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Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc.



The President Speaks...

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Greetings, Progressive Constituency, in the name of Him who does all things well, our Lord and soon coming King, Jesus the Christ!

It is with a heart of thanksgiving that I wish to express how grateful I am to God who has allowed us once again to assemble for our Annual Winter Board Session in the city of Panama City, Florida. I am excited about what God will do this week as we worship Him and also take care of the business of our Convention.

I am profoundly thankful to the local host committee, Reverend Dr. Delwynn Williams, and the St. John Missionary Baptist Church, along with the Progressive District Association of West Florida, led by Reverend Dr. Rufus Wood, Jr., Moderator, and all other pastors and lay persons who played a part in ensuring our week would be a success.

Let us continue to be prayerful for the crisis and concerns that continue to plague us both nationally and internationally. Although God heard our prayers and we have a returning President in the White House, we are reminded that the God whom we serve never left Heaven and He is still in charge of all of these world affairs. Therefore, pray for all of our leaders, including President Obama, but let us continue to look to Jesus, "the author and finisher of our faith." He deserves all the Honor and Glory!

Finally, I pray that God will grant us a spirit-led session, in which the name of Jesus will be glorified, and the people of God will be edified.

Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., President



SENIOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY

December, 2009

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Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of
Florida, Incorporated

Dr. Barbara F. Wright, Ministry President

Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr. Convention President



Greetings to each of you in the Name Of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As we reflect on 2012 and all of the blessings that God has bestowed upon us, both individually and collectively, we can truly celebrate and praise Him for His divine love and unmerited favor towards us. We shout from the depths of our hearts, Thank You Father, for all that you have done, those things that you are presently doing, and for that which is to come.

With all of our numerous responsibilities, tasks, and call to servant-hood, it behooves us to stay focused on our charge to commitment. Have you really thought about the importance of commitment in your life of servant-hood?

People that are uncommitted and even non-committed in their service have the appearance of it but they are actually, conditionally committed. That is, if it fits the order of my life, then I'll act upon it. So then, what is true commitment?

Commitment is having a made up mind with no second-guessing or shuffling of the mind. It is having a made-up mind to support someone or to complete an action, no matter what! Commitment is when you make a decision to stand firm, regardless of what anyone says, determined that nothing can interfere or change it.

As servants, our commitment to God should be prevalent in all that we do!
A committed servant

- Possesses an extraordinary spirit of devotion with a servant's heart
- Faithfully lives in obedience to God's Word
- Prayerfully and ultimately recognizes that we are under God's guidance and protection.
- Sacrificial giving of the whole self...mind, body and spirit

Therefore, as we evaluate ourselves and our commitment to the challenges ahead of us, be reminded that we need only:

- Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass. (Psalm 37:5)
- Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.(Proverbs 16:3)
- Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (Romans 12:1)

Regardless of the degree of commitment that we may have made in the past, we can make a new start by asking God to forgive us of our wasted opportunities, and for direction to do much more!

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Guidance is what God does for us and **Commitment** is what we do for God!

Without a doubt, We must remain committed to the tasks ahead of us in carrying out the call of mission and education in this ever-changing tumultuous world in which we live. How committed are you?

Finally, we pray that this upcoming season will be filled with love, joy and peace. We extend to you and your family a joyful and blessed Christmas remembering that **“Jesus” is the Reason for the Season!**

Your Sister and Servant,
Dr. Barbara F. Wright

Thank You



Giving thanks always for all things unto God and
the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Ephesians 5:20

Greetings Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention, Friends and the Deaconess Council:

This is to thank you for all acts of love and prayers doing my recovery from surgery. Your kindness and thoughtfulness makes such a difference during trying times which certainly brought God's blessings to my days. You all are simply the best. I will be forever grateful and humble because of how you demonstrated expressions toward me.

It is my hope and prayer that the Lord will allow me to return to fellowship with you all very soon.

A special thanks to President Bartholomew Banks, Sr., Rev. T.D. Leonard and Brotherhood President, Wayne Herring for their continuous prayers and concern for my husband and care taker, Deacon Charlie Ball, Jr.

Until He Return,
Deaconess Patricia A. Ball

Deaconess Council Advisor



Donation Day at Florida Memorial University

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On November 20th, 2012, Senior Women, Pastors , Ministers and Supporters of Florida Memorial University gathered in unity and love for our annual Donation Day in Miami, Florida. The Administrative Staff, constituents of the University, as well as, students greeted us on this very special day.

