Annual Mid-Winter Rally and Banquet
Sponsored by the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina and its Auxiliary Bodies

Morris College:
“Educating Minds and Hearts”

Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center
Sumter, South Carolina

Friday, February 28, 2020
7:00 P.M.

Dr. Donald E. Greene, Jr.
Convention President

The Honorable J. David Weeks
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Dr. Leroy Staggers
President
Dear Baptist Family, Alumni, and Friends:

We love our students here at Morris College. We strongly believe that you do too! The Morris College legacy we have inherited comes with a responsibility that compels us to love our students. The throbbing impulse behind our support reveals our commitment to higher education and the students we strive to serve. Our theme – “Educating Minds and Hearts” – builds on this legacy and love entrusted to us by our founders.

We are committed to students having access to programs and services that help them get the most out of their education and prepare them for their future careers. Curricular changes, for example, have resulted in two new major programs: Cybersecurity and Criminal Forensics. We are also strengthening articulation agreements with partner institutions. A variety of programs, services, and activities implemented through Student Affairs help students continue their path to further education. The purpose is to address and integrate the intellectual, personal, spiritual, social, and physical aspects of students’ lives as individuals and as members of the learning community.

At Morris College, we value your partnership with us. Supporting the Mid-Winter Banquet and Rally is an investment in student success. We want our students to achieve great heights and to live their lives with purpose and pride. We want our graduates to leave this place of higher learning well-prepared and equipped for a changing world. Your support fortifies our mission and advances our vision for the future.

We are grateful to our Baptist family, alumni, friends, board members, faculty, staff, and students for the role we all play in Educating Minds and Hearts. Your generous support shows your commitment to advancing the legacy of Morris College.

Thank you for all you do to help maintain an institution where students can discover their potential, build lasting relationships, gain experiences that lead to productive careers, and embrace opportunities to ensure they are ready to face the future.

May God richly bless you all.

Leroy Staggers
President
Dr. Ralph Douglas West serves as founder and senior pastor of The Church Without Walls (Brookhollow Baptist Church, Houston, Texas). He first preached as a sixteen year old in his native Houston. The church began with 32 members and now embraces thousands of families meeting in three locations and conducting six services each Sunday. Dr. West is affectionately known as PAS.

Dr. West completed degrees at Bishop College, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Beeson Divinity School, where he received the Doctor of Ministry Degree. He serves as Adjunct Professor of Preaching at the George W. Truett Theological Seminary of Baylor University. He has an abiding commitment to the church and the academy, relating with equal ease to both venues and using his influence to mentor ministers in both locations. He speaks perennially at colleges, universities and seminaries across America as well as at Regent’s Park College, Oxford University.

Dr. West’s preaching style includes careful explanation of Scripture combined with his signature ability to tell detailed, credible and indelible stories from contemporary life that enrich the sermon and relates to the congregation. He also makes penetrating and specific application of the text to his people. He does all of this while maintaining the vibrant preaching tradition of church and culture in an atmosphere of celebration.

Pas is a leader beyond his own church and serves on boards, agencies, trusteeships and committees at local, state and national levels. He is constantly in demand by fellow ministers for counsel and wisdom. On top of this, he pastors a very large church as if it were a much smaller church, standing with people in exceptional times of crisis. As one astute observer remarked, “He is unselfish with his time and utterly without self-regard, available and compassionate towards his people.”

Through publications, television and the internet his messages are available across the world and are witnessed by thousands beyond his church each week. A perpetually demanded conference speaker, he has spoken multiple times at conferences such as the Hampton Institute, the largest gathering to hear preaching each year. From the pulpit to the lectern he is sought for his preaching gift.

Although Pas can boast of a number of degrees, honors and associations, those who sit under his preaching would most aptly describe his attitude using Paul’s words in 1 Corinthians 2:1.

“When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, so that your faith might not rest on men’s wisdom, but on God’s power.” 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Lift Every Voice and Sing  
-James Weldon Johnson

1. Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring,  
   Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
   Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,  
   Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
   Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
   Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
   Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
   Let us march on till victory is won.

2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
   Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
   Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,  
   Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
   We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
   We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;  
   Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
   Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
   Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
   Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,  
   Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
   Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.  
   Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.  
   Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,  
   True to our God, true to our native land.

