



Northern Virginia Baptist Association, Inc.
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Theme:

“Encouraging, Equipping and Empowering the Body of Christ for Kingdom Purposes”

Sub-Theme:

“We are Stronger, Bolder, and Better Together”

“Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”
(Ephesians 4:32, NASB)

The One Hundred and Forty-Eighth Annual Session
One Hundred and Tenth Annual Session: Women’s Ministry
Seventy-Eighth Annual Session: Young People’s Ministry
Sixty-Third Annual Session: Men’s Ministry

Sunday, August 17, 2025 — Thursday, August 21, 2025

BIOS

Sunday, August 17, 2025

MR. NATHAN M. RICHARDSON

Black History Presentation: Mr. Frederick Douglass



Nathan M. Richardson is a published author, performance poet and Frederick Douglass Historian. His poetry collections include *Likeness of Being, Twenty-one Imaginary T-shirts* and *The 7 Last Poems of an Unarmed Citizen*. Books featuring Nathan's success include; *You Can Do That* (Amazing People with Amazing Jobs) by David Messick and *You Don't Want Success* (Demolishing Fears & Excuses) by Miko Marsh. Nathan teaches a variety of workshops for emerging writers and is the creator and host of the Poetry, Prose & Pizza Open Mic series. He is a former coach and current ambassador-at-large for the Hampton Roads Youth Poets, a division of the youth empowerment organization - **Teens with a Purpose**.

Nathan is now in his 10th year of The Frederick Douglass Speaking Tour; a living history performance which captures completely the physical and spiritual essence of the former slave, writer, orator and abolitionist Frederick Douglass. This living history series has been seen nationally and internationally and is a feature of the Chautauqua Institute. Nathan has film credits with the National Park Service and Alabama Public Television. His rendition of the speech "Frederick Douglass Honors the Unknown Loyal Dead" was nominated for "Best Short Film" at the 2022 I WILL TELL INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL. A short list of Nathan's affiliations include the Suffolk Arts League, the Poetry Society of Virginia, Young Audiences of Virginia, 1st Amendment / 1st Vote, and Virginians for Reconciliation and the Association of African American Museums.

Monday, August 18, 2025

**COUNCILMEMBER STACEY D. HARDY-CHANDLER
(Morning Session)**



Stacey Hardy-Chandler holds a lot of titles:

- With a PhD in clinical psychology – among other advanced degrees - some call her “Dr. Hardy-Chandler”
- As the first Black woman ever elected to the Fairfax City Council, some call her “Councilmember Hardy-Chandler”
- She is also a “C.E.O.” - leading an organization serving social work regulatory communities across all 50 states, 4 U.S. territories, and the 10 Canadian provinces.

BUT her proudest title is a “C.O.G.”, Child of God.

Dr. Hardy-Chandler has been blessed to combine her background and training in social work (MSW), clinical psychology (PhD), law (JD), and organizational leadership (PGDip) to promote innovations that honor and uplift individuals and communities.

She started out her career in California over 37 years ago as a mental health social worker, working with people across the lifespan, from children to older adults. In the second phase of her career, she was called to teach and mentor as an Associate Professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and later at George Mason University. She spent the third phase of her career in human service senior management overseeing complex social service programs in Northern Virginia. The current fourth phase of her professional career has brought dynamic leadership responsibilities in both social work regulation and as an elected official.

Grateful to be living a life where her work aligns perfectly with her personal and spiritual beliefs, Dr Hardy-Chandler is deeply grounded in SERVICE as a core value. She and her husband Mark Chandler live in the City of Fairfax are both committed honoring the ancestors of the past, joining in unity with others in the present, and leaving a legacy for the future.

Monday, August 18, 2025

**REVEREND DR. DANIELLE L. BROWN
(Morning Session)**



Saved and filled with the Holy Ghost at an early age, The Reverend Dr. Danielle L. Brown finds great joy and satisfaction in learning, living, and preaching the Gospel. Rev. Dr. Brown was Licensed to preach on July 17, 2003, by Cathedral International (The Historic Second Baptist Church) in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and ordained by the American Baptist Churches on June 3, 2012. An increasingly sought-after preacher and workshop leader with the ability to communicate across multiple generations, Dr. Brown has had the opportunity to share the Gospel throughout this country and in South Africa.