As a result of the financial support from Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Incorporated(Dr. Bartholomew Banks, President) and the Florida General Baptist Convention of America(Dr. James Sampson, President), we were able to support the University with over \$150,000.00. We thank and praise God for each of you that assisted the Senior Women in this effort. The PMESC supporters included:

The report for the Progressive Missionary and Educational State Convention's Senior Women's Ministry is as follows:

District Association	President	Moderator	Amount
East Florida & Bethany	Sister Carolyn Burney	Dr. Kelly Brown	\$3,580.00
Equal Rights	Sister Lela Groom		No report
First South Florida	Sister Regina Lawrence	Dr. C. R. TAYlor	\$11,078.00
Greater South Florida	Sister Verdell Bolden	Rev. Roosevelt Cooper	\$7000.00
Gulf Coast	Sister Pauline Porter	Rev. Thomas Reed	No Report
Kissimmee Valley	Sister Annie O. Parker	Rev. K. C. Holley	\$2,720.00
Middle FL & Clay County	Sister Constance Butler	Rev. Eddie Henry	\$585.00
Mount Pilgrim	Sister Ola Johnson	Dr. H. L. Daniels	\$6,170.00
New Central	Sister Joy L. Leonard	Rev. Otis Raines	\$875.00
New Gulf Coast	Sister Gloria D. Beaman	Rev. A. L. Young	\$2,451.15
Progressive West FL	Sister Norma J. Hartfield	Dr. Rufus Wood, Jr.	\$2,722.86
Second West	Sister Florida McMillan	Dr. H.G. McCullough	\$3070.00
South FL Progressive	Sister Mamie Rogers	Dr. C.T. Kirkland	\$2013.00
Union Baptist	Sister Lauretha Pittman	Rev. John Gardener	\$1,125.00
Union Foreign	Sister Marsha Tarver	Rev. Fleming Tarver	\$4,500.00
State Deaconess Council	Sister Jerri McCallister, Ministry President		\$700.00



GRAND TOTAL
\$48,590.01



Deaconess Council



“In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”
(1 Thessalonians 5:8)

Sister Gerri McCallister

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

As we gather in the beautiful city of Panama City with its many captivating surroundings, we have much to be thankful for during this time of year. The blessings of God for allowing us to gather for the 2012 Winter Board Planning Session is one. The blessings of celebrating with family, friends, loved ones and, co-laborers in Christ Jesus is another. And, as we approach the Holiday season, we thank God our Heavenly Father for the gift of His precious Son and this wonderful time when Christians all over the land observe His birthday.

As we reflect on the blessings of this past year, the Deaconess Council give praises to God for blessing the ministry for milestones made since we last gathered. We praise God for how He poured out His blessing upon us during our Annual Brotherhood Unity Day and Deaconess Council Summit this past August. We were shown great hospitality by the Host Church and Pastor, Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church and Reverend Jesse Ivory, as well as Host Moderator – Reverend Otis Raines and New Central Association.

We are thankful for our coming together in a fundraising effort that yielded much for mission work. Being able to fellowship with our brothers and sisters in a weekend of preaching, teaching, singing and soul-searching, made it possible to meet new Deaconesses working for the same purpose

of Kingdom building. What a wonderfully blessed time we had!

I thank God for the ladies of West Florida for their togetherness and the support they give each other by their attendance at the Associations

during the Deaconess President’s Hour. Thanks to the Tampa Bay and Central Florida ladies for giving support to their area Association District President’s Hour as well. Congratulations to District Presidents Sister Iva Tolbert and Sister Ollie Daniels for another year of giving leadership to New Gulf Coast Association and South Florida Progressive Association respectively. Congratulations also to Sister Bobbie Ponder, Sister Cynthia Borden, Sister Callie Wooden and Sister Mary Priester on their first year serving as District Presidents to Progressive West Association, Union Baptist, Second West Association and 1st South Florida Association respectively.

We are indeed thankful to God for enabling the Council to give a donation to 1st South Florida Association’s in the clean-up effort for storm victims in the New Jersey area. How thankful we are for God allowing the Council to continue its annual gift to Florida Memorial University on Donation Day.

Finally, thank God for all who have supported the Deaconess Council as we move forward in seeking to serve and make an anointed difference in the lives of others.

Have a blessed holiday season and may love of God always abide in you!

