

WELCOME

WINTER BOARD SESSION



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The PROGRESSIVE

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



The President Speaks...

To Progressive Constituency, Visitors and Friends:

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

As we come to the close of another calendar year, and as I reflect upon the goodness of the Lord, I am reminded of the blessed year we've had as a convention as well as individually! We can only give God all the praise and the Glory for keep how He has brought us all of these years.

I wish to welcome each of you to the 2014 Annual Session of our Winter Board. Plans have been made for us to convene in the city of Marianna, Florida. Special thanks to Moderator Riley J. Henderson, and his church family, Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church for undertaking the awesome responsibility to host this session. Also to the Second West Florida Association constituency thank you for sharing in hosting this session. We realize that a lot of planning and

preparations have been done to ensure that we have a glorious stay in Marianna!

We are looking forward with great anticipation to a spirit-filled session as well as taking care of the business of Progressive, as we plan for our 2015 annual session in March. It is my prayer that you would be blessed this week and that our assembling together will be fruitful.

Finally, I wish to extend my appreciation to all officers, Moderators, Pastors, and Ministry Leaders for your continued support of this our Convention and of me as your servant leader. To God be the Glory, great things He has done.

Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., President





From the First Lady

It is with Jesus joy, I greet you this day and I take this time to thank all the pastors and all the members for how you supported our President, and my husband, in Shrieveport, Louisiana. I praise God for all of your efforts. Progressive, you showed up in grand style. And I thank you from the bottom of my heart. We made a President, Rev. Sam Tolbert, which enabled the appointment of our President Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr. as Vice President at Large. To God be the glory.

We would like to solicit prayers for Dea. Cleveland Raymond that the Lord will heal his body, and for Moderator and Sis. Thomas Reed. We pray for the family of our beloved Rev. Dr. Price Wilson, that the Lord will comfort them in their time of bereavement.

Thank you for your continued prayers for me. I will ever be grateful. I am progressing fine. I thank my St. John Progressive family, the Greater St. Paul family, and you Progressive M&E. God still is in the healing business. We look forward to seeing you at the banquet in your Shades of Black as we celebrate your efforts of what God has done.

Thank you mother, Directress Rosier, my god-sisters (Pam, Sonja & Valorie), my nephew Ramadan, my driver Sis. Katrise Black, the love bunch (Sis. Elaine Miller, Sis. Lutricia Monroe, Dea. Willie and Sis. Verneine Monroe, Dea. and Sis. Willie Hodo, Bro. Jarvis Glover, Sis. Beverly Garcia, Sis. Joyce Stevens, Sis. Pat Ball, and the Ministers' Wives of St. John Progressive). I praise God for my loving husband, our President, Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, who sticks by my side through it all. I also praise God for my BFFs, Dr. Barmeithia Banks, Dr. Barron Banks, Kenya Banks, Bartholomew Banks II and wife Sophia, my nephew Reginald Patterson, and my adopted son Dr. Andrew Burgess and wife Stacy. I love you Progressive. Thank you so much.

To god be the glory.

Lady Vanessa Banks





SENIOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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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!

We give thanks to Almighty God for allowing us another opportunity to come together in love, unity and fellowship for our annual Winter Board Session of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Incorporated.

As we reflect on 2014 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. We shout from the depths of our heart, "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 is most important that we remain focused, faithful and committed to our charge as missionaries. Have you really thought about the importance of being the servant God would have us to be in such a time as this?

Committed servants

- Make themselves available to serve with an extraordinary spirit of devotion and a servant's heart
- Pay attention to the needs of others with sensitivity living in faithful obedience to God's Word
- Are faithful to the work of the Ministry and prayerfully and ultimately recognize that we are under God's guidance and protection.

- Sacrificially give of themselves ...mind, body and spirit... to the cause of Christ

We praise God for our Senior Women Ministry's vision and all that He has allowed us to do as we continue to carry out our responsibilities as servants. God has allowed us to attain much in mission, at home and abroad; education, both spiritually and academically; evangelism, as well as, an overall positive move in Kingdom Work as He wills for us. Additionally, it is with profound joy that we praise and glorify God for the opportunity to celebrate the Centennial Year of the Progressive Senior Women's Ministry. What a mile-stone....100 years! As we finalize our plans during this session, we will be prayerfully looking forward to each of you joining us for a grand time in the Name of the Lord during our March-2015 State Convention. In celebrating, we stand committed to "remembering the past, reflecting on the present and reaching for the future!"(Exodus 13:22-23).

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!

