

# Baptist women meet in Winston

Group leader urges members to remember God's principles

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Julius McDonald asked the hundreds of women who converged on Winston-Salem last week for the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention to lead their families in constant prayer. McDonald, current president of the state convention, addressed all in attendance on the importance of family and prayer at the M.C. Benton Convention Center on the morning of July 30.

"As I stand here today I have no recommendations, but I'd like to request that we make prayer a part of our daily lives, because in times like these, we must pray daily without ceasing," said McDonald, who used Scripture to speak about the convention's theme of "Serving the Present Age: Transforming the Family Through Christian Values/Ethics."

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention consists of Baptist churches throughout North Carolina that work to organize, improve and support missionary circles in conjunction with the General Baptist State Convention. Last week's meeting was the 119th session of the convention.

Saving souls and participating in family Bible study, said McDonald, should become part of daily family life.

"As missionaries, as pastors, as evangelists, educators and parents, our challenge is to protect the innocence and to see that (children) grow in the life of Christ," McDonald said.

Families, be they biological families or church families, should model their relationships after the family of Jesus, whose family she called "the ideal family."

"How do we sell this message to the disbelieving world? We have to show the world that the church is about family -

God's family...It is up to us to show that families have a choice. We can choose a family life in the spirit of Nazareth," McDonald said. "Families raised according to God's principles will receive his blessings."

Husbands and wives today also could learn a great deal from the relationship that existed between Joseph and Mary - a relationship, McDonald said, that consisted of two people who were "God-fearing and morally clean" and spiritually responsible for their son. If more husbands and wives, mothers and fathers conducted themselves in the likeness of this couple, then families would

be strengthened and spiritually sound.



McDonald

Hundreds of women from across the state attended last week's convention. They came in their traditional white dresses and skirts and were treated to a variety of seminars, praise services and social events. A banquet and activities for young people also

were held. McDonald, who is from Monroe, brought up young people several times during her remarks. She said prayer can save them from the many pitfalls in this world.

Traditional values, decency, honor and respect must still be ingrained in child rearing, McDonald said, or else families run the risk of young people falling victim to sex and drugs, which have become mainstream practices for them today.

"These are the values that were handed down to us through God's word. They are essential today as they have ever been. If we do not provide examples, who will?" McDonald asked.



Women dressed in traditional white for the convention.

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## Anthony & his shadow

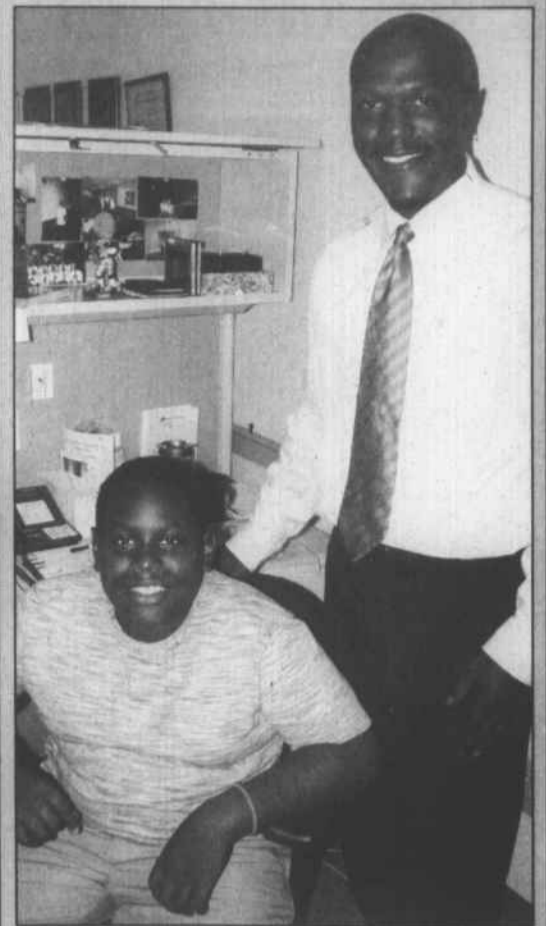


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Chronicle sports editor Anthony Hill stands beside Jerrec Owens. Last Friday, Hill took part in the Big Brothers Big Sisters "Big for a day" program, which pairs professionals with young people for a day of workplace shadowing.

## Museum

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prominent venue, says putting it away from the Mall's other museums would harken back to the "separate but equal" treatment of blacks during segregation.

"That would say to African-American and foreign visitors that this is a secondary issue and we're putting it in a secondary site," Brownback said. "That would be enormously insulting to a number of people and quite harmful to the efforts to reconcile."

Although both sides are determined, the debate has remained far less contentious than the squabble over a World War II Memorial, which ended up in court. That memorial, featuring 56 17-foot pillars, two four-story arches and a sunken plaza with a pool, is being built on the green



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space between the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument, causing Mall-preservation groups to cringe.

Robert Wright, chairman of the presidential commission, says there is no comparison between the impact of the World War II Memorial site and those being discussed for the black history museum. A better comparison, he says, is the National Museum of the American Indian, which is opening alongside the Mall next year.

But Feldman cautions the impact of such reasoning on long-term city planning. "Where will it end if all of us look at the Mall and say, 'It's not me, so I want to add my memorial or my museum?'" she said. "Too many people think of the Mall as an empty space that needs to be filled up with individual groups' histories. That's perfectly understandable, but they do not understand we are actually diminishing it."



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