Educated in the Perth Amboy Public Schools, Rev. Dr. Brown went on to attend Virginia State University where she was a Provost Scholar and three-sport athlete.

After teaching in the Richmond Public Schools, Rev. Brown responded to God's call to return to her hometown and the church of her rearing where she served faithfully on the Pastoral Staff for 15 years.

On August 7, 2021, Dr. Brown was elected the tenth Senior Pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Plainfield, New Jersey. She is the first woman to hold this position since the church's founding in 1908. Shiloh Baptist Church is a vibrant community of faith committed to service unto God, rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that leads to the transformation and empowerment of individuals, congregation, and the community.

A natural leader, Rev. Dr. Brown has served in various capacities where she has worked to develop and implement ministry programs and strategies. She has a passion for mentoring and assisting in the development of faith and community leaders. As such, she is a site supervisor in the Princeton Theological Seminary, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, and Pillar College Field Education Programs, has taught on the adjunct faculty of New York Theological Seminary, and served two terms on the Board of Trustees of New Brunswick Theological Seminary. She has also been active in the Raritan Association of the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey as past Moderator and on the Ordination Committee.

Dr. Brown is currently a co-mentor to the Pointer/Brown/Goodman Doctoral Fellows at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. She also has the honor of serving on the Advisory Board of the Women in Ministry Conference, Inc. convened by The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale in Atlanta, GA, and as the Secretary of the Hampton University Ministers' Conference. Dr. Brown is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

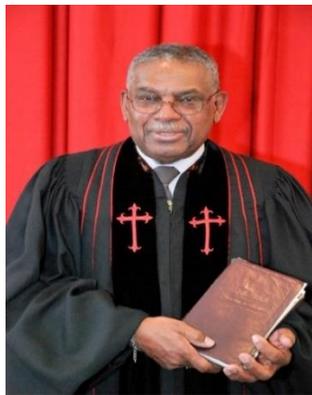
In addition to her ecclesiastical work, has been active in her local community maintaining membership in the NAACP, having served on the May as a member of the Perth Amboy Area NAACP, serving on the Mayor's Strategic Planning Team, 100Days Committee in the City of Perth Amboy, and was elected to the Perth Amboy Board of Education. Through the years, Dr. Brown has been the recipient of multiple awards and recognitions for her work in the church and community. In 2022, she was inducted into the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA.

Both servant and scholar, Rev. Dr. Brown holds Master of Education and Bachelor of Science Degrees from Virginia State University in Petersburg, Virginia, and both a Master of Divinity Degree and Master of Arts Degree from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Brunswick, New Jersey. She also holds an earned Doctor of Ministry Degree from Palmer Theological Seminary in St. David's Pennsylvania, where she studied Leadership and Church Renewal.

Rev. Dr. Brown loves God, God's Church, and God's people. She counts it an honor and a privilege to serve.

**Tuesday, August 19, 2025
(Morning Session)**

REVEREND MATTHEW J. PEARSON



One of seven children of the late Reverend Sedgewick and Odelia Pearson of Merrifield, Virginia. Baptized at the age of eight at First Baptist Church, Merrifield, Virginia. United with the Warner Baptist Church, Bailey's Crossroads, Virginia in 1955, where I was newly born again under the leadership of the late Reverend Milton Shepherd. After joining Warner, I served as Sunday school teacher, president of the choir, director of BTU, and on the deacon ministry.

License to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in 1961; ordained to the gospel ministry 1963; called to pastor First Ashville Baptist Church Marshall, Virginia in 1965; called to pastor Warner Baptist 1972. Became Moderator of the Northern Virginia Baptist Association in 1977, member since 1955; became President of the Northern Virginia Baptist. Sunday School and B.T.U. Convention in 1998-2001, still a member.

