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MARCH 2012

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



The President Speaks...

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reetings, Progressive Constituency, Special Guests, and Friends:

First, I greet you in the precious name of our Lord and soon coming King, Jesus the Christ!

It is another year that God has, through His "Amazing Grace," allowed us to come together one more time. This week is a week of thanksgiving as we convene the 98th Annual Session of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc. We can attribute our longevity as a convention to our ultimate trust and faith in our God who cannot fail, and to the hard work of those who preceded us and who had an unwavering love for this convention.

I am most appreciative to our host for this session, Moderator, Reverend Fleming Tarver, along with Reverend Troy Adams, and the Union Foreign Association, who have done a tremendous job of preparing for our session. We realize that a lot of effort has gone into ensuring our stay this week will be enjoyable.

We welcome each Pastor, officers, Ministry Leaders, and delegates, as well as our visiting friends who made the sacrifice and are in attendance this week. We are looking with great anticipation to a blessed and spirited-filled week of fellowship.

We must remain vigilant in our pursuit to keep the church, "Real, Relevant, and Righteous," by continuing to fulfill the mandate of our

Lord and Savior to go and tell, and to be examples of Him in our walk, and a "beacon light" to the world.

As we embark from this session, let us be prayerful, determined to remain faithful to God and committed to the support of our convention. Again we thank God for allowing us to come together to sing, pray, fellowship, and the preaching of His word. It is my prayer that you return home safely as we look forward to the time when we shall again assemble for another conventional setting.

Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr. President





WELCOME

TO THE
98TH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE PROGRESSIVE
MISSIONARY & EDUCATIONAL
BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION
OF FLORIDA, INC.

SENIOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY



March, 2012 SENIOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Incorporated

Dr. Barbara F. Wright, Ministry President Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr. Convention President

reetings to each of you in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

We praise, glorify and honor our awesome God, who has allowed us to come together in unity and love on this the 98th Session of our State Convention and the Senior Women's Ministry.

As we reflect on the grace and mercy that God has bestowed upon us over this past year, we are most grateful. Through varied circumstances, we continue to experience the peace that only He can give us as we stand firmly on our FAITH. We continue to trust, lean and depend on the One who is able to keep us from falling and present us faultless before the throne of grace, and for this, we are grateful.

We, as Missionaries, must be reminded that we are to remain genuinely conscientious of the Kingdom's agenda. We are called to accountability to do those things that the Lord has commanded us to do.

Mission is the assigned activity of God's people, the Church, to proclaim and to demonstrate the Kingdom of God to the world. We must reach out to others, not only at home but to the uttermost parts of the world. Matthew 28:10 admonishes us to, "Go ye therefore into all the world..", and as we go, to preach, teach, proclaim and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is our charge to seize every opportunity to do the work of the Kingdom. That is, to do the work that accentuates the spread of the Gospel. Our efforts are to be centered on the Master's command to "Go"! We recognize that everyone cannot go

into the fields, but we can facilitate the going by giving of our means and resources.

As we, "lift the least", let us be totally committed to the task that is set before us as Christian Missionaries. Implementation of this commitment requires dedication, loyalty, devotion to our Lord and steadfast unswerving faith.

Recognizing that Mission is a movement, we must remain a dedicated part of this movement. It is our task to be accountable to this Missionary Movement by going, giving, telling and sending.

As we leave this session, let us put into practice the inspiration that we will prayerfully receive. We must move to be a blessing to the hungry, the helpless, the hurting, the worn, the incarcerated, the weary, the sick and shut-in, as well as, the lost. We are challenged to move from inspiration to aspiration, to participation, and to demonstration. In so doing, we fulfill the call to Mission, faithfully and joyfully following Jesus' spoken mandate to "Go ye, into all the world."

Lastly, it is our prayer that this session will be all that God would have it to be and that when we leave this place, we can truly say that "God has smiled on us" and that our call to accountability has been renewed for action, deeds and the work that stands before us.

In His Service.