Sister Gerri McCallister, President
State Deaconess Council



The Church Scattered To Do The Work Of The Kingdom



The wondrous grace of God permitted several Senior Women to participate in a missionary movement to Atlantic City, New Jersey to demonstrate to our brothers and sisters our love and concern for them in the aftermath of “Super Storm Sandy.” “Great and glorious is the Name of our God!”

On Wednesday, November 21, 2012 (Thanksgiving Eve), at 6:00 p.m., a Disaster Relief Team, led and coordinated by the Reverend Deryl Jones, Pastor of Providence Missionary Baptist Church of Bartow, departed from New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Tampa, FL.

Senior Women on this five day journey included:

- Sister Barbara F. Wright, Senior Women President of PMESC
- Sister Regina Lawrence, President of First South Florida District Association
- Sister Cynthia Lester, President of Congress #4
- Peggy Jo Peel
- Jackie Walker, President of Mt. Olive Senior Women, Tampa
- Patricia Franklin

To Him be glory and honor for the faithful followers of His Way, His Will and His Work! We were indeed a blessing to the hurting, weary and worn. This journey was a move from inspiration to aspiration, to participation and demonstration of Matthew 25: 35-40.

Senior Women Carry Out Kingdom Work

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“Sew-In With New Gulf Coast Senior Women”

Sister Gloria D. Beaman, District President

The women of New Gulf Coast came together for this “Sew- In” to support the State Senior Women’s project of Dresses for the Children of Haiti. In addition to this district, numerous others have been involved , allowing us to provide over 1000 dresses for Haiti with more to come! We appreciate the supportive work of all of the Senior Women across the State. Included in the pictures below is a group of youngsters from TrueVine M.B. Church of Sarasota, Sister Carline Harvin(President), modeling some of the dresses made at their church. Special thanks to Sister Gwendolyn Hagen of Mt. Tabor M.B. Church, Tampa for sharing one of the patterns used across the state.



WIA Ministry Photo Corner



State Congress

July 13 -16, 2012 in Orlando, FL

Our Instructor: Rev. Brian K. Brown and State WIA President: Sister Bonnie G. Belford

We had the largest attendance in the WIA Class we have ever experienced! God keeps blessing us!



PM&E Mission Encounter July 29, 2012 in Marianna, FL. More than 15 families were blessed, spiritually and physically.



PM&E State Rainbow Fellowship Aug. 4, 2012 in Orlando.



Please financially support Sister Gloria Brodnax as she represents the State of Florida at NBCA 2013 in Louisville, KY for the National WIA Queen title



You Are Cordially Invited

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Your presence is requested to attend

Denim and Pearls Inaugural Luncheon

for

Sister Bonnie G. Belford

Women's Intermediate Auxiliary President
of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., Int'l.
Rev. Dr. Stephen J. Thurston, President



Saturday, February 16, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.

The Legend Center
5031 Soutel Drive Jacksonville, Florida 32208

Sponsored By The Women's Intermediate Auxiliary
Vice Ministry Leaders Gloria Castillo, Kathy Jackson, Denise Newsome, Teresa Curry
Advisors Shirley Hendley, Tina Brown
Ministerial Advisor Rev. Brian K. Brown

A Ministry Of The
Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc.
Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks Sr., President

The favor of your RSVP is requested no later than February 2, 2013
WIAFLORIDA@aol.com

2012 WINTER BOARD SESSION December 5th -7th

HOSTED BY:

St. John Missionary Baptist Church
1021 Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd.
Panama City, Florida 32401

Reverend Dr. Delwynn Williams, Pastor
Phone: 850 763-7222

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Progressive District Association of West Florida
Reverend Dr. Rufus Wood, Jr., Moderator

Meeting Site

St. John Missionary Baptist Church

Theme:

"The Church...Real, Relevant, and Righteous"
Matthew 16:18; 1 Peter 2:4; Acts 5: 12-16

From Directress Rosier



Greetings in the Matchless Name
Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

Once more, I am humbled at the way you, Progressive, have been responsive to my illness and all I can say is thanks be to God to you

and for all of your prayers and your many acts of kindness.

Thanks to the Directress for your spirit of willingness to put up with me despite my illness, and your ability to carry on in my absence.

