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# The PROGRESSIVE

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



## *The President Speaks...*

**G**reetings, Progressive Constituency, Special Guests, and Friends:

It is my great pleasure to welcome each of you my sisters and brothers to the Ninety-Seventh Annual Session of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Incorporated! What a great time to be alive and in the service of the Lord!

Once again we have convened in the "Sparkling City" of Clearwater Beach, Florida at beautiful Innisbrook Resort to transact the business of our great convention and to blend our voices together in praise to God for giving us this golden

opportunity to join in a state-wide fellowship with each other.

Allow me to first give special thanks to the Saint John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church family, along with our co-host, Saint Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, of Tampa, Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr. and Reverend W. D. Sims, pastors; for their undertaking to host this session. Also, special thanks to the pastors and members of Congress number one, who also shared in the planning and preparations for our stay this week. We commend you for a job well done and know that we appreciate all the preplanning efforts you did to ensure the success of our session.

As I reflect upon the past five years I am most grateful to the Almighty God who guided us through some turbulent times, and yet He allowed us to accomplish some of the things we set out to do. To God be the Glory for the wonderful things He has done! I am appreciative of your continued support as we strive to move to a higher level in the "work of the Kingdom." There are many things yet to be done and I challenge each of you to join in with us and let's get the job done together.

It is my prayer that your stay this week will be spiritually enriching and rewarding and that you will allow the Holy Spirit to permeate throughout this resort and the city of Clearwater! Have a safe return to your various homes, and God bless and keep each of you!

*Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.,*  
President



# 97TH ANNUAL SESSION

*“The Church - Powerful,  
Persuasive, Perpetual”*

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; 2:1-7; 1 Timothy 3:14-15

# SENIOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY

March 2011

## *A Word From President Wright*



**G**reetings to each of you in the Mighty Name of Jesus Christ!

We give glory, honor and praise to God for allowing us another opportunity to come together in worship and praise at this, our Annual Session of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention, Incorporated. We recognize that God has been so merciful and kind since our last session in allowing us another chance to gather in Christian love. Although we've lost two of our devoted loving sisters, Sister Trellis Whitehurst and Sister Arlene Camel, we still have much for which to be grateful! For we recognize that, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

As I began to ponder the many circumstances that exist in these perilous times, I was reminded of the Christian's role, more specifically, Christian women's role as we face issues from day to day. It is evident that we have much to do and it can only come about through our commitment, dedication and saying yes to God's will. What happens when Christian women say YES to God's will?

The role of each of us must be to serve our Lord and Savior in accordance with what we know as the WILL of God. As women, we have been endowed with unique qualities, that when used properly, permits us fellowship with God. We are

blessed with:

- **Intellect** which allows us to acquire knowledge, that is, **To Know Him!**
- **Emotion** which provides for feelings, that is, **To Love Him!**
- **Will**, which is a consciousness to do what needs to be done, that is, **To Obey Him!**

As Christian women using these qualities from our Father, it is incumbent upon each of us to realize the goal of all human endeavors in fulfilling God's purpose that we may be one with Him. So then, what does happen when women say YES to God's Will?

The first goal that disciples of the Lord Jesus must achieve is a **Surrendered Life** to the Will and Way of Christ. In order to know the Will of God for your life, there are three things needed, according to Romans 12:1-2:

- **Presentation:** "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God which is your reasonable service."
- **Transformation:** "And be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,"
- **Divine Information:** "That ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect Will of God."

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A second goal that must be achieved, as written in Psalm 40:8, is to delight in doing the Will of God. David uses “delight” in his declaration about God’s Word and God’s Will. In fact, this “delight” took precedence over all other pleasures in his life. He recognized that fulfillment comes when we obey God and do His will. Every child of God should receive gratification in obeying God. What declarations have you made to God about your “delights”?

The next goal that should be achieved is the knowledge of the WORD of GOD. The WORD gives us, not only the knowledge of His Will, but also the desire to do it. There is power in the Word of God which brings the human mind in conformity with His Purpose and Will for our lives. Receiving the WORD makes a difference in the life of the believer. By receiving it, when one believes it, he becomes a doer of it.

When we say “Yes” to God, we have, as described in John 8:31-32 verses:

- Freedom to conform to the image of God
- Freedom to become all that God will have us to be
- Freedom to obey His voice when He speaks
- Freedom to let go of worldly pleasures and pursue our delights in the Lord.

