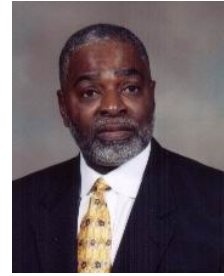


*Welcome to the
Baptist General Convention of Virginia*



Theme 2007-2009

“Embracing the Vision – Many Members, One Body”

“Look among the nations and watch – Be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days, which you would not believe, thought it were told you. Then the Lord answered me and said: “Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, It will not tarry (Habakkuk 1:5, 2:2-3).

Major Objectives – 2007-08

Continue the (5-7) year comprehensive strategic plan for the convention. The plan would be convention driven rather than president driven (2 years). The themes of the Most recent presidents (i.e. diversity, inclusiveness, unity) and Embracing the vision would be formalized into a long range plan. The convention can operate more effectively with a Longview approach rather than a two-year vision approach.

Six Major Initiatives for the Convention

1. To resolve the needs of the Children’s Home; hopefully to have children on campus by January 2008.
2. To increase the foundation to \$1,000,000 by Annual Session 2009.
3. To move some of the convention events to the rural areas of the Commonwealth.
4. To continue to work vigorously with the local churches (the small church and the rural church)
5. To investigate the possibility of developing the land at the Children’s Home (build our own motel or hotel)
6. To investigate the possibility of having our own financial institution (i.e. credit union or financial corporation)

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