I Know that I must have one of the best Pastors, Dr. N. S. Sanders, and that my church family, Greater St. Paul, Lakeland, Florida, is the best church in the whole United States of America, because they see about me. I want the world to know that the Bible is true.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
Directress Elizabeth Rosier
Youth & Children

Denim and Pearls Souvenir Booklet Honoring President Belford

*State Conventions
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District Associations
Officers
Churches
Family and Friends*

*As we give this honor of servitude, please show your love
by submitting an acknowledgement in
Bonnie's Souvenir Booklet*

*Full Page - \$100.00
Half Page - \$60.00
Quarter Page - \$35.00
Business Card - \$20.00*

*Please make your check payable to:
"Progressive M&E WIA"*

Submitted No Later Than 2/2/13

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Brotherhood

I greet you in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is with great humbleness that I use this manner to address at this time. The Ministry has made great strides this year because of your dedication and commitment, as we go into this next year let us continue to work together and accomplish the goals that will be set before us. Let us continue to be on one accord one with the other as Amos 3:3 states **"how can two walk together except they agree."** It is my prayer, as we have entered into this Holiday Season that we be mindful of others rather than ourselves and that God's riches be upon you all and that you and your family will have a prosperous New Year.

It is a mandate that **"we enlist all men for Christ."** **Our annual session will convene March 18-22, 2013 in Jacksonville,** we have planned a spirit filled week with the **preached word, singing, teaching, dynamic speakers and much more.** Please make arrangements to attend, we are looking forward to seeing you there.

"Let us continue to do good to all men especially to those who are of the household of faith"

President Herring





Sister Alean Weathersbee Tarver

1924 ~2012

*A Life of Love Celebrated & Remembered ...
Her "dash" made a difference!*

An educator for over 35 years in Jacksonville, FL; lifetime and faithful member of Second Missionary Baptist Church and prominent Missionary leader transitioned to be with her Lord November 19th.

Sister Alean Tarver committed her fellowship faithfully and untiringly as a life-long work of love for children, youth and Missionaries; in her home, church, community and all over the State of Florida. As a faithful Counselor, her broad smile and patience shared for many years demonstrating her affection, encouragement and support for children everywhere.

Sister Tarver shared her leadership in the teaching arms of the church with several ministries; among them, The Sr. Choir, Youth Department, Scholarship Ministry, Concerned Members Ministry, Retired Members Ministry; and President of the Sr. Women Missionary Ministry which extended to two (2) significant ministries under her administration, monthly Nursing Home visits and weekly Tutoring that she served as Director. Outreaching from this ministry was her loyal and steadfast role as Counselor for the WIA Auxiliary of East Florida & Bethany Baptist District Association for more than 20 years and representing the Progressive M&E State Convention as the Director of Baptist Youth Camp for over 35 years at Florida Memorial University in Miami. Her teachings, instructions and demonstrations, including a godly lifestyle, made a magnificent first impression for many new Christians, now continuing the teachings and legacy learned from her within their respective communities. This was evident of their presence with the family the weekend of November 23-24 for her Celebration of Life Services, sharing honors of tributes and saying "THANK YOU" to a lady who instilled in them the confidence that God loves them. In 2010, Sister Tarver was honored by the mayor of Dade County with a proclamation and key to the city for her longtime "journey of love" as a trailblazer Director for all young people in the state of Florida at Baptist Youth Camp. This is proudly displayed in the halls of the University today.

A graduate of Stanton Sr. High, she attended FAMU and became a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority. Sister Alean Weathersbee Tarver dedicated her life to educating all that crossed her path. Her unique caring spirit will be remembered as a strong and powerful soldier for Christ!

Cherishing her memories among her beloved family is her daughter, Willean Tarver Hadley, former Jr. Women President of both the East Florida & Bethany Baptist District Association and The Progressive M&E Baptist State Convention.

2012 Winter Board Session

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Wednesday, December 5

Staff Development

- 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. Establishing Kingdom Authority
Reverend Dr. Rollie Murray
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
Orlando, Florida
- 10:45 – 12 Noon..... Pastors as a Team Leader and Administrator
Reverend C. L. Wilson
St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church
Blountstown, Florida
- 1:30 – 1:50 p.m. Devotion
- 1:50 - 2:00 p.m. Registration
- 2:05 - 3:05 p.m. Developing an Effective Team
Dr. G. I. Bradley
Providence Missionary Baptist Church
Palmetto, Florida
- 3:05 – 3:15 p.m. Offering
- 3:15- 4:15 p.m. Ministry Leader as a Change Agent
Reverend Remer Baker
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
Kissimmee, Florida

7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

“Welcome Program”

****The President is asking everyone to please be present for this program****

St. John Missionary Baptist Church

Convening at

St. John Missionary Baptist Church
1021 Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd.
Panama City, Florida, 32401

Reverend Dr. Delwynn Williams, Pastor

Reverend Dr. Rufus L. Wood, Jr., Moderator
Progressive Missionary Baptist District Association
of West Florida

8:00 P.M.