Married Mildred A. Pearson in 1951 (deceased). Children - Melvin E. (deceased), Donna E. (deceased), and grandson, Matthew D. Pearson.

Graduate of the Washington Evening Bible School attended Northern Virginia Community College, courses from Moody Correspondence School.

Affiliations – Executive Board of the Northern Virginia Baptist Association, Baptist Center Board of Northern Virginia, trustee as well; member of the American Baptist Churches U.S.A. and the Churches of the South, member of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, on the executive board; member of the Northern Virginia Baptist Ministers Conference as well as the Fairfax Branch of the NAACP (life member). In August of 2015, Pastor Pearson was honored by the Northern Virginia Baptist Association. He was presented a medallion for his dedication and outstanding leadership while serving as the Moderator for the Northern Virginia Baptist Association.

In October 2015, he celebrated fifty years of pastorship. Seven years at First Ashville in Marshall, Virginia, and fifty-three years as the pastor of Warner Baptist Church, Baileys Crossroads, Virginia. A total of 60 years preaching. Above all – Thank God for saving and me.

Wednesday, August 20, 2025
(Morning Session)
“COCE Educational Hour”

REVEREND CHARLES R. WHITFIELD



Pastor Charles R. Whitfield is the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church East Martinsville in Martinsville, Virginia, where he has faithfully led for over 28 years. A powerful preacher, respected community leader, and passionate advocate for spiritual and economic empowerment, Pastor Whitfield is known for his anointed preaching, compassionate counseling, and kingdom-minded leadership.

He answered the call to ministry in July 1994 and has since dedicated his life to preaching, teaching, and transformational leadership. Pastor Whitfield holds a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Education, a Master of Arts in Human Services with a focus in Family & Marriage Counseling, and a Master of Divinity from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University.

In addition to his pastoral ministry, he is the **author of two inspiring books**, *Anointed in the Moment* and *Embracing the Anointing*, which explore the power, purpose, and presence of God’s anointing in the lives of believers. Pastor Whitfield is also the **President of the Minority Business Consortium**, a regional initiative focused on empowering underrepresented entrepreneurs and expanding equitable opportunities in the business ecosystem.

A sought-after **revivalist, leadership trainer, and Christian counselor**, he has been invited to preach across the country and has had the unique honor of delivering the opening prayer for three NASCAR races at the historic Martinsville Speedway.

His leadership extends beyond the pulpit. Pastor Whitfield has served on the Board of Directors for the Harvest Foundation and the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation. He currently serves with **C-PEG (Chamber Partners for Economic Growth)** and continues his commitment to education and ministry as a former trustee of both Virginia Union University and Virginia University of Lynchburg.

He is the **former President of the Virginia Baptist State Convention (2018–2021)** and currently serves as **Moderator of the Smith River Missionary Baptist Association, Inc.**

Married for over 29 years to the lovely **Carmela Starkey of Wirtz, VA**, they are the proud parents of **Chas (Summer) and Charity**, and proud grandparents of **Monse’ and Cansas**, all of whom are actively involved in ministry.

Pastor Whitfield is a servant-leader anointed for such a time as this—called to preach the gospel, lead with integrity, and build both faith and community through love and service.

Wednesday, August 20, 2025 (Afternoon Session)

REVEREND DR. TAFT Q. HEATLEY



The Rev. Dr. Taft Quincey Heatley currently serves as the twelfth senior pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA. Shiloh is a historic church in the Old Town Community of Alexandria founded by former enslaved African Americans in 1863. Currently, the church has over 40 ministries and is proud to continue its legacy of service.

Dr. Heatley recently served as the Executive Pastor of the Ray of Hope Christian Church in Decatur, Georgia, under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale, Senior Pastor. As Executive Pastor, Dr. Heatley oversaw all the ministries at the Ray of Hope, which totaled more than 50 and managed a staff of 12.