In His Service,
Dr. Barbara F. Wright

Donation Day at Florida Memorial University

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On November 25th, 2014, 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 joyfully greeted us on this very special day. Their gratitude and hospitality was beyond measure.

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 financially support the University with over \$100,000.00. Special thanks to each of you for your financial support and assistance. The Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Incorporation reported the following:

Special thanks to all our supporters and contributors!

District Association	President	Moderator	Amount
East Florida & Bethany	Sis. Carolyn Burney	Rev. C. Johnson	\$5,955.00
Equal Rights	Sis. Lela Grooms	Rev. Larry Watson	\$251.20
First South Florida	Sis. Regina Lawrence	Dr. C. R. Taylor	\$11,640.00
Greater South Florida	Sis. Verdell Bolden	Rev. Charlie Reese	\$8,280.49
Gulf Coast	Sis. Pauline Porter	Rev. Thomas J. Reed	No Report
Kissimmee Valley	Sis. Annie Ola Parker	Rev. Kenneth C. Holley	\$3,760.00
Middle FL & Clay County	Sis. Constance Butler	Rev. Eddie Henry	\$950.00
Mount Pilgrim	Sis. Ola Johnson	Dr. H. L. Daniels	\$6,445.00
New Central	Sis. Joy L. Leonard	Rev. Otis Raines	\$650.00
New Gulf Coast	Sis. Gloria D. Beamon	Rev. A. L. Young	\$2,983.20
Progressive West FL	Sis. Linda Lewis	Rev. Delwyn Williams	\$3,232.20
Second West	Sis. Florida McMillan	Rev. Riley Henderson	\$3,387.20
South FL Progressive	Sis. Mamie Rogers	Dr. C. T. Kirkland	\$1,796.00
Union Baptist	Sis. Betty Richardson	Rev. John Gardner	\$1,151.20
Union Foreign	Sis. Marsha Tarver	Rev. Fleming Tarver	\$4,658.00
National Baptist Convention of America	Dr. Samuel Tolbert		\$1000.00
Progressive M&E	Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.		\$500.00
State Deaconess Council	Sis. Jerri McCallister		\$1000.00
State Ushers Ministry			\$500.00
Senior Women's Ministry	Sis. Barbara Wright		\$400.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$57,600.99

Congratulations to James Fielder From the Senior Women's Ministry!

"A Dream Realized"

We are so very proud of our students at Florida Memorial University! Collectively, they are committed, focused, determined and doing quite well academically. We have several of them that are moving swiftly in their endeavor to earn a degree from Florida Memorial University. We offer our continued prayers and support to each of you knowing that you will achieve as God would have it to be.

At this time, we want to recognize, James Fielder, a very determined young man, that will be graduating in a few days, December, 2014 with a degree in Psychology.

Although many circumstances could have negatively impacted this young man, it was evident that he had faith and determination that his dream would come true. He knew that with prayer, God's help, as well as, encouragement and support from his mom, FMU and the Senior Women's Ministry.

James realized from the very beginning that he could not do it alone, and by the grace of God, Sister Wright along with the Senior Women adopted him as our own. He knew we were just a phone call away!

Our pride goes beyond measure as we watched him

grow both spiritually and academically. Let's hear from James in own words.....



I am a child of God! I am a young man who set off from Tampa, FL to attend Florida Memorial University with a dollar and a dream. I have worked hard to maintain a GPA of 3.7 and have been on the Dean's list, and received honor roll every year. I am very active in the schools extracurricular activities, such as running for Mr. FMU; Psychology Club President; a member and President of Psi-Chi National Honor Society of Psychology students; and also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., where I also hold the title of Chief Financial Secretary. I have helped coordinate mental health presentations for my schools research project and completed numerous presentations and community service for my internship. I was also involved with the Youth Camp where I was able to interact with the children of the community. The scripture I stand by is Isaiah 41:10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

I am James Fielder, a lion and a proud graduate of the illustrious Florida Memorial University. With God leading me to the next step on my journey, I plan to attend graduate school in Houston, Texas and continue on until I receive my PhD. in Clinical Neuropsychology. Receiving the title of Dr. James L.

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Fielder is my goal, as well as, the development of a foundation to sponsor and encourage young men who may have faced experiences similar to those of my childhood, is my dream. With things that I endured with my family, graduating high school and attending college was not in my plans. But, with a bowed head God showed me I could become better; be a leader, and also revealed to me my potential to do it. My love for helping others who can't help themselves is the reason for my choice to take the career path that I have chosen.

