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## *The President Speaks...*

**G**reetings to each of you, who have come to share in this our 96th Annual Session of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc. We have looked forward to this session with great anticipation. Thank you Reverend Dr. H. T. Rhim and Reverend Dr. Kelly Brown for accepting to host this session in the magic city of Jacksonville! As we gather to continue the work of the “Kingdom’s Agenda,” we also come to remember and aid those whose lives have been so tremendously impacted by disaster.

I am appreciative and grateful to my cabinet for their diligence and support of our work, as well as the phenomenal commitment and support of our Pastors and local churches! You have helped to make this year a success in spite of the challenges we all have had to face in these tough economic times. God continues to be faithful to His promise and He will see us through even these tough times. God has already done, “exceedingly and abundantly above all that we can ask or think according to the power that works within us.”

The church is facing many challenges today, but our God who is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, gives us the strength to endure and overcome every obstacle that we face if we totally lean and depend upon Him. It is my prayer that this week’s session will be spiritually uplifting and enriching, and that we will return to our various homes energized and ready to do more for the cause of Christ.

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

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# SENIOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY

March 2010

## *From the Desk of President Wright*



**G**race and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

By the abundance of His grace, we have gathered here in the city of Jacksonville to give attention to the agenda of the 97th Annual Session of this historical convention.

I am keenly aware of the privilege afforded me by our Lord to have served **HIM** as your President for the past four years. I offer much thanksgiving for your faithfulness as you joyously carry out the work of Christ in this ministry.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

St. Matthew 28:19-20

Our emphasis for this convention year has been upon **EVANGELISM**. Jesus has called us to be fishers of men. We cannot read the New Testament without hearing Him saying to us, “**GO**”, and that’s what **soul winning/evangelism** is all about.....**GOING!**

### **IT'S PRAYING TIME!**

“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16b

Please join the Senior Women’s ministry for our first “**PRAYER WALK**” on **Tuesday Morning (March 23rd)** at **8:00 A.M.** in the **Terrace Pavilion-Third Floor** of the **Hyatt Hotel** under the leadership of Sister Dorothy West. We will come together to intercede for

the sick, shut-in, bereaved, lost, Haiti, our President and Nation, as well as, all those that stand in need. Yes, it is Praying Time!

### **Let Us Help Someone In Need!**

“ For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger and ye took me in: And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me.”

St. Matthew 25:35

Each Senior Woman has been asked to bring to Jacksonville two (2) Nonperishable Items for the families that will be fellowshipping with us on Thursday Morning, March 25th.

### **Recent Appointments Of Progressive Senior Wome**

We are elated to share the recent official appointments of our beloved sisters to the Senior Women’s Missionary Union of the National Baptist Convention of America, Incorporated. The appointments include the following:

Third Vice President  
Sister Barbara F. Wright

Recording Secretary  
Sister Dorothy Davis

Chairman of Finance  
Sister Ruby F. Herndon

Florida’s Field Missionary Director  
Sister Eddie L. Lindsey

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## A Word Of Thanks

We extend thanks to Sister Patricia A. Ball and the Deaconess Council for their \$500.00 contribution during our Annual Donation Day at Florida Memorial University in November.

Finally, I stand figuratively atop the shoulders of Sister Ruby Herndon and all who served this ministry well. That I should do less than they in the expending of every resource, not in competition, but in cooperation with claim of Christ upon my life, would be a dereliction of my duty and a betrayal of the trust you have bestowed upon me. Should I be successful, as God defines success, in heightening this ministry's awareness and commitment to the Great Commission, then shall Christ be exalted, the hungry fed, the homeless housed, the naked clothed, the sick made well, and the lost found.

**"This is our MISSION.....and....to God Be The Glory!"**

*Sister Barbara F. Wright*



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## Senior Women's Ministry's Special Guest



***Sister Bernadine Gibson***  
*President,*  
*Senior Women Auxiliary*  
*Louisiana State Home and Foreign*  
*Mission Convention*  
*New Orleans, LA*

*1st Vice President SWMU*  
*National Baptist Convention of*  
*America, Incorporated*

***GUEST SPEAKER***  
***Pink Pajama Party (Cancer***  
***Awareness)***  
***Wednesday Evening,***  
***March 24th, 2010***

***8:00 P.M.***

*Sister Carlene Harvin, Chairperson*

# Deaconess Council

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“But now abide Faith, Hope, Love, these three: but the greatest of these is LOVE”.  
- I Corinthians 13:13

Special greetings to our Progressive family, the Deaconess Council of Florida, Visitors and Friends!

The Lord, God has indeed brought us from a mighty long way, and with his continued guidance he will direct our paths even further!