When we say “Yes “ to His Will, the world will know that we are God’s people doing God’s will.

It is written in 1John 5:2-3, “By this we know that we love the children of God when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God that, we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievance.” “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world.”

I am so glad that I am the Lord’s servant and can be a witness to His purpose and presence on earth which has power to transform the life of anyone who accepts Him as Lord and Savior. What about you? Just as David, are you willing to shout aloud your delight in doing His Will ? Do you love Him? Do you seek to obey Him?

Lastly, be reminded that Christian women established in the Word of God ,serving God and doing His will knows that it is never about us, but , it’s all about HIM!

In His Service,  
***Dr. Barbara F. Wright***



Presents Our

## 2011 CREST YEARBOOK!

The Senior Women's Ministry of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention proudly dedicates the Two Thousand Eleven Edition of the CREST YEARBOOK to our **President Emeritus, Sister Ruby Flowers Herndon.**



**Sister Ruby Flowers  
Herndon**

She is indeed a Proverbs 31 Woman!  
Because of her faithfulness, her  
deeds are multiplied until her value is  
"far above rubies"(verse 10).

We proudly salute Sister Herndon  
and thank God for her leadership,  
love, instructions, loyalty and  
devotion throughout her many years  
of service!

The Senior Women Ministry's One hundred and ninety-two page  
CREST YEARBOOK is available for a donation of \$10.00.  
Thank You For Your Support!

# Deaconess Council

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Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf! –Psalm 66:5 NIV

See What God Has Done!

We are blessed to greet you today, from the Deaconess Council

to the family of the Progressive M&E Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc. It is with the "Love of God" that we share with you the name of Jesus Christ, who shed his blood that we might have everlasting life!

We started out with God's Grace and Goodness at the beginning of last year with a year filled with his wondrous works. Sister Iva Tolbert and Sister Gerri McCallister honored us with our annual Stay At Home Tea. The Deaconess Council then traveled to Crestview, FL. for the State Congress. What a glorious time we had in Christ, Jesus! In August, we had a wonderful, spiritual fellowship at the joint Brotherhood/Deaconess Council Unity Day program. This spiritual blessing was hosted by Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend Robert Wright, Pastor, Green Cove Springs, FL. Finally, on December 8-10, 2010

(Winter Board) we traveled to St. John Missionary Baptist Church- Ft. Pierce, FL Reverend William Jones, Pastor. There we enjoyed our Deaconess workshop and we collected for our food baskets given to two needy families in the St. Petersburg, FL. area.

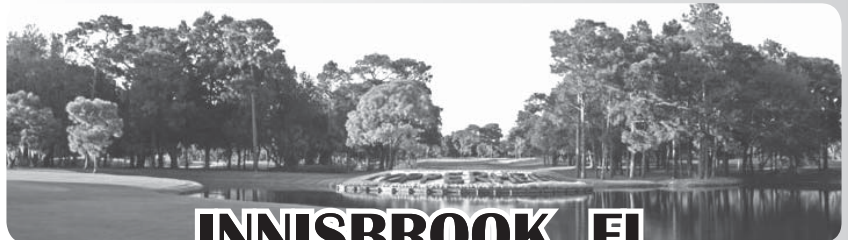
God wants us to celebrate the good things he has done for us! Then on a regular basis we need to add to the list and Thank, Honor, and Praise God for the things he has done on our behalf.

So....we invite all Deaconess from all over the state of Florida to come and join in with us as we continue to do God's work in the fields, to help reach the masses, and tell them about the death, burial, and the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Won't you join us beginning March 21, 2011 AS WE BEGIN THIS YEAR'S JOURNEY?

In Jesus Love,

*Sister Patricia A. Ball*  
Deaconess Council President

**WELCOME  
TO THE 97TH  
ANNUAL  
SESSION**



**INNISBROOK, FL**



# From Directress Rosier

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*Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.*

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

It is with Jesus Joy, that I greet you. I am so happy to be in the Land of the Living. I do thank and praise God for sparing my life and for allowing me to be with you in this session. I thank God for all of my workers and for your continued loyalty and prayers.