James Fielder's Bio

HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Association Scholarship recipient - 2011-2012
- Marcel, Claire, and Gloriat Scholarship recipient - 2013
- Lifting young lions Foundation Scholarship recipient - 2012
- Dean's List - 2012
- Honor Roll - 2010 and 2011
- Presidents List - 2013

LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONS

- President, Psychology Club - August 2012 - December 2014
- Secretary, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. - January 2014 - December 2014
- President, Psi Chi National Honor Society - November 2013 - Present

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Greater Hope Missionary Baptist Church- youth counselor
 - Interacted with the teenagers, assisting with their problems and ensuring their physical and emotional needs are being met.
- Camillus House
 - Counseled the homeless and provided them with food.
- Feeding South Florida
 - Sorted the food donated to feed south Florida for all of the homeless shelters. I am a volunteer member of this project.
- Booker T. Washington High School
 - Talked with the junior and senior classes' about their future aspirations. And gave them some insight on what happens post graduating high school.
- Cold Phront Mentoring Program
 - This is an AΦA fraternity program in which we mentor and give advice to help males change their lives, we try to help at risk or troubled young males.
- Peer Educator (R.O.A.R) Raising Ongoing Awareness Through Research
 - Internship program were we counseled students and provided them with insight on their mental health issues.

Deaconess Council

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Sister Gerri McCallister

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers,
whenever you face trials of many kinds,
because you know that the testing of your
faith develops perseverance”
(James 1:1-3)

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

How grateful we are to our Lord and Savior for the privilege of allowing us to gather in the city or Marianna for the 2014 Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida Winter Board Planning Session. We bless His Holy Name!

We are thankful for the many blessings God has bestowed upon this past year. We thank Him for continuously leading and guiding us in the right direction. Each year, we look forward to this

gathering of the Saints during this time as it allows us to fulfill our last mission project for the year. The Deaconess' Holiday Harvest Basket and distribution will take place again this year. This is when the Deaconess Council

put together baskets of food and funds for needy families. Again, this year it is our plan to leave the majority of the baskets in West Florida area. It is our hope that this act of kindness will bring cheer to those in need. Let me express my sincere thanks to the churches and Deaconess Council Ministries who have helped with this effort over the past years.

Pictured below are Deaconesses from last year's Winter Board Meeting preparing holiday baskets to be distributed in the Orlando area.

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

Sister Gerri McCallister
State Deaconess Council President



Brotherhood Ministry

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Brother Wayne Herring, *Ministry President*
Reverend Dwight D. Cockerham, *Ministry Advisor*

Seen here presiding in the Brotherhood Union Ministry at the 2014 NBCA, Inc., held in Memphis, TN, will head the entourage of Brothers assembling at the 2014 Progressive M & E Baptist Station Convention Winter Board, in Marianna, FL.

It is our profound pleasure to greet and welcome you (to my hometown). We pray that you will be blessed during this time as we come together to orchestrate the plan He has placed on our hearts as leaders of this convention. With the Holiday Season quickly coming upon us, let us not be too haste lest we forget what this season is really all about: GIVING! The greatest gift that mankind could ever have received came during this season. And one of the main emphases that we must never forget is that it was done UNSELFISHLY...not that we could ever repay it. So as we plan and formulate, let us temper it with those two words...Giving, and Unselfishness. The Brotherhood Ministry looks forward to seeing you, not only here at the Winter Board, but at our Annual Session in March 2015 in Orlando, FL.

May God continue to Bless and Keep you is our prayer.

WAYNE HERRING, President
Brotherhood Ministry



WELCOME to the 2014 Winter Board Session



Children and Youth Auxiliary

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*"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."
Philippians 4:13*

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

How blessed we are to be together in Marianna for our Winter Board session. God is just so good. I am a living testimony of His goodness and His grace. We have lost one of our special persons, Reverend Price Wilson, who was with us at this time last year. But since that time, he has transitioned from labor to rest. Reverend Wilson gave many years of dedicated service to our Convention. He will truly be missed.

My special thanks go out to all of the Pastors and Counselors for bringing their young people to learn and experience the fellowship that we have in Progressive M and E during our July Congress. I give a special thank you to Congress Director, Dr. H.G. McCullough for his continual prayers and

support. To our President, Dr. Banks, thank you for your strong leadership and loving guidance.

We ask for prayers for our youth counselors, Moderator and Sister Reed. We would like to announce special appointments of national officers, Bro. Chris Anthony, Rev. Larry Roundtree, Rev. Deldrick Leonard, Bro. Larenthus Smith, Bro. Harold Anderson and Rev. Daryl Brown.

Again I am grateful to God, to the Pastor, to all my youth workers, to my church family, to my sister Yvonne, and to my daughter and son-in-law President Banks, To God be the Glory.