Your Sister and Servant, Dr. Barbara F. Wright

SENIOR WOMEN MINISTRY

Special Invitation

Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Convention President

Sister Barbara Wright, Ministry President

You are cordially invited to join the Senior Women's Ministry for the

19th Annual National Area Field Missionaries' Conference

on

May 25-May 27, 2012 in Panama City, Florida

(Hosted by the Florida Field Missionaries Council)

Registration and Fees

Hotel Accomodations

Conference Registration -\$50.00

Director's Prayer Breakfast - \$20.00

Bus Transportation(TBA)

Holiday Inn Select

2001 MLK Boulevard

(850) 215-6177

Souvenir Book Ads

Patron- \$5.00

Color: Full Page -\$125.00 *1/2Page-\$75.00

¼ Page-\$50.00 * Business Card-\$20.00

Full Page-\$100.00 * ½ Page-\$60.00 * ¼ Page-\$25.00

Nightly rates-tax/fees included 1 Guest- \$115.76

2 Guests-\$57.88 each/3 Guests-\$38.59 each

4 Guests-\$28.94 each

Deadline Dates

Registration: April 22nd, 2012

Souvenir Book Ads: April 9th, 2012*

*All checks/money orders and forms for registration and ads

should be mailed toSister Eddie L. Lindsey/ P.O. Box 36076/Panama City, Fl 32412

*For additional information, please contact Sister Eddie Lindsey, Area Chairperson at (850)785-5115 or eddielindsey1@hotmail.com.

Deaconess Council



GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double tongued, not given to much wine, nor greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscious. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

1 Timothy 3:8-11

od's riches blessings and traveling Grace be upon each of you that will be making the journey to the State Convention this March 19-23, 2012. As we gather to worship and serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, we rejoice because of His grace and love for us. It is truly a joyful occasion to come and be reunited with old friends and to gain new ones.

Let us come prepared with hearts eager to hear the men of God as they bless us with Gods' Holy Word. The choirs will be singing songs of praise as we give thanks to our Lord and Savior for how he continues to bless this Great Convention.

I applaud the man of God that gives leadership to this renowned Progressive M. and E. Baptist State Convention of Florida Inc., the Competent, Humble and Astute, Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr. Once again the Deaconess Council Ministry has planned an inspirationally invigorating program and a rousingly motivational biblical workshop that addresses the issues of today that are specifically designed for the Deaconess Ministries in our Churches. We are anticipating our greatest sessions ever this year.

I give special thanks to each of the Deaconess Council officers for their dedication and exceptional talents to this Ministry, while oftentimes making many personal sacrifices. I am humble by your commitment. I want you to know it has not gone unnoticed and unappreciated. The Deaconess Council gives thanks to our Ministry Advisor, Reverend Troy Adams for his prayers and encouraging support.

Let us join our hands and heart together recognizing that there is no competition in the body of Christ, as we work together loving each other and doing the work that God has anointed us to do.

God's Servant,

Sister Patricia A. Ball
Deaconess Council President

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"Commited to Exemplifying Godly Virtues"

"Godly Women--Standing Still While God's Work is Manifested."

ife itself will afford us many opportunities to exemplify wondrous work God. It is our choice to embrace the opportune moment and see

God's manifested glory; or to reject it, which becomes a lost opportunity to magnify Him, is the midst of a people who are in desperate need of concrete hope. Women of God, STAND!

It is with jubilant expectancy that I eagerly count down the days to our coming together as we engage in another glorious fellowship Under the leadership and at Innisbrook. direction of our loving president, Reverend Doctor Bartholomew Banks, we are destined for spiritual enrichment, and that's exciting! Our 2011-2012 cabinet has worked prayerfully and diligently to prepare an enlightening, spiritfilled, all inclusive agenda for our fellowship together. We will pay homage to our, beloved sister, 3rd Vice President Wanda B. Henderson who entered into her eternal rest. We will also rejoice over the miraculous physical healing of some of our sisters. The celebration of God's goodness has already established



Nora Kearse-Randolph, President

for the ambiance for this great session. An added bonus is the implementation of our new and unique "Outreach Opportunity", under the direction of Lady Anita Barnes will be implemented this year. Progressive M & E, we are a blessed people, let's us show forth the praise of our God.

Allow me to humbly exhort each of you to cleave to the love that God has for you; commit to walking out the true meaning of Christianity; clothe yourselves with complete armor of God; build yourselves on your most holy faith; meditate on the laws of God (do it day and night); seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and remain knowledgeable of the fact that His grace is sufficient. I love you more than you will ever know. To God be the glory for the great things He has done. Wishing each of you a Psalm 1--Blessed!

