“The Progressive M & E Baptist State Convention of Florida’s Brotherhood Ministry comes to Eatonville”

Led by State Brotherhood President Wayne Herring of Marianna, FL, and a 3-day visit by National Brotherhood President Forestal Lawton of Kansas City, MO, this 2009 convention moved into high gear from the start.

The Theme, “The Church...Faithfully Serving”, 1 Timothy 3:15-16; Hebrews 2:9-18", was reflected in just about every speaker and sermon.

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church of Maitland (Eatonville), FL, Rev. Dr. Willie C. Barnes, Pastor, spared nothing as a host in making all messengers feel at home.

Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. O’Hara C. Black, Pastor, hosted our Annual Prayer Breakfast. The morning was concluded with a Witnessing Outreach to Nursing Homes, Street Witnessing and the delivering of two (2) Food Baskets in the community. Both baskets were presented by our National President Forestal Lawton on behalf of the State Brotherhood Ministry and the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church.

STATE ASSOCIATIONS: NORTH & SOUTH

For the purpose of improving communications within the State Brotherhood, President Herring has divided the sixteen associations into two (2) groups, Northern and Southern. Corresponding Secretary Bro. Charles Warren, Jr., is responsible for the Northern Associations: East FL, Equal Rights, Middle FL & Clay, New Central, New Gulf Coast, Progressive West FL, Second West and Union Baptist. Bro. Charlie Ball, the Assistant Corresponding Secretary is responsible for the Southern: First South FL, Greater South FL, Great Union, Gulf Coast, Union Foreign, Kissimmee Valley, Mount Pilgrim and South FL Progressive. Every Association should make absolutely certain that these secretaries know how to contact you directly, through your church, or your Moderator.


National Baptist Congress of Christian Workes & National Baptist Youth Convention: June 21-27, Mobile, AL

State Congress of Christian Workers: July 20-24, 2009, Lakeland, FL

Marvin Phillips Annual Brotherhood Day: August 14-15, 2009, South FL Progressive Association Hosting
THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. 

First let me start by thanking God for his grace and tender mercies that was bestowed upon us during our Annual Session in Orlando, we all arrived with a reasonable portion of health and strength, and was granted traveling grace, were kept from all hurt harm and danger, dangers seen and unseen. Next I thank God for those of you that made the sacrifice to attend this years session, with the economy as it is, I realize that this may have been a strain, but I thank God for your commitment. All of you did a superb job in whatever capacity that you were called to do, I ask that as we go forth, let us go with God as our guide, knowing that we can do all things through him who strengthens us. Also please allow me to thank-you for the love and kindness that was shown to me and Regena, thanks from the bottom of our hearts, our prayers is that God will continue to Bless and Keep you.

Next, let us now turn our attention toward our National Brotherhood Workshop (Area 3) which will convene May 22-23, 2009 in Choppee, South Carolina with Hopewell Baptist Church as our Host. We are looking to have a glorious time in the name of the Lord, and let us not forget our Annual Marlvin Phillips Brotherhood Unity Day in August which will be in Tampa, start making plans now. Brothers, "let us not grow weary in well doing, do good unto all men, especially unto those who are of the household of faith" God's riches blessings be upon you.

Outstanding Addresses and Messages Presented to the Brotherhood in the Convention this year came from:

Bible Lessons: Bro. Eddie B. Norman; Bro. Bernard Davis

Addresses by Lay Speaker: Bro. Robert Smith; Bro. John C. Lovett; Bro. Franklin Miller

Sermon & Theme Speakers: Rev. James Neal, Mt. Mission MBC, Daytona, Bch, FL; Elder E. Q. Truss, Word of Faith MBC, Pensacola; Rev. A. L. Davis, Union Hill MBC, Marianna, FL; Rev. O. C. Raines, Christian Fellowship, MBC, Sanford; Rev. Walter Williams, New Mt. Zion, Tampa

Annual Inspirational Address, Bro. Wayne Herring (FL)

Memorial Service: Brothers’ Franklin Miller & James Mix

President Lawton’s Address, President Forestal Lawton and his Baptist World Alliance Report

LET'S WORK ON IMPROVING OUR COMMUNICATING

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