With all my love,

Directress Elizabeth Rosier

State Directress of Youth and Children
PMEBSCF



CONGRATULATIONS
TO PRESIDENT REV. DR. BARTHOLOMEW BANKS, SR.
who will serve as Vice President at Large for the next
administration of the National Baptist Convention of
America International, Inc.

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December 10th – 12th

Theme:

“The Church: Christ Centered, Mandate Cultured, Ministry Commissioned”

St. Matthew 16: 13-18, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; St. Luke 24:44-48;
Acts 2:38, 41-47; St. Matthew 28: 18-20

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR HOST:

St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church
2871 Orange Street, Marianna, Florida
Reverend R. J. Henderson, Pastor



Meeting Site
The Association Center
4110 Herring Street, Marianna, Florida
And
Second West Florida Association
Reverend R. J. Henderson, Moderator

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Wednesday, December 10

6:30 P.M.

**Welcome Program
And
Presidential Gala**

PRESENTED BY:
Second West Florida Association

Announcements
Remarks
President Bartholomew Banks

Thursday, December 11

10:00 A.M.

INTRODUCTORY WORSHIP SERVICE

Vice President J. J. Pierce, Presiding

Devotion
Deacon Willie Pollock, Jr.
Deacon Robert Calhoun

Theme Presentation:
Reverend W. F. Leonard, *St. Paul, Lakeland*

Meeting Purpose and Agenda
President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

Adoption of Agenda

Directions for
Enrollment..... Deacon Cleveland Raymond
Jacksonville

Selections Union Baptist Association Choir

Introduction of Preacher

Selection..... Union Baptist Association Choir

Sermon Moderator John L. Gardner, Sr.
Second Elizabeth, Quincy

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Offertory Appeal

Announcements

Remarks
President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

Benediction



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12:00 NOON

PRESIDENTIAL LUNCHEON
With Pastors

1:30 P.M.

MINISTRIES PLANNING SESSION

1:30 P.M.

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

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

**“A Biblical Philosophy of
Church Leadership”**

7:00 P.M.

Vice President Rufus Wood, Jr., Presiding

New Gulf Coast Association in Charge

Reverend Aldredge Young, Moderator
and
St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church, Blountstown
Reverend C. L. Wilson, Pastor

Devotion
Deacons of New Gulf Coast

Selections
New Gulf Coast Adult Choir

Introduction of Preacher
Reverend Rawlis Leslie, Sr., *Second Mt. Moriah,
Panama City*

Sermon
Reverend C. L. Wilson

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Offertory Appeal
Moderator Aldredge L. Young

Remarks
President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

Benediction

Late Night Service

Dr. Kendrix J. Gardner, Chairman

Sermon
Moderator Delwynn Williams
St. John Missionary Baptist Church
Panama City



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Friday, December 12

9:00 A.M.

Vice President H. T. Rucker, Presiding

Devotion

Reverend L. V. Farmer

Reverend A. L. Davis

Congregational Singing

Introduction of President

Reverend Dr. Kelly Brown, Jr.

Hymn of Preparation

Reverend Dr. Rufus Woods, *Panama City*

Sermon

President Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Reverend Dr. J. J. Pierce Sr., *Lake Wales*

Offertory Appeal

Reverend W. D. Sims, *Tampa*

Presentation of the 2015 Annual Session Program

Reverend Dr. W. J. Haynes, *Tampa*

**Business Session and
2015 Annual Program Development**

Announcements and Dismissal

**CLOSING OF THE WINTER BOARD
SESSION**



THANK YOU

**FOR ATTENDING THE
WINTER BOARD SESSION OF THE
PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY &
EDUCATIONAL BAPTIST STATE
CONVENTION OF FLORIDA, INC.**

Friends of Lady Vanessa present

Lady Vanessa Banks

in an
Annual Christmas Recital

Christmas Joy



Sunday, December 21, 2014

**Straz Center for the Performing Arts
Shimberg Playhouse**

6:00 PM

Featuring
**DRILL TEAM AND
DANCE MINISTRY**

St. John Progressive
M. B. Church



**Tickets:
\$35.00**

Jesus Christ - *Executive Director*
Lady Vanessa Banks - *Co-Producer*
Mr. Bartholomew Banks, II - *Executive Producer*
Dr. Barmelthia Banks, D.D. - *Co-Producer*
Rev. Dr. Barron Banks, D.D.S. - *Co-Producer*
Ms. Kenya Banks - *Co-Producer*

**For tickets and information, please call
Katrise Black at 813-741-1145 or
Lady Vanessa Banks at 813-989-1056.**

Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year



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