Nora Kearse-Randolph, President



Women's Intermediate Auxiliary

Sis. Bonnie G. Belford, Ministry Leader

MINISTRY WELCOMES NEW ADVISOR

here is excitement throughout the W.I.A. Ministry of the Progressive M. & E. Baptist State Convention of FL, Inc. over the appointment of Rev. Brian K. Brown as the Ministerial Advisor. Rev. Brown has captivated and blessed the members of this ministry with his teaching and has endeared himself to all he has touched over the past years. He is indeed a welcome addition to the W.I.A. family. Welcome Advisor Brown! We look forward to his continued teachings this week on The Gospel According to the Color Purple.

CLUSTER ONE'S ANNUAL RAINBOW OF WORSHIP, PRAYER, PRAISE & FELLOWSHIP

By Sis. Shirley Hendley

he Women's Intermediate Auxiliary of Cluster One, under the leadership of 1st Vice Ministry Leader Sis. Shirley Hendley, held its Annual Rainbow of Worship, Praise and Prayer and Fellowship program on January 21, 2012, in Marianna, Florida at Second West Association Church. Sister Tessa Wedderburn, Second West District President, and her ladies hosted us royally.

The program began with a high spiritual praise and worship service led by Sis. Maude Wall, East Florida and Bethany Association and Sis. Shirley Roulhac, Second West Association. Presiding over the program was Sis. Sonia Broxton, District President, Progressive of West Florida. Words of welcome were extended by Sister Tessa Wedderburn. Rev. H. G. McCollough, Second West Moderator and our very own State Ministry Leader, Sis. Bonnie G. Belford, greeted everyone. We were truly blessed to have our State Ministry Leader present with us.

All six Districts were represented with a speaker who spoke from "The Gospel Story by Colors." The speakers were

- Sis. Renee Manley Davis, Progressive of West Florida (Black-Sin)
- Sis. Teresa Curry, East Florida & Bethany (Red-Blood of Jesus)
- Sis. Sharon Williams, New Gulf Coast (Royal Blue-Faith)
- Sis. Mary Highsmith, Second West White (Clean and Forgiven)
- Sis. Cynthia Witherspoon, Equal Rights (Green-Growth in God's Love)
- Sis. Tonja White Carroll, Union Baptist (Yellow-Promise of Eternal Life).

We were led in the singing of congregational songs that were spiritually uplifting and a blessing to our souls.

A delicious, mouth-watering meal was prepared by the ladies of Second West Association to satisfy our appetites. We enjoyed the fellowship with our sisters in Cluster One and as always, we all had a joyous time in the Lord!

Women's Intermediate Auxiliary

TRANSITION

he W.I.A. Ministry will be in transition during this annual session of our convention. We regretfully – and with very heavy hearts – say farewell to Sis. Shirley Hendley, 1st Vice Ministry Leader and President of East Florida & Bethany, Sis. Addie Sue Pyles, Director of Music and President of Second West, and Sis. Sylvia Beacham, Secretary to the President and President of Mt. Pilgrim.

We welcome with open arms Sis. Tessa Wedderburn as the new President of Second West, Sis. Deborah Sims as the new President of Mt. Pilgrim, Sis. Patricia Jones as the new President of New Gulf Coast and Sis. Brenda Murray as the new President of South Florida Progressive.

We are especially happy to welcome to our sisterhood Sis. Sharla Cobb who is President of the newly organized Women's Intermediate Auxiliary of First South Florida Association! Rev. C. R. Taylor is Moderator.

We are praying for a smooth transition knowing God will bless our every effort!

Brotherhood



raise God from whom all blessings flow. On behalf of the Brotherhood Ministry and Dr. Bartholomew Banks Sr., we welcome you to this our 98th session of the Progressive M & E Baptist State Convention in the beautiful city of Palm Harbor

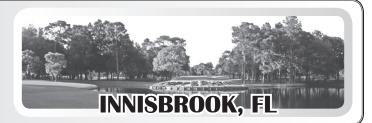
in this great facility of the Innisbrook Resort & Spa.

We greet you in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. "How good and pleasant is for brethern to dwell together in unity." We thank God for his traveling grace and mercies and that his loving arms will cover us all this week.