The Menu

Grilled Chicken Breast w/Cream Sauce  
Rice Pilaf  
Green Bean Almondine  
Glazed Carrots  
Garden Salad  
Carrot Cake| Strawberry Shortcake| Chocolate Cake  
Rolls w/ Butter  
Iced Tea/Water
The Annual Mid-Winter Banquet and Rally

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

Musical Prelude .................................................. Gary & Green Ensemble

Hymn .............................................................. Johnson
“Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing”
(Audience)

Mr. Shawn Hair
Instructor, Division of Religion, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Director, Morris College Chorale

Led by:
Mr. Archie Torain
Sophomore, Business Administration major, Hartsville, South Carolina

Scripture ............................................................... Rev. Michelle Law Gordon
Pastor, Open Door Baptist Church, Florence, South Carolina

Prayer ................................................................. Rev. Bobby J. Donaldson
Moderator, Mt. Calvary Baptist Association
Pastor, Union Baptist Church, Bamberg, South Carolina

Expressions of Welcome and Recognition
of Special Guests .................................................. Ms. Hilda D. Gadsden
President, Woman’s Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina
Member, Morris College Board of Trustees

Acknowledgment
of Denominational Leaders ........................................ The Honorable J. David Weeks
Chairman, Morris College Board of Trustees
Representative, South Carolina House District 51

College Greetings .................................................. Dr. Leroy Staggers
President, Morris College

Grace ................................................................. Rev. Kevin Russell Sheppard, Sr.
Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Chapin, South Carolina
Presentation of the Annual Mid-Winter Banquet and Rally Speaker ......................................................... Dr. Donald E. Greene, Jr.

The Message
Reverend Doctor
Ralph D. West
The Church Without Walls
Brookhollow Baptist Church, Pastor, Houston, Texas

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

Closing Remarks ......................................................... Dr. Donald E. Greene, Jr.

Benediction ............................................................ Rev. Dr. Ralph D. West
February 29, 2020
9 AM: State Auxiliary Meetings
(various locations on campus)

March 2-6, 2020
Mid-Semester Examinations

March 9-13, 2020
Spring Break

March 19-20, 2020
Career Fest

March 26, 2020
Gospel Choir Spring Concert
Auditorium, Neal-Jones Fine Arts Center

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

April 9, 2020
10 AM: Annual Easter Worship Service
Auditorium, Neal-Jones Fine Arts Center

April 10, 2020
12 PM– 7PM: Charter Day Celebration

April 16-19, 2020
MCNAA Alumni Weekend
Hyatt Hotel, Sumter, SC

April 22, 2020
8 PM: Ministerial Certificate Extension Centers
Closing Exercise
Auditorium, Neal-Jones Fine Arts Center

April 24, 2020
8:15 PM: Chorale Annual Spring Concert
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

May 14-16, 2020
State Ushers Convention of SC
Annual Session
Union Baptist Church
Rock Hill, SC

May 25-28, 2020
Morris-Benedict Pastors’ and Christian Workers’ Conference
Morris College, Sumter, SC

June 15-19, 2020
Woman's 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
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. A Planned Giving Program sustains Morris College’s future, and is vital for resolving long-term needs, building the endowment and program sustainability. Planned Giving will help the college meet its long-term goals and help provide for responsible and effective financial management.

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, SC 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.

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 continue our mission for years to come.

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 a 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 life. We believe that charitable planning is a process that ideally involves the donor, professional advisors and our gift planning staff all 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.
Phase One of the Brick Project is now complete; Phase Two is currently underway. All proceeds fund student scholarships here at the college. The Morris College Brick Project is also an excellent opportunity to create a lasting memory on the campus. Phase One bricks has been placed along the sidewalks in front of the Dr. Solomon Jackson, Jr. Administration Building.

Customized bricks containing your personalized inscription are available for $300 (4x8) or $450 (8x8). Bricks can be engraved with names, class year, short sayings, in honor of loved ones, or an organization. Be imaginative! (See the following page to complete your order.)

Your personalized brick will be seen for years to come and will help lay a solid educational foundation for future students yet to come to Morris College. If you have any questions, contact Melvin Mack at (803) 934-3401 or email him at mmack@morris.edu.
Yes, I want to reserve a permanent brick. Please engrave my brick as follows:

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Please return this form and make your check payable to:

Morris College
Office of Institutional Advancement
100 West College Street
Sumter, South Carolina 29150

For more information, contact Melvin Mack at (803) 934-3401 or email him at mmack@morris.edu.
Enter to Learn; Depart to Serve