In April 2014, Dr. Heatley released his first book, *God Is the Goal: The Chase for Intimacy with God*. In March 2015, Dr. Heatley served as "Chaplain of the Day," at the Georgia House of Representatives and on March 16, 2015, Dr. Heatley was the guest minister on the Yolanda Adams Morning Show for their Meditation Monday segment. In 2022, Dr. Heatley released his newest book entitled "The Pandemic Pastor: Leadership Wisdom for Ministry During Difficult Times."

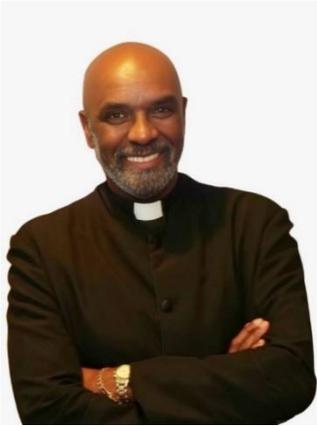
Prior to his call to ministry, Dr. Heatley was an investment banker in the financial services industry, serving as a senior financial analyst with Salomon Smith Barney, now Citigroup Corporate Investment Bank in New York, NY. After resigning in 2002, he worked briefly in the public sector as the Deputy Director of Finance/Revenue and Claiming for the NYC Department of Homeless Services.

Dr. Heatley is a 2020 graduate of the Candler School of Theology Emory University where he received a Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Interpretation and Proclamation. At Candler, Dr. Heatley received the Festival of Learning Excellence Award for his project, "Pastoral Prophetic Preaching: A Spiritual and Cultural Hermeneutic for Prophetic Speech." In 2007, Dr. Heatley completed his Master of Divinity Degree at the Princeton Theological Seminary. At Princeton, Dr. Heatley was recognized for both homiletical and scholastic excellence, receiving the Jagow Prize for preaching, the John T. Galloway Prize in Expository Preaching as well as the Elder Garnett Hawkins Award for Scholastic Excellence. His sermon, "A Grave Danger Disciples Face," was published in the Fall 2006 Seminarian Issue of *The African American Pulpit*. Dr. Heatley is a 1998 graduate of Morehouse College, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics.

Dr. Heatley is a native of Hartsville, South Carolina. On December 28, 2012, Dr. Heatley married his gift from God in the person of Krystal Heatley from Pensacola, FL. They have two children, William Quincey and Quinn Kelsey.

Thursday, August 21, 2025
(Morning Session)
“Moderator’s Hour”

REVEREND NELSON SNEED



Nelson Sneed was born in Mecklenburg County, Virginia near the town of Clarksville.

He is the fifth of ten children born to Robert and Annie Mae Sneed. He is married to Sara Sneed and they have three wonderful adult children, three fantastic children-in-love, and six dynamic grandchildren. He joined the Davis Chapel Baptist Church in Stovall, NC at a young age. In January 1979, he joined the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church (MPBC) located in Alexandria, VA. There he served in many of MPBC ministries, twelve years in the Deacon Ministry, approximately nine years as a Son of MPBC. Pastor and First Lady Sneed served for three years on the Executive Committee of Family Life (a division of Campus Crusade for Christ) in the Washington Metro Area. Pastor Sneed retired from Verizon Communications in

August 2008 after thirty-one years of dedicated service.

He was licensed to the Gospel Ministry in December 1993 and ordained in December 2000 by the MPBC. On September 10, 2002 he accepted the call to serve as Pastor of the Little Forest Baptist Church (LFBC) in Stafford, Virginia. He graduated from the Washington Bible College located in Lanham, MD with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2010, with a focus on Pastoral Ministries. Pastor Sneed’s passion is to create a “culture of excellence” among God’s people as we embrace the rich truth of Galatians 2:20, “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.” What glorious truth and power to transform sinners into saints, as we live out this great truth, Christ lives in us. Pastor Sneed currently serves as Moderator of the Northern Virginia Baptist Association, a member of the Baptist Minister Conference of Northern Virginia and Vicinity, and a member of the Missionary Baptist Ministers’ Conference of Washington, DC and Vicinity.



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