Our prayers are with Sister Tina Brown at this period of her life. We thank God for bringing Moderator Reed and Sister Bennett back to us. God is still in the blessing business. No matter where we are, Sister Bonney manages to make it back with us. I am so grateful to God for that. I am grateful that God has on my team a husband and wife like Reverend and Sister Cooper and Brother and Sister Reed. Everyone knows that Sister Mary Reed will bring, if not one, two bus loads full of children and youth, and we do thank her. Thank you Sister Williamson, from West Florida, for your prayers, Sister Frances of Jacksonville, and Sister Pauline Williams, the mother of us all.

I am also grateful to God for my officers, who visited and called me continuously. I thank God everyday for my boys, and we all know that they are not boys, (Reverend Gregory Robinson, Rev. Hugh Stratford, Rev. Larry Round, Min. Barron Banks, Rev. William Leonard, Rev. Harold Bennett, Rev. Ricky Anderson, Sr. , Reverend Derrick Leonard, and Min. Darrell Brown). We all know that they are Men of God, warriors, who stand as true servants of God.

I am grateful because anyone of these young men will drop by and see me every chance that they can. I

really do appreciate them. Many of them are Pastors of churches, businessmen, family men, or college students, but they have not forgotten Directress Rosier. I thank God everyday for sparing my life and letting me see His bright sunshine and letting me serve people like we have in Progressive M & E.

I thank my church family, my Pastor, the Reverend Dr. N. S. Sanders, and the Greater St. Paul family, for your loyal support. I could not do the things that I do without you. Thank you. Thank you, Sister Sanders and Sister Dunn for your help. God bless you, and I love you for it. Thank you Sister George, Sister Willie, and Sister Cooper - you really are champions. Thank you Brother Stanley and Sister Driver, for the meals when my daughter could not make it. Thank you Lady Marilyn Terry-Murphy for the many trips to the Dr. God Bless you.

Last, but certainly not least, thanks to my daughter, Vanessa, who so affectionately is known as Lady Banks, who drives from Tampa, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and some Saturdays to prepare my meals, go to the grocery store, drugstore, or whatever I need. Thanks to my son-in-law President Banks for allowing her to do it. I just praise God for all of you. I am just so happy to be alive.

Thank you President Rhim for having the vision to place me here. Thank you everyone for praying for me.

I thank God for giving my daughter a support system of Godly sisters like Pam, Sonja, and Valerie. They grew up praying as children and they are still praying as adults. With the help of God they all take good care of me.

Thank you President Barbara Wright for being there for me and for my daughter.

To God Be the Glory,  
*Directress Elizabeth Rosier*

# REMEMBERING WHEN...



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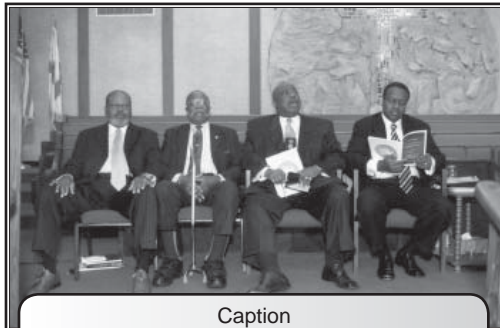
Dr. Barbara F. Wright, Lady Vanessa Banks and Sis. Susan Turner, Alabama



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Lady Dorothy, Sis. Daisy Jones and Sis. Doris Copeland



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# REMEMBERING WHEN...



President Banks with Moderator Thomas Reed



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President Banks with Reverend Joseph E. Lowery



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**Friday,  
March 25th  
9:00 A.M.**

*Annual  
President's  
Hour*



**Rev. Dr. Bartholomew  
Banks, Sr.**  
*President*

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*97th Annual  
Session Program*

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Incorporated**

**Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.**  
**President**

**97TH ANNUAL SESSION**

March 21 - 25, 2011

Theme:

***“The Church - Powerful,  
Persuasive, Perpetual”***

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; 2:1-7; 1 Timothy 3:14-15

Convening With:

**St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church**

2504 Chipco Avenue

Tampa, Florida 33605

*Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., Pastor*

And

**St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church**

3708 East Lake Avenue

Tampa, Florida 33610

*Reverend W. D. Sims, Pastor*

Services held:

**Innisbrook Resort & Spa**

36750 U.S. Highway 19 North

Palm Harbor, Florida 34684

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*Monday, March 21*

**7:00 P.M.**

## PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Musical and Welcome Program

*Tuesday, March 22*

**9:00 A.M.**

## OPENING SESSION

*Second Vice President W. D. Sims, Presidin*

Inspirational Singing .....The Music Department  
Reverend Dr. Delwynn G. Williams  
*St. John, Panama City*

Devotional Period ..... Deacon Charlie Ball Jr.  
*St. John, Tampa*

Deacon Jeff Thomas  
*St. John, Ft. Pierce*

Presentation of the  
President..... First Vice-President H. D. Rucker

Call to Order .....President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

Presentation/Ministers & Missionaries  
Benefits Board.....Dr. Kelly Brown

Directions for Enrollment ...Reverend Price Wilson

## Presentation of the 2010 Convention Host Church and Pastor

Reverend Dr. H. T. Rhim  
President Emeritus, Senior Pastor  
St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church,  
*Black Bottom*

*Jacksonville/East Florida & Bethany Association*

Music..... Combined Choirs  
*St. Joseph Choir, Black Bottom &  
Greater Mt. Vernon Choir*

Introductory Sermon ..... Reverend Dr. H. T. Rhim  
*St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church  
Black Bottom, Jacksonville  
East Florida & Bethany Association*

Alternate: Moderator Kelly Brown, Jr.  
*Greater Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church  
Jacksonville/East Florida & Bethany Association*

## LUNCH BREAK



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## TUESDAY AFTERNOON

2:30 P.M.

### ORTHODOXY HOUR

*Dr. Rollie Murray, Chairman, Presiding*

Prayer and Praise Period ..... Reverend Willie Long  
*New Jerusalem, Chattahoochee*  
*Union Baptist Association*

Reverend Williams C. Brinson,  
*Pine Bloom, Greensboro*  
*Union Baptist Association*

2:15 P.M. .... ORTHODOXY HOUR  
Moderator Lloyd Graham  
*Antioch, Quincy*  
*Union Baptist Association*

2:30 – 3:50 P.M. .... CHURCH DEVELOPMENT  
CONFERENCE  
Dr. S. L. Maxwell, Chairman  
Reverend Leon Williams, Vice-Chairman

(Pastors, Young Ministers, Board Chairmen &  
Convention Officers)

“How to Build a Ministry that is Greater than You”  
John 17:4, 6, 8, 12, 18; Acts 2:41-47; Ephesians 4:  
11-16

3:50 P.M. .... ENROLLMENT & OFFERING

4:00 P.M. .... Sermon  
Reverend William F. Leonard  
*St. Matthew, Tampa*

Alternate: Reverend David A. Lattimore, Jr.  
*Mt. Ararat, Jacksonville*

## DINNER BREAK

4:30 P.M.

## TUESDAY EVENING

7:00 P.M.

*Reverend Torin Dailey, Chairman, Presiding*

### EDUCATIONAL EMPHASIS NIGHT

Devotional Period ..... Deacon Leroy Jackson  
*New Hope, Pensacola*

Deacon Charles Warren, Jr.  
*Second Baptist, Jacksonville*

Sermon ..... Reverend O'Hara Black,  
*Mt. Pleasant, Orlando*  
*First South Florida Association*

Alternate: Reverend L.L.J. Wilson  
*St. Matthew, Sanford*  
*First South Florida Association*

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## LATE NIGHT SERVICE

*Reverend O'Hara Black, Chairman*

Sermon ..... Reverend Roszell A. White  
*Youth Pastor*  
*First Baptist Church Progress Village, Tampa*  
*Reverend Dr. Sam Maxwell, Pastor*

*Wednesday, March 23*

**9:00 A.M.**

## PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

*Dr. G. I. Bradley, Chairman*

*Reverend Clyde Lewis, Vice Chairman*  
*Reverend Dr. Rollie Murry, Presiding*

Devotional Period ..... Reverend Leroy Howard  
*New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church*  
*Clearwater*

Reverend Clem Bell  
*Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church*  
*Dunedin, FL*

9:15 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. ....THEME EXPOSITION  
Reverend James W. White  
*United, Pahokee/Kissimmee Valley*