We have planned a great week of praise, study, fellowship and outreach that you will surely want to be a part of. Please take full advantage of what God has instore for us this week. Our prayer is that you will be blessed and God pleased with our efforts this week, for surely we give him all the praise, glory and honor that he richly deserves.

President Wayne Herring Brotherhood Ministry

98TH ANNUAL SESSION



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.

Thanks for your many cards and phone calls during the death of my husband, Jerome Rosier, and my nephew, John Carswell, who was so dear to me.

Last but not least, special thanks St. John Progressive for supporting my daughter, Lady Banks, as she helped me during the death of my husband. Thank you Sis. Annette Dunn, Sis. Dennard, Sis. Frances, Sis. Reed, Sis. Norman, Sis. Pam, Val & Sonja, Sis. Bonnet, Sis. Jacqueline George, Sis. Ruth Ni Black, and Emma Jean, my long time friend, Sis. Porter, my sister Mamie, my Sons in the Ministry, my devoted daughter who you refer to as Lady Vanessa Banks, and my son President Banks. I am so blessed. Your support does not go unnoticed. I am so blessed.

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. All I can say, I was sick and you did visit me.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY Directress Elizabeth Rosier Youth & Children

98th Annual 9 Session Program

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Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr. President

98TH ANNUAL SESSION

March 19 - 23, 2012

Theme:

"The Church: Real, Relevant and Righteous"

Matthew 16:18; 1 Peter 2:4; Acts 5:12-16

Convening With: St. John Missionary Baptist Church

Clearwater, Florida, 33755 Reverend Fleming Tarver, Pastor and

Union Foreign District Association Reverend Fleming Tarver, Moderator

Services held:

Innisbrook Resort & Spa 36750 U.S. Highway 19 North Palm Harbor, Florida 34684

Monday, March 19

7:00 P.M.

MUSICAL AND WELCOME PROGRAM

Tuesday, March 20

9:00 A.M.

OPENING SESSION Vice President at Large President James Harvey, Presiding

Inspirational Singing........The Music Department
Rev. Dr. Delwyn G. Williams
St. John, Panama City

Devotional PeriodDeacon Charles Warren
Second Missionary Baptist, Jacksonville
Deacon Eddie B. Norman
New Hope, Tampa

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

Call to Order President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

Directions for Enrollment Rev. Price Wilson

Presentation of the 2011 Convention
Host Church and Pastor
Reverend W. D. Sims
St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, Tampa

Music St. Matthew Choir

LUNCH BREAK

Baptist Church, St. Petersburg

2:00 P.M.

ORTHODOXY HOUR Dr. Rollie Murray, Chairman, Presiding

Prayer and Praise Period Rev. Gregory Davis

St. Mary, Hull

Rev. Tyrone Broadus
St. Mark, Flower View

2:15 P.M. ORTHODOXY HOUR

Rev. R. J. Henderson

St. Luke, Marianna

Deacons of St. John

98th Annual Session

2:30 – 3:50 P.M. PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE Dr. G. I. Bradley, Chairman Reverend Clyde Lewis, Vice-Chairman

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

"Developing a Theology of Pastoral Administration" Dr. Alex Harper, Pastor First Institutional Baptist Church, Lakeland President, Florida Theological Seminary & Bible College

3:50 P.M. ENROLLMENT & OFFERING
4:00 P.M. Sermon
Dr. Frank O'Harroll
New Bethel. Winter Haven

Alternate: Rev. Jay L. Jackson Mt. Olive, Lakeland

4:30 P.M.

DINNER BREAK



7:00 P.M.

Third Vice President, Kelly Brown, Jr., Presiding Reverend Torin Dailey, Chairman

EDUCATIONAL EMPHASIS NIGHT

Devotional Period

Devotional Teriod	M. B. Church
MusicCl	hoir of St. John M. B. Church
OfferingDeac	ons of St. John M. B. Church
Sermon	Rev. Ricky Anderson St. John, Ft. Myers
Alternate	Rev. Julius Wynn, Sr., Highland, Tampa

LATE NIGHT SERVICE Reverend O'Hara Black, Chairman



Wednesday, March 21

9:00 A.M.

PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

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

Devotional Period Rev. Larry Roundtree, II

New Antioch, Loughman

Rev. William F. Leonard *Greater St. Paul, Lakeland*

9:15 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. THEME EXPOSITION Rev. Nelson Wilson New Liberty Hill, Bascom

9:30 A.M. – 10:40 A.M.ENROLLMENT

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

DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

"Developing a Theology of

"Developing a Theology of Pastoral Administration" Dr. E. C. Gregory St. Joseph, Jacksonville

LUNCH BREAK

2:00 P.M.

PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE Dr. G. I. Bradley, Chairman Reverend Clyde Lewis, Vice Chairman

2:00-2:10 P.M.

DEVOTIONAL PERIOD ... Rev. Noel W. Scott, Sr.

New Mount Zion

Missionary Baptist Church

Haines City

Rev. Greg Robinson Revelation Missionary Baptist Church

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

2:25-3:50 P.M...... PASTORAL CONFERENCE
"Developing a Theology of
Pastoral Administration"
Dr. Sam Maxwell
First Baptist, Tampa

Sermon Rev. Willie McClendon Shiloh, Largo

Alternate: Reverend Earnest Jones *Galilee, St. Petersburg*





7:00 P.M.

THE MODERATOR'S NIGHT Moderator Thomas Reed, Presiding Reverend James Harvey, Chairman

Devotional Period Moderator Kenneth Holly Kissimmee Valley Association

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Moderator H. G. McCollough Second West Florida Association

Alternate......Moderator Rufus Wood

Love Center Missionary Baptist Church

Panama City

Progressive West Association

LATE NIGHT SERVICE Reverend O'Hara Black, Chairman

SermonRev. Delwynn G. Williams, Pastor
St. John Missionary Baptist Church
Panama City

Thursday, March 22

9:30 A.M.

Chairman, Dr. G. I. Bradley, Presiding PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Devotional Period Rev. Hugh Strafford Mt. Olive, Medulla

Rev. Chris Quarry Friendship, Dundee

Mount Zion, Bonifay

9:15 – 9:40 A. M. Sermon Rev. Henry Wright Grace Community of Faith, Orlando

> Alternate Rev. A. L. Davis

9:40 – 11:20 A. M. "Developing a Theology of Pastoral Administration"

Dr. G. I. Bradley

11:20 – 11:30 A. M. Enrollment and Offering

First Macedonia, Punta Gorda

LUNCH BREAK

2:30 P.M.

SOCIAL JUSTICE HOUR Fourth Vice President J. J. Pierce, Presiding

(Supplementary Program Provided)

Devotional Period Moderator Fleming Tarver, Pastor, St. John M. B. Church, Clearwater

Rev. Dr. Rollie Murray, Jr. Pastor Bethel M. B. Church, Orlando

Message......Dr. Stephen J. Thurston

National Baptist Convention

of America, Inc., President

7:00 P.M.

MISSION EMPHASIS Second Vice President W. D. Sims, Presiding

Devotional Period Deacons of Zion Hope M. B. Church

Music...... Choir of Zion Hope M. B. Church

Offering...... Deacons of Zion Hope

SermonReverend Clifford Johnson, Jr. *Zion Hope, Jacksonville*

LATE NIGHT SERVICE Reverend O'Hara Black, Chairman

Sermon Rev. Kendrix J. Gardner, Sr.-Pastor
New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
Lakeland

Friday, March 23

9:00 A.M.

Fourth Vice President J. J. Pierce, Presiding

Devotional PeriodDeacon 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-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION



THANK YOU

FOR ATTENDING THE 98TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY & EDUCATIONAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF FLORIDA, INC.

Congratulations to Reverend Dr. H. L. Daniels on his Inauguration as Moderator, Mount Pilgrim



Moderator Rev. Dr. H. L. and Sis. Jennie Daniels



Vice President at Large Dr. J. Harvey, Vice Moderator Dr. F. Lawson & Sis. Mazie Lawson, President Emeritus Dr. N. S. Sanders & Sis. Betty Sanders, President Dr. Bartholomew Banks & Lady Vanessa Banks, Moderator Dr. H. L. Daniels & Sis. Jennie Daniels.



FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL TOUR

Tampa, FL

Senior Women President Dr. Barabara Wright, Florida Memorial University President Henry Lewis III, Progressive M & E President Dr. Banks & Lady Banks



NEW BOOK COMING SOON

"GETTING YOUR JOY" By Lady Vanessa Banks Newsletter Designed by:



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