



The Brotherhood Union Ministry



The 36th Annual Brotherhood Session opens in Innisbrook, FL

The Brotherhood's 36th Annual Session of the Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc., was called to order by President Wayne Herring on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. The Innisbrook Resort & Spa in Palm harbor, FL was the host site.

Later that afternoon, President Patricia Ball brought the State Deaconess Council into a joint session with the Brotherhood, continuing what has already become a welcomed standard of fellowship allowing husbands and wives to come together during a convention.

Wednesday, March 23rd began with a Joint Breakfast Fellowship for the Brotherhood and Deaconess Council, all hosted by Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church of Tarpon Springs, FL, where Rev. Milton Smith serves as Pastor.

Reassembling after the breakfast, we were all made to feel extremely welcome by Brother David Archie, Mayor of Tarpon Springs, FL. From there the Brotherhood, along with the National Brotherhood President, Forestal Lawton delivered six (6) Food Baskets to families of the Mt. Hermon MBC community, and conducted Street Witnessing and Nursing Home visits.

On Thursday, March 24th, the President's Hour highlighted the day. With 1st Vice President Keith Haygood, Sr., presiding, and Soloist Regena Herring lifting Jesus in song, the tone was set for President Herring...and he did deliver. First he presented the annual "Walter J. Randall, Sr., Distinguished Service Award" to Brother James H. Ward, Sr., of St. Petersburg, FL; and a Distinguished Service Award to the State Brotherhood Minister Advisory, Rev. Dwight D. Cockerham. Then, using Psalm 37:23, President Herring took us, "STEP BY STEP" on how to be an even Better Brotherhood Man, and a Better Brotherhood Ministry.

President Lawton made presentations and gave remarks. He expressed a desire to see Brother Bernard Davis, Assistant Study Leader, come make his presentation to the National Brotherhood Convention at Little Rock, AR in June. He added that the National Brotherhood has donated \$5,000 to Haiti Relief, and is still supporting Foreign Mission in Ghana, West Africa, the E. Edwards Jones College and the Hospital built in 1990, to mention a few. The National Brotherhood continues to support the 50 Pastors serving on the Foreign Mission field in W. Africa. Recently the National Brotherhood sent 100 Bibles to the Nassau, Bahamas. The National Brotherhood is now focusing on Prison Ministry and ways of getting Brothers involved reaching our Brothers behind bars. Developing material for our Youth is another immediate focus. And lastly, a reminder that April 4th, is the "WORLD DAY OF PRAYER"

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National Baptist Convention Region 2: Second Missionary Baptist Church, 954 Kings Road, Jacksonville, FL
April 28-30, 2011, Rev. Odell Smith, Jr., Pastor.

National Baptist Convention Region 2 (FL, GA, NC, SC,) Workshop: May 20-21, 2011, Andrews, SC

The Jerusalem Center, Association Headquarters (Jameson Inn, 102 Church St., (843) 546-6090, Rooms \$80.71)

National Baptist 131st Annual Family Faith Fest: June 27- July 1, 2011, Little Rock, AR (3 hotels)

Marlvin Phillips Annual Brotherhood & Deaconess Council Fellowship: August 19-20, 2011, St. Petersburg, FL
(Galilee MBC, 505 35th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL, Rev. Earnest Jones, Pastor)

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

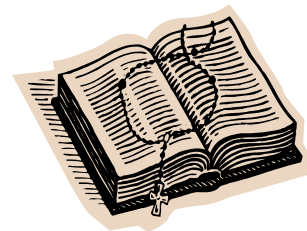
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. The fact still holds true that the best Preaching comes by way of the Brotherhood. What a glorious time we had in Innisbrook. We were able to once again turn a facility meant for other means into a place of worship. I would like to thank God for your commitment and sacrifices you made in attending this years convention and that God will truly be pleased with our efforts.

We were again blessed to have with us Brother Forestal Lawton, who serves as our National Brotherhood President, who came to our front with some encouraging words and news for the NBCA.

A heart-felt thank you for all of you who participated on the program. You all did a great job and hats off to our Bible Teachers, Bro. Norman & Bro B. Davis for again great lessons.

Oh behalf of Regena and myself, we way "thank you" for the love and kindness that you all extended to us. We will always be grateful.

*Be Forever Blessed
President Herring*

**New Brotherhood Manuals**

The next edition of the Brotherhood's Manual is expected around December 2011 for the year 2012.

Outstanding Addresses and Messages Presented in the Brotherhood Meeting in Innisbrook, FL at the Progressive M&E State Convention of Florida came from:

Devotion Leaders: *Brothers' Love Williams & Leroy Jackson; Deacons, First Baptist of West Tampa; Brothers' William McClain & Robert Calhoun; Brothers' John C. Lovett & Marion Graham; Brothers' Charlie Ball & Mango Davis; Brothers' Willie J. Killingsworth & Robert Smith; & Brother Phillip Howard*

Class Study: *Brothers' Eddie B. Norman & Bernard Davis*

Inspirational Addresses by Lay Speaker: *Brother Keith Haygood, Sr.; Brother Wesley Whitehead;*

Area Workshop: *Brother Charles Warren, Jr.;*

Sermon & Theme Speakers: *Rev. Johnny B. Swain; Rev. Rayford Harper; Rev. Earnest Jones; Rev. Larry Harrell*

Symposium Presenters: *Brothers' Willie Pollock, Jr.; Robert Gaines; Alvin Smith; James Mix; Jeff Thomas; Levardis Burton; Esau Freeman; & Bradley Cole*

Annual Address: *President Wayne Herring*

Memorial Service: *Brothers' James Mix & Robert Smith*

Special Message: *Brother David Archie, Mayor, Tarpon Springs, FL, President*

Special Remarks: *Sister Patricia A. Ball, State President, Deaconess Council*

Monthly Conference Call:

Every 1st Monday Night at 9:00 p.m. (est) for all State Officers and District Presidents (712) 451-6150 (Code 403104#)