

# A Message From The President

Greetings to our Officers, Auxiliary Leaders, Pastors and Constituent Churches:



I Am very excited by what the Lord is doing for the National Capital Baptist Convention of Washington, DC and Vicinity; a Convention that is “on the move.”

As soon as the gavel was passed to me by our Immediate Past President, Dr. Welton Fields, Jr., we’ve hit the ground running on all fronts: spiritually, evangelistically, musically and politically to make a definite impact in our churches and society within the DMV. I can declare unequivocally that there is a “fresh wind” blowing in the midst of NCBC.

We continue to shore up our foundation and enlarge our borders. We are grateful for all of the support from our Pastors and constituent churches and also for those who have joined our ranks during the year and at this Annual Session.

I am profoundly grateful to the Planning Committee, led by Vice President at Large, Reverend Charles W. McNeill, Jr. This Committee has worked very hard and given themselves unselfishly to plan a great Annual Session for all of us.

These are exciting times in NCBC and also in our beloved NBC USA, Inc. Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, our Chieftain, will be stepping down after a distinguished term as President. There are many candidates who desire to lead us to the Convention Promised Land. I need every one to “watch and pray” as we come together to select the best candidate. Our prayer is that our new leader will lead us onward and upward and also continue to keep our presence on the national level. I ask that each Pastor and church prepare yourselves to vote for our next President in New Orleans, LA in September 2014.

I thank our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and each of you for the privilege of serving as President. My prayer is that during this Annual Session, we continue to reaffirm our commitment to God, and strive to become “A Community of Churches Committed to the Kingdom Agenda” (Galatians 6:9-10).

Yours because of Calvary,

**Rev. Eric D. Barksdale**

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