In 2010, we will continue witnessing his wondrous works through us and within us as Deaconess's. We are challenged to continue in FAITHFULNESS and sincere LOVE to our fellow man. Continue to look unto the hills from whence cometh our help, knowing that all our help and strength is given freely by our Lord. Come join us as we embark upon this great missionary journey!

Sister Ruth Johnson our Workshop Directress

has prepared lessons especially designed for the Deaconess Ministry. Come let us worship and study together.

I commend the officers and the many Deaconesses throughout the State of Florida for their humbleness and their committed hearts to the building of God's kingdom through witnessing, teaching and reaching others.

As we approach this Ninety – Sixth session, let us enjoy another week in the spirit of our Father. I hope that each of us will be enriched by what we hear and see, and that we will leave refreshed, refueled, and ready to do more for the cause of Christ!

My prayer is that each ministry has a spirit-filled session and a safe trip back to their cities!

Prayerfully,  
*Deaconess Patricia A. Ball*

## YWA/Junior Women Auxiliary



We are very excited to be in the beautiful city of Jacksonville, Florida. A special thanks to the Host churches and District. We pray that we have a blessed turn out for our session this year. We have been in prayer that we have a blessed session. Our goal for year is to have at least 50 Junior Women. WE CAN DO IT!

God Bless,

Francesca Henderson  
*YWA/Junior Women President*



## National President to be Guest at the 21st Annual Session of the Women Intermediate Auxiliary



Jewel Faye  
Trice Bailey

**Sister Jewel Bailey** who was recently appointed to serve a second term as President of the Women's Intermediate Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. International, accepted an invitation to attend the 21st Annual Session of the Women's Intermediate Auxiliary of the Progressive M & E Baptist State Convention of FL, Inc.

Sister Bailey, a native of Tupelo, MS who currently resides in Verona, MS, is a member of Second Baptist Church, Reverend Larry M. Stone, Pastor. At Second Baptist, she serves as a Sunday School teacher, Minister of Music and Mission Bible Teacher.

A graduate of Mississippi State University, Sister Bailey is a 34-year employee of the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

Sister Bailey has served in several capacities within the W.I.A. Ministry on all levels and had the distinct honor of serving as the first W.I.A. President of the General Progressive Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, Inc.

Welcome to Florida President Bailey!

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## The Gospel According to the Color Purple

**T**he Rev. Brian K. Brown, Pastor of the St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church of St. Petersburg and 3rd Vice Moderator of the South Florida Progressive M. B. Association, will again bless the sisterhood of the Women's Intermediate Auxiliary during the 21st Annual Session in Jacksonville with Part IV of this very popular workshop.

This workshop, dealing with relationships, has been an awesome blessing to women across Florida, Louisiana, Texas and beyond. Everyone is cordially invited to share with us for our workshop sessions on Tuesday afternoon, and Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

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## Annual Rainbow of Worship, Praise & Fellowship

**T**he ladies of Cluster #1 of the W.I.A., under the leadership of First Vice Ministry Leader, Sister Shirley Hendley, held their annual Rainbow of Worship, Praise & Fellowship on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Love Center M. B. Church in Panama City where Rev. Dr. Rufus Wood is Pastor (and Moderator of the Progressive Missionary Baptist District Association of West Florida). Sister Sonia Broxton gives leadership to the ladies of the host District.

Programmed to speak for this annual affair were Sisters Sharon Williams (New Gulf Coast), Cynthia Witherspoon (Equal Rights), Shirley Hendley (East FL & Bethany), Alice Taylor (Second West), ReNee Manly (Progressive of West FL) and Mary Taylor (Union Baptist). State Music Directress, Sister Addie Sue Pyles, directed the music and Sister Diane White served as Mistress of Ceremony. A fellowship luncheon was held immediately following the program.



## Second West Association

Sister Addie Sue Pyles, District President

**T**he Sisterhood of Second West Association met for their quarterly meeting on Saturday, February 13th. While the meeting was held at the “usual” sight, the meeting was far from “usual.” After a timely business session, President Pyles gave an inspirational talk from the topic, “Love in Action” using I Corinthians 13:13 as a scripture reference. Many life-practical points were made. One point that will stay with the sisters of Second West is the reminder that JESUS IS LOVE and the sacrifices He made for our salvation that were both beyond question and good measure.

Immediately following, the group “put love in action” by honoring Minister Advisor Rev. Freddie Roulhac with a shower of gifts while his wife, Sister Marilyn Roulhac witnessed. Surprised by the actions of these sisters, Rev. Roulhac was most appreciative for each token of love. As is his custom, he shared lovingly with the sisterhood from I John 3:17 teaching the need to share material possessions showing the love of God reigning in our hearts.