9:30 A.M. – 10:40 A.M. ....ENROLLMENT

10:40-11:55 A.M.... PASTORAL CONFERENCE

LUNCH BREAK

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

**2:00 P.M.**

## PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

*Dr. G. I. Bradley, Chairman*  
*Reverend Clyde Lewis, Vice Chairman*  
*Reverend Clyde Lewis, Presiding*

2:00-2:10 P.M. ....DEVOTIONAL PERIOD  
Dr. A. L. Phillips, Sr.  
*New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Sarasota*

Reverend Greg Robinson  
*Revelation Missionary Baptist Church, Tampa*

2:15-2:20 P.M. .... ENROLLMENT & OFFERING

2:25-3:50 P.M. .... PASTORAL CONFERENCE

3:55 P.M.....Sermon  
Reverend Paul M. Buster  
*New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church*  
*Tampa*

Alternate: Moderator T. J. Reed  
*Grace Mary Missionary Baptist Church, Tampa*





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**WEDNESDAY EVENING**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**THE MODERATOR'S NIGHT**

*Third Vice President Kelly Brown, Jr., Presiding*  
*Reverend Dr. C. P. Epps, Chairman*

Devotional Period .... Moderator Roosevelt Cooper  
*Greater South Florida Association*

Moderator C. R. Taylor  
*First South Florida Association*

Sermon ..... Moderator E. Q. Truss, Pastor  
*Word of Faith, Pensacola/Equal Right*

Alternate: Moderator Aldredge L. Young, Pastor  
*First Mt. Moriah, Panama City/New Gulf Coast*

**LATE NIGHT SERVICE**  
*Reverend O'Hara Black, Chairman*

Sermon ..... Reverend Brodes C. Perry, Pastor  
*Philippi Missionary Baptist Church*  
*Jacksonville*



*Thursday, March 24*

**9:30 A.M.**

*Chairman, Dr. G. I. Bradley, Presiding*

Devotional Period ..... Reverend Noel W. Scott  
*New Mt Zion, Haines City*

Reverend C. L. Wilson  
*St. Mary, Blountstown*

Sermon ..... Reverend Jay J. Jackson,  
*Mount Olive, Lakeland*

Alternate: Reverend Michael L. Collier  
*St. Matthew, Ft. Pierce*

PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT  
CONFERENCE WRAP UP ..... Dr. G. I. Bradley  
*Chairman*

**LUNCH BREAK**

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON**  
**2:30 P.M.**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE HOUR**  
*Dr. Walter Williams, Presiding*

(Supplementary Program Provided)

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Devotional Period ..... Moderator Fleming Tarver,  
*Pastor, St. John MB Church, Clearwater*  
Reverend Troy Adams, Pastor

Message: ..... Dr. Willie C. Barnes, Pastor  
*Macedonia MB Church, Eatonville*

## **Thursday Evening** **7:00 P.M.**

### **MISSION EMPHASIS**

**Fourth Vice President J. J. Pierce, Presiding**

Devotional Period ..... Reverend T. D. Leonard  
*Pastor, Mt. Tabor, Tampa*  
*South Florida Progressive Association*

Reverend Gregory Gibbs Sr., Pastor  
*Macedonia, Orlando/New Central Association*

Sermon ..... Reverend Dr. H. L. Daniels,  
*New Friendship, Tampa/Mt. Pilgrim Association*

Alternate: Reverend James M. Roberts  
*St. Paul, Bradenton/Mt. Pilgrim Association*

## **LATE NIGHT SERVICE** **Reverend O'Hara Black, Chairman**

Sermon ..... Minister T. J. Stephen  
*Associate Minister*  
*St. Matthew M. B. Church, Tampa, FL*  
Reverend W. D. Sims, Pastor

*Friday, March 25*

**9:00 A.M.**

**Fourth Vice President J. J. Pierce, Presiding**

Devotional Period ..... Deacon Keith Haygood, Sr.,  
*First Providence, Bartow*

Deacon George Hicks  
*Mt. Tabor, Tampa*

*Annual President's Hour*  
**Dr. Bartholomew Banks**  
*President*

(Supplementary Program provided)

## **REPORTS FROM** **OFFICERS OF THE PRESIDENT**

Financial Secretary

Treasurer


Place Committee

Announcements and Dismissal

## **CLOSING OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH** **ANNUAL SESSION**



**THANK YOU**  
**FOR ATTENDING THE**  
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