, the Board appointed Dr. Leroy Staggers, Dean of Academic Affairs, to serve as interim president, beginning July 1, 2017. At a special called meeting on March 29, 2018, the Board of Trustees named Dr. Staggers as “president-elect.” He officially became
the tenth president of Morris College on July 1, 2018.

Morris College held an Investiture Ceremony for Dr. Leroy Staggers as the 10th President of the College on Friday, April 12, 2019, in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. This was a momentous occasion for the College, Trustees, Faculty, Staff, Students, Alumni and Sumter community. The institution had not had a ceremony of this caliber in over 43 years. It also held its first Annual Charter Day Prayer Breakfast on Friday, April 12, 2019, in the Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center. All proceeds from the event funded the Luns C. Richardson Endowed Scholarship.

On October 25, 2019, the institution was notified that the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reviewed the materials seeking approval of the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Cybersecurity and Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Criminal Forensics. The institution has received official notification from the accrediting agency approving these two programs.

Morris College has more than justified the faith, labor, and sacrifices of its founders; the services that it has rendered have been extensive and invaluable. Having expanded beyond the training of ministers and teachers, Morris College has evolved into a liberal arts and career-focused institution awarding baccalaureate degrees in the arts and sciences, and in career-based professional fields.
MORRIS COLLEGE
PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM
“Together, We Can Do More!”

**What is Planned Giving?** One of today’s biggest areas of growth for nonprofit fundraising is Planned Giving. Planned Giving is an area of fundraising that refers to several specific gift types that can be funded with equity or property. The Planned Giving Program sustains Morris College’s future by resolving long-term needs, building the endowment, and ensuring program sustainability. Planned Giving will help the college meet its goals by maintaining responsible and effective financial management.

**Why Give?** Increasingly, Morris College cannot fully serve its students or fulfill its mission without support from other financial sources. There are many ways to support Morris College, but when you plan a gift to us as part of your long-term estate and financial plans, you will help us cultivate our students’ compassion, creativity, resilience and moral courage. With your help, we can continue to develop the talents of our students and prepare them for lives of leadership and service. A simple, flexible and versatile way to ensure we can continue our work for years to come is a gift in your will or living trust, known as a charitable bequest.

With Planned Giving as the foundation of our giving, this will support student scholarships, faculty research, teaching, and campus maintenance. By including a bequest to Morris College in your will or living trust, you are ensuring that we can continue our mission for years to come.

**What to Give?** Your generous gift to Morris College has the power to strengthen the College's financial base and uniquely benefit and enrich the student experience. Your gift enables the College to prepare students to be the leaders of tomorrow, reaching beyond Sumter to every continent on the globe. You can use the following assets to fund a bequest to Morris College:

- **Cash** - A gift of cash is a simple and easy way for you to make a gift to Morris College.

- **Certificates of Deposit** - Donating certificates of deposit is an easy and tax-effective way for you to make a gift to Morris College.

- **Gifts of Insurance** - A gift of your life insurance policy is an excellent way to make a gift to Morris College.

- **Gifts of Retirement Assets** - Donating part or all your unused retirement assets, such as a gift from your IRA, 401(k), 403(b), pension, or other tax-deferred plan is an excellent way to make a gift to Morris College.

- **Gifts of Stocks and Bonds** - Donating appreciated securities, including stocks or bonds, is an easy and tax-effective way for you to make a gift to Morris College.

- **Real Estate** - Donating appreciated real estate, such as a home, vacation property, undeveloped land, farmland, ranch, or commercial property can make a great gift to Morris College.

- **Personal Property** - Items such as marketable artwork, collectibles, antiques and automobiles can make a great gift to Morris College.
How to Give?

**Bequest**
You designate Morris College as the beneficiary of your asset by will or trust.

**Beneficiary Designation Gifts**
You designate Morris College as the beneficiary of a retirement, investment, bank account, or life insurance policy.

**Life Estate Reserved**
You give your property to Morris College while you are still living in it and retain the right to use the property during your lifetime. We believe that charitable planning is a process that ideally involves the donor, professional advisors and our gift planning staff working together to arrange the best gift possible. Through imagination and smart charitable planning, you can shape Morris’ future beyond what you thought possible and propel her further forward.

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**Give Now Using Your Cell Phone**

Donating to Morris College is easy and can be done right now from your cell phone. Just text “MC1908” to “56512.”

Click on the “[http://bycell.co/umrr](http://bycell.co/umrr)” link to complete your donation. Enter your “Donation Amount”, “Payment Information”, and “Your Information.” For “Choose a Campaign,” please select “Fall Harvest Rally” and click “Donate.” Thank you for supporting Morris College and the Fall Harvest Rally.
ALUMNI WEEKEND 2020

APRIL 16-19, 2020

SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

MORRIS COLLEGE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

HYATT HOTEL
18 MAIN STREET
SUMTER, SC 29150
Vote For Our King & Queen

Go to the Morris College website at www.morris.edu and scroll across to the above announcement to cast your vote for the college’s king and queen. Click on the “Click Here to Vote” tab and follow the instructions. Vote every day from any electronic device you own (computer, laptop, cell phone, or tablet). The last day to vote is December 31, 2019.

Upcoming Events

Religious Emphasis Week

February 25-28, 2020

Reverend Dr. Robert C. Scott, Pastor
St. Paul Baptist Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
Mid-Winter Banquet

February 28, 2020 | 7:00 p.m.
Garrick-Boykin
Human Development Center
Reverend Dr. Ralph D. West
The Church Without Walls
(Brookhollow Baptist Church, Houston, Texas)

2020 COMMEMCENMENT SPEAKER

MARC H. MORIAL
President and CEO
National Urban League

Saturday, May 2, 2020 | 10:00 a.m.
Sumter Civic Center | 700 W. Liberty Street
Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve
December 5, 2019
10 AM: Pre-Christmas Worship Service
Auditorium, Neal-Jones Fine Arts Center

December 8, 2019
6 PM: Chorale Christmas Concert
Auditorium, Neal-Jones Fine Arts Center
7 PM: Lighting of Campus Christmas Tree

December 19-12, 2019
Fall Semester Final Examinations

January 6, 2020
Registration for 2019 Spring Semester

January 6-7, 2020
The Baptist E & M Convention of SC
Annual Mid-Winter Board Meeting
Central Baptist Church
Columbia, SC

January 20, 2020
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Birthday Observance

January 25, 2020
9 AM: Morris College National Alumni
Association Meeting
O. R. Reuben Chapel

January 25, 2020
10 AM: Parent’s Day
President’s Welcome Brunch
Daniels Dining Hall
2 PM: Lady Hornets
4 PM: Hornets
Homecoming Basketball Games

February 4-7, 2020
Science In Action Week

February 11, 2020
8 AM—12 Noon: Career and Job Fair
Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center

February 13, 2020
10 AM: Honors Day Convocation
Auditorium, Neal-Jones Fine Arts Center

February 29, 2020
9 AM: State Auxiliary Meetings
(held in various locations on campus)

April 2, 2020
10 AM: President’s Lecture Series
Auditorium, Neal-Jones Fine Arts Center

May 2, 2020
10 AM: Annual Commencement Convocation
Sumter County Civic Center

May 4-7, 2020
Baptist E&M Convention of SC
Annual Session
Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center
Myrtle Beach, SC

June 15-19, 2020
Womans Baptist E&M Convention of SC
Annual Session
Cornerstone Baptist Church
Spartanburg, SC

July 12-17, 2020
SC Baptist Congress of Christian Education
Annual Session
East Side High School
Taylors, SC