Sister Dorothy Davis, who serves as Advisor, was also remembered for her many hours of counsel, kind words and general keeping the sisterhood “decent and in order” as the sisters of Second West endeavor to do mission work. Sister Davis was away on a family emergency but was represented by her sister-in-law, Sister Classie Henderson who accepted the plaque on her behalf. The plaque was presented “To a Woman of Excellence.” Sister Christoria Pittman, State W.I.A. Advisor, was also in attendance.

Tasty refreshments were served and much fellowship followed. What a WONDERFUL way to spend a Pre-Valentine Saturday morning!

Dr. H. G. McCollough is Moderator of Second West Association

## New Gulf Coast Association

Sis. Kathy Jackson, President

**T**The Women’s Intermediate Auxiliary of New Gulf Coast held its annual “Heart to Heart” Fellowship on Saturday, February 13th. During this annual fellowship, the sisterhood of the W.I.A. honor all Senior Women, Deaconesses, Minister’s Wives and Widows and Junior Women of New Gulf Coast Association. Everyone was asked to wear red for this occasion. The sisterhood served everyone a home-cooked meal (smoked ham and turkey, collard greens, green beans, dirty rice, fried chicken, baked chicken, macaroni and cheese and several specialty dishes). Approximately 110 ladies attended this year’s fellowship.

The luncheon was held at New Hope M. B. Church, Rev. Mark Redmond, Pastor. Poems about love were read and “Love Lifted Me” was the song of the hour. All Ministry leaders were recognized and seated at the head table.

This annual fellowship began about 15 years ago and boasts attendance each year of anywhere from 100 to 120 sisters in attendance. The program is rotated to the churches with large fellowship halls.

Rev. Aldredge A. Young is Moderator of New Gulf Coast.

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**Friday,  
March 26th  
9:00 A.M.**

*Annual  
President's  
Hour*



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

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*96th Annual  
Session  
Program*

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**President**

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SESSION**

March 22 - 26, 2010

Theme:

“The Church Facing the  
Challenge of the Open Door”

Acts 14:27; 1 Corinthians 16:9; 2 Corinthians 2:12;

Colossians 4:3

Convening With:

Reverend Dr. H. T. Rhim

St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church  
Jacksonville, Florida

And

Reverend Dr. Kelly Brown, Jr.

Greater Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church  
Jacksonville, Florida

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*Monday, March 22*

**1:30 P.M.**

## **Pastoral Development Conference**

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

Devotional Leaders:

Reverend Robert L. Wright  
Mt. Pleasant, Green Cove Spring  
Reverend Mariko Billups  
King Solomon, Jacksonville

CONFERENCE TOPICS:

CHURCH IN TRANSITION

Dr. Sam Maxwell

ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION

First Century Ministry & Twenty First Century  
Methods  
Dr. G. I. Bradley, Moderator

**7:00 P.M.**

## **PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES**

Musical and Welcome Program

*Tuesday, March 23*

**9:00 A.M.**

## **OPENING SESSION**

*Vice President at Large Dr. James Harvey,  
Presiding*

Inspirational Singing..... The Music Department  
Reverend Dr. Delwyn Williams

Devotional Period .....Deacon Eddie Norman  
*New Hope, Tampa*

Deacon Lawrence Gelsey  
*Zion Hope, Jacksonville*

Presentation/Health Care Ministry

Presentation of  
the President..... Vice-President at Large  
James Harvey

Call to Order .....President Bartholomew Banks

Directions for Enrollment ..... Rev. Price Wilson

Presentation of the  
2009 Convention Host Church and Pastor  
Reverend Dr. Willie C. Barnes  
*Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church  
Eatonville, Florida*



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Music..... Macedonia M. B. Church Choir

Sermon ..... Reverend James Marion  
*St. Mary, Hull*

Introductory Sermon ..... Rev. Dr. Willie C. Barnes  
*Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church  
Eatonville, Florida*

Alternate: Reverend Robert Harrison Sr.  
*St. John, Arcadia*

Alternate: Moderator C. Redding Taylor

DINNER BREAK  
4:30 P.M.

## LUNCH BREAK

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 P.M.

