

FAITH FORUM

2409 Old Middleburg Rd N. Jacksonville FL 32210 March 2011

“A Great Heritage – A Great Future”

South Carolina will be host for the National Convention, June 23-26. Many members within the diocese will tell you that the worship experience in Carolina is like no other. Since I came aboard nearly 25 years ago, I can only remember one convention location, the Sumter Exhibition Center. I will agree that there is familiarity and a great spirit of hospitality from the saints that you experience being in Carolina. There is no place to dally so you have to come to the site with worship on your mind. That is, of course, why we come! However, since I'm the newcomer, I thought it was only fair to speak to someone else who has been around from almost the very beginning. Also, since we are approaching the Centennial Celebration for the church, I wanted to know more about South Carolina and why people feel the way they do. We've held conventions in the State of South Carolina since the 1930's.

Bishop McKnight shared some of his fondest memories from those days, “There was something about South Carolina that just excited the people. We would really have some church there. Most people couldn't wait to get there to be in service with Shouting Jack. We started calling this really tall man Shouting Jack because he really ignited the services, dancing under the power of God.”

In the early days, he said, “Hotels or motels were not available so the saints had to stay with families in the area. We paid only \$3.00 per night.” Well, times have definitely changed. Radisson Hotel Columbia is again serving as the convention headquarters. The contracted room rate is \$94.00. Contact the hotel directly (800-395-7046) or for your convenience, make reservations using the link on our website at www.cogbf.org.

Convention Registration

The cut-off for early One Stop/General Registration is May 27.

Convention Dates

June 23- 26, 2011

Souvenir Program Books

We are offering all full page ads for the June National Convention ONLY, at a discounted price of \$75.00. Only full page ads will be accepted for this book. Please do not submit paper copies.

Only ads that are paid for will be included in the book. The cut-off date is May 13. Submit the ads electronically via email to one of the following:
info@cogbf.org,
slundy@cogbf.org or
slundy55@yahoo.com.



Cut-off Date for Ads

May 13

“Green” is Still Relevant!

Congratulations and thanks to everyone for participating in the “Going Green Campaign” Your support went far beyond



our expectations. It’s that time again and we humbly solicit your support. Early registration for the June convention ends May 27. Registration forms are on the national website or you can be creative and make your own. Please be sure to print names clearly and include the district name. Badges will only be provided for those persons that meet the deadline.

Radisson Hotel Columbia

2100 Bush River Rd
Columbia, SC 29210
800-395-7046

Sleep-Inn (Overflow)
803-731-9999

June Convention Theme

“The Lord is Still My Shepherd”



The Almighty God has seen fit to call home to rest many of our loved ones throughout the diocese in the past few months. Death is inevitable and Scriptures tells us that everyone dies because all of us are related to Adam, the first man. But all who are related to Christ will be given new life. The convention theme selected for June is quite fitting as we position ourselves to accept the will of God, knowing that He is a wise and just God. He never makes mistakes; although it’s not always easy to accept when our loved ones and friends make the transition. We believe the will of God because the Lord is still our shepherd and he cares for us.

Hotel Reservations

Now is the time to make hotel reservations if you have not. A link to Radisson can be found on our national website. Log on at COGBF.ORG. You can

find everything you need to make reservations or call 800-395-7046.

First Annual Homecoming

Over three hundred showed up in Ocala, Florida recently to celebrate the First Annual Homecoming. Families who joined the church during the first 25 years were celebrated at the two day event, beginning with an Old Fashioned Service on Friday, February 25; where attendees heard lots of testimonies and min-sermons (like they used to have). On Saturday, they went back into the past even further with a service dubbed, “Remember When”. Many in attendance were invited to share their personal experiences and memories they had with some of the church founders. Then it was refreshment time, compliments of the Ocala, Daytona and South Florida Districts.

National Website

We’re making changes to www.cogbf.org and would like to hear from you with suggestions about what you would like to see on the site. Email your ideas to info@cogbf.org.