Vice President W. D. Sims, Presiding

Progressive of West Florida and Second West
Association in Charge

Reverend Scottie L. Thigpen, Beulah First Baptist,
Ft. Walton Beach

And

Reverend Freddie Roulhac, Poplar Springs,
Marianna

Devotion

Deacons from both Churches

Selections

Choir from both Churches



2012 Winter Board Session

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Scripture

Reverend Freddie D. Roulhac

Introduction of Preacher

Moderator Rufus L. Wood, Jr.

Sermon

Reverend Scottie L. Thigpen

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Offertory Appeal

Moderator Rufus Wood and Moderator H. G. McCollough

Remarks

President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

Benediction

Reverend Freddie Roulhac

Late Night Service

Reverend O'Hara Black, Chairman

Thursday, December 6

10:00 A.M.

INTRODUCTORY WORSHIP SERVICE

Vice President J. J. Pierce, Presiding

Devotion

Deacon Gladstone Blair and Deacon Robert Smith,
Panama City

Theme Presentation

Reverend Leon Williams, Unity, Naples

Meeting Purpose and Agenda

President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

Adoption of Agenda

Directions for Enrollment

Deacon Cleveland Raymond

Selections

Association Choir

Introduction of Preacher

Moderator Fleming Tarver

Selection

Association Choir

Sermon

Reverend Troy Adams, Sr.

Invitation

Dr. Frank O'Harroll

Offertory Appeal

Moderator Fleming Tarver

Announcements

Remarks

President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

Benediction

Reverend Troy Adams, Sr.

2012 Winter Board Session

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1:30 P.M.

MINISTRIES PLANNING SESSION

2013 CONVENTION PLANNING

2:00 P.M.

Pastors'/Ministers' Development Conference
Dr. G. I. Bradley, Chairman

Pastors' Enrollment: \$50.00
Ministers' Enrollment: \$15.00

2:00 – 2:15 p.m. Devotion

2:15 – 3:15 p.m. Open Forum
Partnering in Ministry
Pastoral Development Staff

3:15 – 3:30 p.m. Offering

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Planning Session

7:00 P.M.

Vice President Kelly Brown, Jr. Presiding

New Gulf Coast and Equal Rights Association
in charge

Reverend Rawlis Leslie, Sr.,
Second Mt. Moriah, Panama City

And
Reverend Walter Houston,
Second Baptist, Pensacola

Devotion

Deacons from both Churches

Selections

Choir from both Churches

Introduction of Preacher

Moderator Aldredge L. Young

Scripture

Moderator Walter Houston

Selection

Joint Choirs

Sermon

Reverend Rawlis Leslie, Sr., Second Mt. Moriah

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Offertory Appeal

Moderator Aldredge L. Young and Moderator
Walter Houston

Remarks

President Banks

Benediction

Moderator Walter Houston

Late Night Service

Reverend O'Hara Black, Chairman

2012 Winter Board Session

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Thursday, December 7

10:00 A.M.

INTRODUCTORY WORSHIP SERVICE

Vice President J. J. Pierce, Presiding

Devotion

Deacon Gladstone Blair and Deacon Robert Smith,
Panama City

Theme Presentation

Reverend Leon Williams, Unity, Naples

Meeting Purpose and Agenda

President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

Adoption of Agenda

Directions for Enrollment

Deacon Cleveland Raymond

Friday, December 9

9:00 A.M.

Devotion

Deacon Robert Marrell

Deacon George Cox

Congregational Singing

Introduction of President
Vice Moderator Brain K. Brown

Scripture
Moderator John Gardner

Hymn of Preparation
Moderator Rufus L. Wood, Jr.

Sermon
President Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Moderator C. Redding Taylor

Offertory Appeal
Moderator Ortis Raines
Moderator Kenneth Holley

Remarks
President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

Introduction Session and 2013 Annual Program
Reverend Dr. W. J. Haynes

**Business Session and 2013 Annual Program
Development**

Announcements and Dismissal

CLOSING OF THE WINTER BOARD SESSION

Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year



REV. DR. BARTHOLOMEW BANKS, SR. & LADY VANESSA BANKS