## TUESDAY EVENING 7:00 P.M.

**PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE**  
*Dr. G. I. Bradley, Chairman*  
*Dr. Rollie Murray, Presiding*

*First Vice President H. D. Rucker, Presiding*

Prayer and Praise Period ..... Reverend A. L. Davis  
*Union Hill, Marianna*  
  
Reverend Ronnie Williams  
*Galilee, Fort Meade*

**EDUCATIONAL EMPHASIS NIGHT**  
*Reverend Torin Dailey Chairman*

**ORTHODOXY HOUR**  
Lecturer ..... Reverend John Gardner  
*Second Elizabeth, Quincy*

Devotional Period ..... Deacon Kenny Curry  
*Zion Hope, Jacksonville*  
  
Deacon Willie Pollock  
*New Liberty Hill, Bascom*

Ecclesiology: The Message of the  
Church: Romans 5:6-12  
Corinthians 5:17, 19, 21 )

Sermon ..... Moderator Carl F. Brooks  
*First Macedonia, Punta Gorda*

Alternate: Reverend Dr. Joe Hardie  
*Greater Grace, Lakeland*

**CONFERENCE**  
TOPIC ..... CHURCH IN TRANSITION  
Dr. Sam Maxwell

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## LATE NIGHT SERVICE

*Reverend O'Hara Black, Chairman*

Lecturer ..... Minister Warren Bowers  
*St. Mary, Tampa*

Sermon ..... Reverend Dr. Clinton McFarland  
*Mt. Pleasant, Atlanta, GA*

*Wednesday, March 24*

**9:00 A.M.**

## PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

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

Devotional Period ..... Deacon Easu Freeman  
*Mt. Sinai, Jacksonville*

Deacon Robert Smith  
*Tabernacle, Panama City*

Theme Exposition ..... Reverend Dr. Robert Rease  
*St. John First Baptist, Belle Glade*

## AUTHENTIC CHURCH IN A

CHANGING PARADIGM: ..... Dr. G. I. Bradley  
Chairman

## ROUND-TABLE

DISCUSSION ..... Dr. Sam Maxwell, Moderator

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

**2:30 P.M.**

## PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

*Dr. G. I. Bradley, Presiding*

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

Deacon Robert Calhoun  
*Mt. Tabor, Marianna*

## AUTHENTIC CHURCH IN A

CHANGING PARADIGM: ..... Dr. G. I. Bradley  
Chairman

Sermon ..... Reverend James Berrien  
*New Bethel, Parrish*

Alternate: Reverend Deryl Jones  
*First Providence, Bartow*

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

**7:00 P.M.**

## THE MODERATOR'S NIGHT

*Second Vice President W. D. Sims, Presiding*  
*Chairman C. P. Epps, Chairman*

Devotional Period ..... Reverend Aldredge L. Young  
*First Mt. Moriah, Panama City*

Reverend Dr. Rufus Wood,  
*Love Center, Panama City*

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Sermon ..... Reverend Dr. Kelly Brown, Jr.  
*Greater Mt. Vernon, Jacksonville*

Alternate: Elder E.Q. Truss  
*Word of Faith, Pensacola*

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

Lecturer ..... Reverend Cubit Malone  
*Lake Ware*

Sermon ..... Reverend Clinton McFarland  
*Mt. Pleasant, Atlanta, GA*

## *Thursday, March 25*

**9:30 A.M.**

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

Devotional Period ..... Deacon Elmer Kirkman  
*Mt. Olive, Panama City*

Deacon Walter Strong  
*Greater Beulah, Jacksonville*

Sermon ..... Moderator C. R. Taylor  
*Bethlehem, Winter Garden*

Alternate: Reverend Clifford Dollison  
*First Baptist, Winter Haven*

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*

Devotional Period ..... Reverend Fleming Tarver  
*St. John, Clearwater*

Reverend Troy Admas  
*New Jerusalem, St. Petersburg*

Sermon ..... Dr. Mack King Carter  
*Pastor Emeritus*  
*New Mount Olive Baptist Church*  
*Fort Lauderdale, FL*



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

**MISSION EMPHASIS**

**Third Vice President Kelly Brown, Presiding**

Devotional Period ..... Deacon Jim Harvin  
*Mt. Mission, Daytona Beach*

Deacon Monroe Ford  
*Zion Hope, Jacksonville*

Sermon ..... Reverend Sanford Hayes  
*New Life, Crestview*

Alternate: Reverend James White  
*United, Pahokee*

**LATE NIGHT SERVICE**

***Reverend O'Hara Black, Chairman***

Lecturer ..... Reverend Fernando Washington

Sermon ..... Reverend Clinton McFarland  
*Mt. Pleasant, Atlanta, Ga.*

*Friday, March 26*

**9:00 A.M.**

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

Devotional Period ..... Reverend R. R. Russ  
*Sweetfield, Jacksonville*

Reverend Riley Henderson  
*St. Luke, Marianna*

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

(Supplementary Program provided)

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Announcements and Dismissal

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